



# Newsletter

## Term 2 Edition 3

Wednesday 15th 2024

### Farewell to Barb Evans

At the end of this week we will be saying farewell to Barb Evans, who has been the Business Manager at Hastings Primary School for the past 12 years.

From managing our budgets to ensure the smooth functioning of day to day administrative tasks, Barb's expertise has been the backbone of our school's financial health and organisational efficiency.

Beyond her exceptional professional skills, Barb has also been a cherished member of our school family. Always ready and willing to lend a hand, Barb has touched the lives of students, staff and parents alike. Whether it was assisting with fundraising efforts, coordinating school events, or simply offering a listening ear, Barb has always been there to support us.

As Barb embarks on this new journey, we want to express our deepest gratitude for her years of service and dedication. While we will miss her invaluable contributions, we are excited for the adventures that lie ahead for her. As she steps into the next chapter of her life, we have no doubt that Barb will continue to excel and make a positive impact wherever she goes.

Please pop into the office to bid Barb a fond farewell, this will be an opportunity for our school community to extend our best wishes to Barb as she embarks on this new chapter.



Barb, your presence will be greatly missed. Thank you for your dedication, your wisdom, and your unwavering belief in the power of education.

We wish you the best in your new role.

*Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength*

Regards, *Simone McDonald* **Principal**





# 2025 Transitions to School

## Enrol your child in Foundation for 2025

You will be able to apply to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) 2025 at Hastings Primary School **from 15 April 2024**.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2025, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 26 July 2024**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2025, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

**For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at [vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](http://vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep).**

If you are seeking to enrol your child into

Foundation next year, please contact our school office on (0359) 791 517 or

[hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to request the required form.

## 2025 Hastings: Transition to School Calendar

<i>Other tours are welcome, please contact us for an appointment.</i>	<b>Guided Tours</b> 9:30 am — 10:30 am	<b>Foundation Transition Activities</b> <i>Session times 2:15 pm — 3:00 pm</i>	<b>2025 Foundation Parent Workshops</b>	<b>State Wide Transition Day</b>
<b>Hastings Primary School</b> 10 Hodgins Road Hastings, 3915 Principal: Simone McDonald Phone: 5979 1517 	<b>Wednesday</b> 15th May	<b>Wednesday 7th August</b> <b>Wednesday 4th September</b> Thursday 17th October Thursday 14th November	<b>Thursday</b> 17th October 2:15 pm — 3:00 pm  <b>Thursday</b> 14th November 2:15 pm — 3:00 pm	<b>Tuesday</b> 10th December 9:00 am — 10:30 am





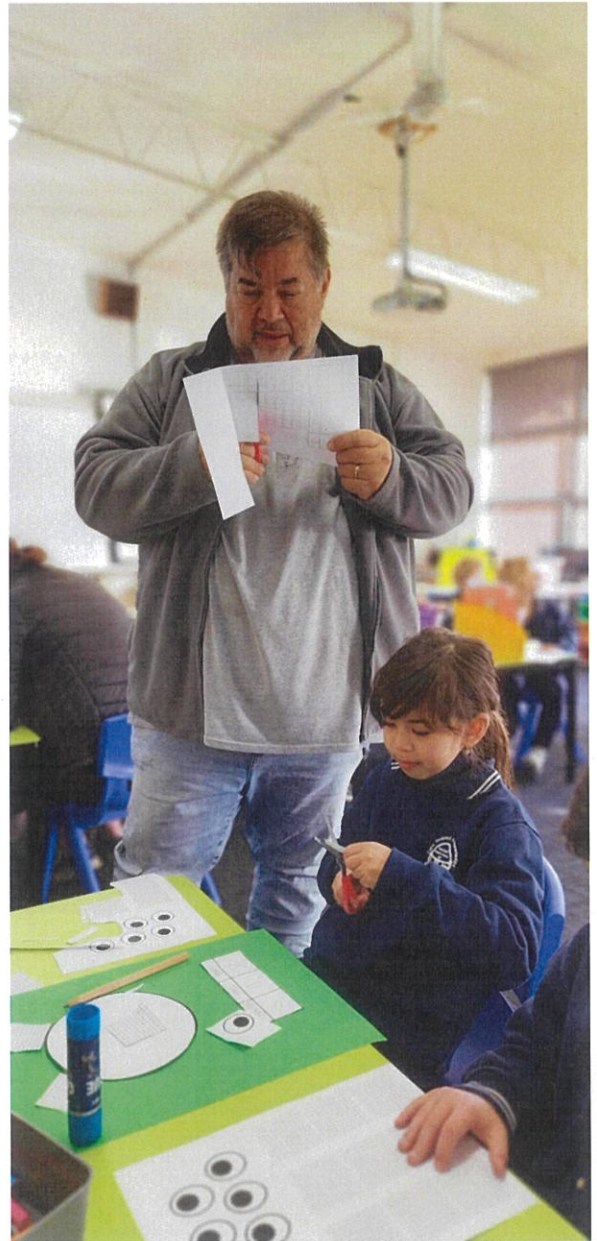
# Open Morning—Focus on STEM

## EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is from 13 May to 17 May.

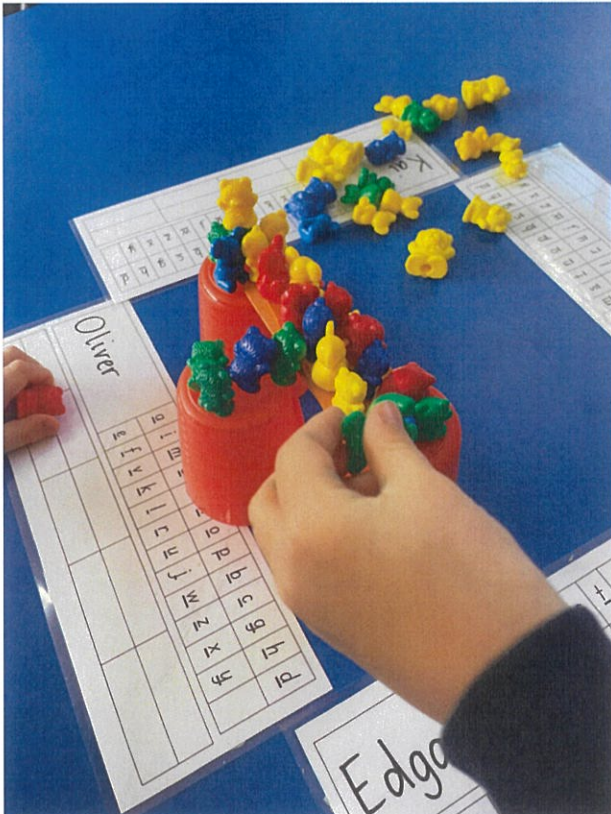
This year's theme, **Spotlight on STEM**, highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond.

We will be having an OPEN MORNING on Wednesday 15th May 9.00—10.00 am, where families are welcome to visit the classrooms and celebrate our **SPOTLIGHT on STEM**.





# Open Morning—Focus on STEM





# School Photos

The School  
Photographer

# PHOTO DAY

# COMING SOON!

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

**X3029PER54H**



Hastings Primary School

[www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au)



# Students of the Week

Class	Student	Friday 10th May 2024
PA	Cidney Villamil	Congratulations Cidney on your fantastic reading and sounds write learning. Your effort is paying off and you are kicking goals.
PB	Peggy-Jane Allen	Congratulations Peggy-Jane on all your effort in your maths and sounds write learning. You have been practicing at home and this is showing in the classroom. Well done.
12A	Sonny Wilkinson	Sonny, I want to express my appreciation for your invaluable assistance to your classmates with computer related tasks throughout this week (especially Google docs). Your willingness to step up and help whenever needed has been excellent. Thank you.
12B	Sofia Rorich	Congratulations, Sofia. Your dedication to pushing yourself further this week has truly impressed me. You shared some amazing facts about butterflies in your information report and tackled partitioning numbers with a 'can do' attitude. You've truly shone brightly. Keep up the fantastic work.
34A	Blake Gardner	Congratulations Blake on your effort in improving your personal best. You have worked incredibly hard to develop your persuasive writing this term. Well done Blake, your excellent results reflect your dedication and commitment for success.
34B	Benji Yates	Benji, you have been sharing your maths thinking really well lately. Your ability to give reasons behind your thinking helps your further your understanding. Way to go Benji.
34B	Tyson Lehmann	Tyson, you have been reading well lately. It is great to see you reading at a challenging level. Way to go Tyson.
45A	Kai Bradshaw	Kai it's been great to see you setting learning goals and then challenging yourself to achieve them. You have contributed more regularly to class discussions and you are building your confidence. Keep up the great work.
45A	Marnie Cheyne	Marnie I have been impressed with your start to Term 2. You have approached learning tasks with enthusiasm and worked hard to improve your writing. I appreciate your positive "have a go" attitude and sense of humour. Keep up the great work.
56A	Lilyahna Young	Lilyahna you have been doing an excellent job with your commitment to improving your reading. You lead the class in lexile quizzes completed and always get outstanding results. Readers are leaders.
56A	Alex Walmsley	Alex, I have been impressed with your contributions during numeracy all week. You do an excellent job with our fluency tasks and always give your best efforts during the student discovery phase of our lessons. Keep that analytical mind of yours ticking over.
56B	Hayden Gardner	Hayden you have shined this week in classroom tasks and in your general attitude to classwork. Proudly showing me your work before I ask to see it and putting in your best efforts at all times. You have been a pleasure to have in our class this week. Keep the effort up Hayden, as it is not going unnoticed.

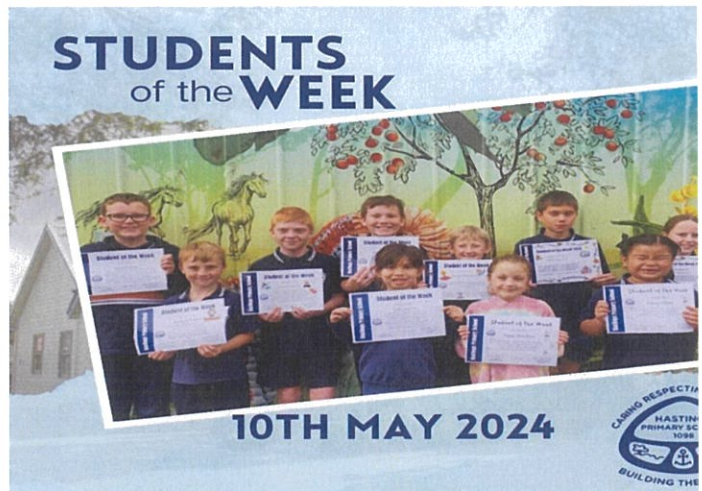
*Congratulations!*



# Students of the Week

Class	Student	Friday 10th May
Performing Arts	River Sparkes	You show great enthusiasm and joy in our music lessons River. We love to watch your focus and concentration when you are drumming as you keep a very steady beat. You take part in all aspects of the lesson and you are happy to share your songs and your experiences. Thanks for making music lesson more fun River.
Artist	Hunter Brabyn	You have shown amazing skills in the art room this week by always being engaged in your learning. Well done on creating some super artworks and amazing super sitting. Keep on being an inspirational artist.
Principal's Award	Montana Molloy	In recognition of your great listening skills and outstanding demonstration during PE. What a great attitude towards your learning and physical development. Keep it up. Well done.

*Congratulations!*





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

## **HAPPY EDUCATION WEEK!**

It was great to see so many families at school this morning for our open morning.



## **F.O.H.P.S – Friends of Hastings Primary School**

### **Mother's Day Stall**

Thank you to our F.O.H.P.S for our fabulous Mother's Day Stall. I hope you all enjoyed the gifts and had a lovely day

We would like to thank Gwinkle, Anita Brooks, Sandwich King ,Avent's Gourmet Kitchen, Domino's Pizza and Steaming Mugz for their generous donations of items for our stall.

### **Sushi Day Friday**

Don't forget to place your order online [www.sushi.net.au](http://www.sushi.net.au) by 10am this Thursday for our sushi lunch this Friday!

### **Shed 11 – Year 6 students**

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services is pleased to offer **ten** students in Year 6 from **Hastings Primary School** transport to The Shed (11 Marine Pde, Hastings) after school on Fridays to attend Drop in.

Every Friday during term 2 Youth Workers will transport your young person from Hastings Primary School to The Shed for an afternoon of activities until 5.30pm. Following this, parents or guardians will need to collect young people from The Shed.

Young people will have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities. All activities are FREE and supervised by Youth Workers!

**Time:** 3:15pm to 5.30pm (young people to be collected from The Shed at 5.30pm)

**To secure a spot please contact me for the permission form. You will then receive an email link to complete your child's 'Operoo' profile (online emergency and contacts form) which must be completed before your child can attend the Youth Centre activities.**



# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

## Attendance

It is important for all students to be at school every day. With winter approaching, there will be many students who experience coughs, colds and other minor illnesses. When deciding whether to keep your child home from school, please consider the following:

A child should be at school unless;

The child is too sick to leave the house. Generally, if a child is not sick enough to need to see a doctor, then the child should be at school.

The child has an infectious disease like measles, chicken pox or mumps.

The child has an injury preventing movement around school.

A dental appointment could not be made out of school hours wherever possible.

On your child's return, a note must be supplied to explain the days missed. You should also contact the school in advance if you know your child will be away.

If your child has seen a medical practitioner (eg doctor or dentist) a certificate or appointment card will help explain the absence

## **Remember**

If students miss the basic skills in the early years of schooling they often experience learning difficulties later on.

There is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

It has been shown that poor patterns of attendance in the early years can lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.

Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive friendships with their peers.

## Mindfulness – Colouring In

When children have been busy activating their brain learning, outside playing with their friends, exhausted from running around, engaging all of their social skills, it is nice for them to come home and focus on something just for themselves.

Colouring-in is a low-stress activity that allows them to focus, calm down and release their creative potential. Best of all it's not competitive!

There are many different books you can buy or pages you can download for free from the internet.

To add another element of relaxation, have quiet music playing in the background.

If you need any assistance with anything, please contact me.

*Mrs Rebecca Legge*

Assistant Principal



# Important Dates Term 2 2024

Thursday 16th May	3-6 Art Centre Excursion
Thursday 23rd May	School Photos
Monday 10th June	KINGS Birthday PUBLIC Holiday
Friday 28th June	Term Two ends—Student dismissal 2:30 pm
Monday 15th July	Term Three begins

## UPCOMING CAMPS

28th August—30th August	Yr.5—Yr. 6 CAMP Urban Camp
17th November—18th November	Yr.3—Yr. 4 CAMP—Somers Camp

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE UPDATES!



## CARPARK Safety

The carpark area along Victoria

Street Ext is extremely busy during drop off and pick up times and it is important that we are keeping the safety of our children at the forefront of our thinking at all times.

Please ensure that if you are parking on the opposite side of the road to the school that you are escorting your child across the street. At all other times please use the footpath provided.





**AWESOME TERM 2  
INCURSIONS**

**SPECIAL EVENTS!**

at *Teamkids*

**Team  
Kids**



## HASTINGS PRIMARY

**BOOK  
TODAY**



**TUESDAY 15th APRIL – MAGIC SCHOOL**



Step into a world where the ordinary becomes extraordinary! Using everyday items like rubber bands, coins, string, and pom poms children will learn to dazzle friends and family with mind-bending illusions.

Our magician-led class will not only teach the art of magic but also cultivate creativity, confidence, and problem-solving skills.



**WEDNESDAY 15th MAY - BUTTERFLY KIDZ**

Be ready to get up close and personal with live butterflies in an amazing butterfly enclosure today! We'll learn about butterflies as we feed and interact with them. If you're game, one might land on you!



**FRIDAY 24th MAY – LEGO MASTERS**



With the help of some LEGO experts, today we'll get super creative with the first of our LEGO Masters sessions learning how to build **AMAZING ANIMALS**



**THURSDAY 20th JUNE – FOODIE ADVENTURES**

This year we'll continue our Foodie Adventures, learning how to make healthy and delicious Japanese bento boxes. Using fresh ingredients, each child will create their own bento box with tastes they select.



[teamkids.com.au](http://teamkids.com.au)

Bookings are essential!

**1300 035 000**