



Newsletter

Term 2 Edition 4

Wednesday 29th 2024

It has been another fantastic fortnight at HPS!

Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June each year and is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. At Hastings Primary School we acknowledge what happened in the past and celebrate our commitment to reconciliation through the teaching of First Nations in our curriculum but also during these special weeks.

All classes this week have been using texts, videos and stories to discuss National Sorry Day, the Stolen Generation and reconciliation. Our specialist subjects have all incorporated reconciliation into their classes too with different 'yulunga' games being played in P.E, how our First Nations people used items from the land to make music and sounds to communicate stories in Performing Arts and of course various pieces of Art have been created.

On Monday our whole school painted their hands to leave their handprint on our Learning Stones as our commitment to reconciliation. This is done annually. More photos of these activities are all on our Facebook page and further in the newsletter.



Year 3-6 Athletics Day

Tomorrow is our Year 3-6 Athletics Day. Thank you to Mrs S for this day. A lot of time and effort goes on behind the scenes for days like this to happen. I know it's going to be a fantastic day. Team Kids will also be there and have organised a coffee van for all of the adults! Make sure you get your caffeine fix while you watch your child/ren participate.

Attendance

It is essential we have an effective partnership between school and home and that you communicate with us when your child/ren are absent. This is a Department of Education requirement, but also to ensure we, as a school support student well-being and academic progress. Early intervention and support are key to addressing any challenges our students may face. Please record all absences through Compass or our absence line via the school phone number.

Student Safety

I have reports to the school about some of our students riding their bikes in a manner that poses a danger to themselves and others on the roads surrounding our school. While we encourage physical activity riding to school, it is crucial that our students prioritize safety at all times. Riding bikes recklessly not only puts the individual cyclist at risk but also endangers pedestrians, motorists, and fellow cyclists. Please remind your children of the importance of riding safely to school. We will also address this during Bike Ed lessons.

Kings Birthday

Don't forget King's Birthday is on Monday 10th June. As it is a public holiday no-one is required to be at school.

If you need any support for your child/ren, please contact me.

Mrs Rebecca Legge

Acting 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.

If you are seeking to enrol your child into

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

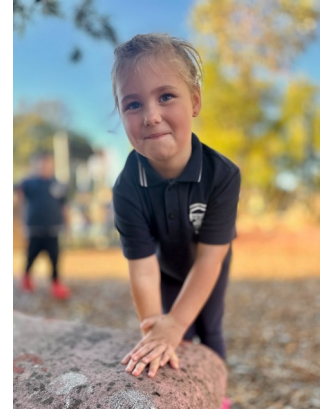
hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au to request the required form.

2025 Hastings: Transition to School Calendar

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



Reconciliation Week



Yr. 3—Yr. 6 ATHLETICS



THURSDAY 30TH MAY

9AM-11AM



**YR 3-6
HOUSE ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL**

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS ON THE DAY.
STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO WEAR RUNNERS AND BRING A
DRINK BOTTLE.**

**FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO COME AND
SUPPORT THE STUDENTS.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH
A STATION PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE**

Students of the Week

Class	Student	Week ending Friday 24th May 2024
PA	Alex Neale	Congratulations Alex on being fantastic listener during learning time. You show your friends how to be a super sitter and put your hand up to share your ideas with the class. It has been great to see you ready for learning each day. Well done Alex
PB	Lochy Browne	Congratulations Lochy on your growth this year. You have come such a long way since the beginning of the year. You show kindness to your peers, you try your best in your learning and you are working hard on your speech
12A	Savannah Pershouse	Savannah, seeing how well you have understood partitioning and place value has been so pleasing. I loved your "Place Value Monster" and I think you need to share this award with your mum!
12B	Nahleah Churcher	Well done Nahleah! You've had a super week, in and outside of the classroom. You have given every task your best effort and have helped your classmates along the way. Keep up the good work! :)
34A	Oliver Lavea	Oliver, you have put your head down this week and gotten lots of great learning done. You are a great example for others to see. Way to go Oliver!
34A	Lilly Holland	Lilly, you have given your best to everything that comes your way. Your attitude and work ethic are amazing. Way to go Lilly!
34B	Spencer Gray	Spencer, your information report on Saturn was "out of this world!" It was great to see you focus on re-reading and editing your work. Way to go Spencer!
34B	Mikey Grant	Mikey, your efforts in maths lately have been really adding up in a positive way! Keep up your great attitude. Way to go Mikey!
45A	William Wright	William it's been great to see you working hard in class to achieve your learning goals and improve your work. You always contribute to class discussions and apply yourself to learning tasks. Keep up the great work!
45A	Zac Heald	Well done Zac! You have set yourself the goal of improving your punctuality and attendance and have worked hard to achieve it this week—100%! Keep up the great work!
56A	Sierra Sweetnam	Sierra, throughout the reading of our class novel, 'Fish in a Tree,' you have consistently made very astute observations about the characters in the book. You have been the most analytical contributor in our classroom and demonstrate a terrific depth of understanding when it comes to character
56A	Harper Denham	Harper, you have put together an excellent information report about the Desert Tortoise. The effort that you have put in with both your research and presentation is quite good. It would not look out of place in the Lexile Short-Read non fiction box.
56B	Chayse Smith-Rowles	Chayse, as teachers we all agree that our leaders should be out in yard setting examples and being role models for others. It was therefore amazing to see you, our school captain, along with another leader comforting and checking on the welfare of one of our juniors students who was crying after falling over in the yard. Keep on being an outstanding role model Chayse!

Students of the Week

Class	Student	Week Ending Friday 24th May
56B	Eden Harris	Eden, I loved watching you put in your best efforts at Netball this week at 3-6 sports. You clearly love the game, know how to play and helped your fellow students to learn and play tot heir best. I look forward to watching you play at the Winter Lightning Prem! Keep practising Eden, we need you on form!
56B	Lumen Carroll	Lumen, I loved watching you put in your best efforts at Netball this week at 3-6 sports. Your were everywhere on the court that you needed to be and certainly showed that you know the game. Lumen, you impressed me with your skills, quick movements and I can't wait to see you on court for the Winter Lightning Prem!
Performing Arts	All of 56A	Your past two weeks of Music classes have been an absolute joy. You have taken on the challenges of composing your own songs in different groupings and have excelled in all areas. Not only was your teamwork strong, but the music you created was interesting, clever, creative and enjoyable. Thank you for you individual and team efforts.
Auslan— Signer of the week	Stella Doll	Stella, your 'can do' attitude hasn't gone unnoticed in the Auslan classroom. You have helped groups out with their filming and have been working hard on your own project too. Well done, I can't wait to see the finished product!
Physical Education	Abby Lynch	Well done Abby, it is such a pleasure to teach you in the PE space. Your attentiveness and ability to take on feedback has seen you improve in all sporting areas. Thank-you also for always volunteering your time to help teachers and your peers, your kindness does not go unnoticed.
Physical Education	Seth Sitarz	Thank you for being a caring and compassionate student in P.E. This past fortnight I have noticed many times when you have gone to the aid of a classmate who has needed help. Well done for demonstrating such care and consideration for others. Keep it up Seth!
Bike Education	Jayden Morrison	Congratulations Jayden, thank you for following instructions and demonstrating great listening this week. You have displayed a great improvement in your cycling skills.

Congratulations!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello HPS Families,

The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of discovery, enthusiasm, and boundless energy. Students have thrived and engaged in activities that have ignited their passions and expanded their horizons. Here is a couple of the many highlights we've had.

Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series

Ten of our Year 5/6 students spent Tuesday 28th May working online with Author Nean McKenzie to extend their writing skills. They explored Tips and Tricks for writing about Time Travel!

Nean supported them to:

Generate ideas for characters and settings.

Explore the greater story arc.

Editing and finalising their story.

Congratulations to Lilyahna, Harper, Stella, Ivy, Alving, Toby, Persi, Jason, Alex and Chayse on their selection to this program.

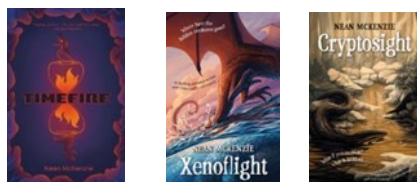


Who is Nean McKenzie?

Nean McKenzie is an award-winning children's author who lives in western Melbourne. She lives with her family and a cat called Lemonade who purrs, even when nervous.

Nean novels are part of the time-travel genre.

Nean has had three novels published: *Cryptosight* (2019), *Xenoflight* (2022) and *Timefire* (2023).



In our classrooms!

In Prep they have started developmental play. Developmental play is all about learning through purposeful rich play. Students practise the skills they need for school and revisit the learning we do during the day. The best part about developmental play is choosing which space to go to. Students collaborate with their friends and learn from each other. Have a look at how much fun they are having!



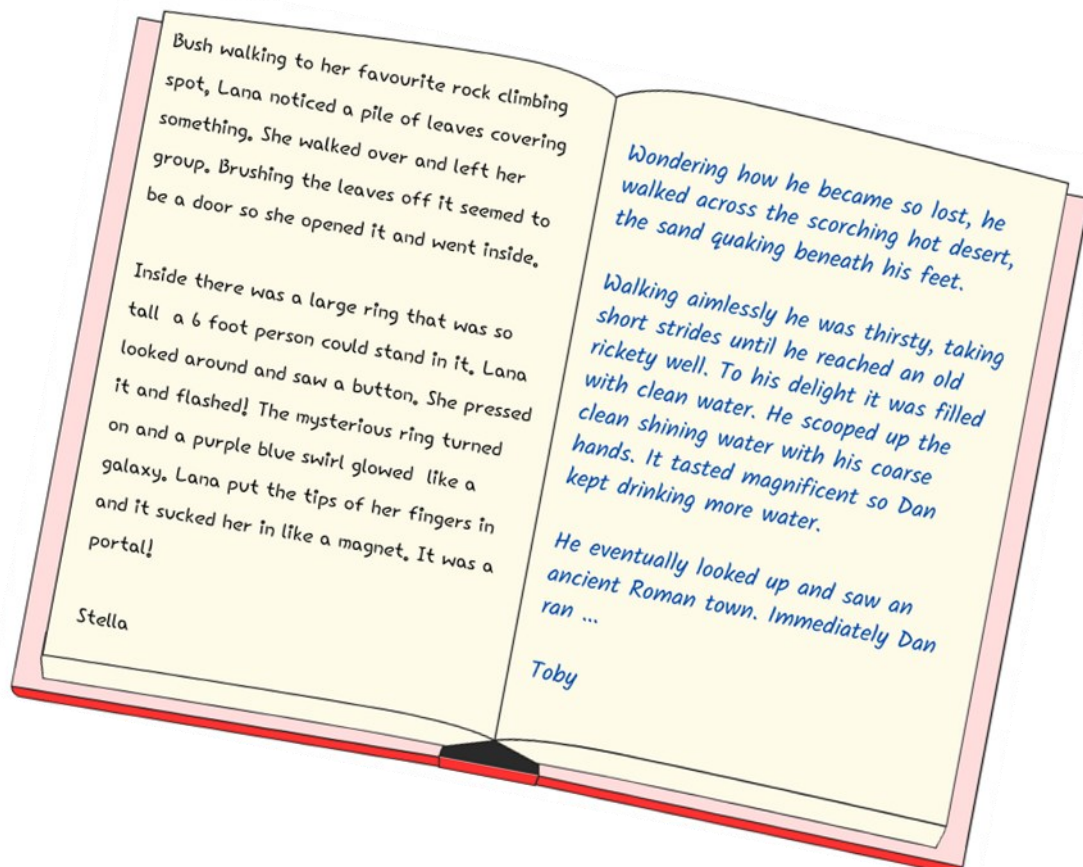
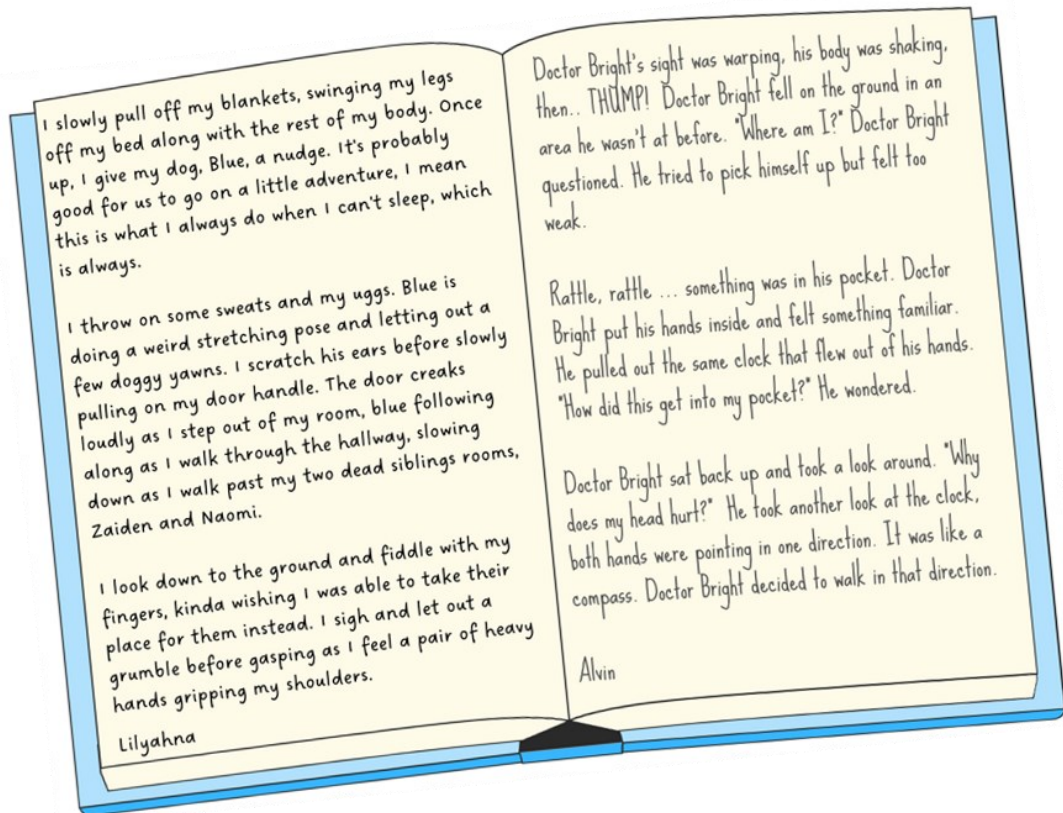
Please come and chat if you have any questions!

Michelle Aldridge

Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Here is a snippet of some of the writing that was produced from the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment session.



Important Dates Term 2 2024

Thursday 30th May	Yr.3—Yr. 6 House Athletics
Monday 10th June	KINGS Birthday PUBLIC Holiday
Wednesday 12th June	Parenting Project/Maths Games Afternoon
Friday 14th June	Maths dress up day
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



HASTINGS PRIMARY

**BOOK
TODAY**



TUESDAY 15th APRIL – MAGIC SCHOOL

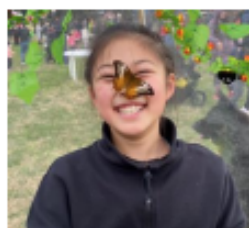


Step into a world where the ordinary becomes extraordinary! Using everyday items like rubber bands, coins, string, and pom poms children will learn to dazzle friends and family with mind-bending illusions. Our magician-led class will not only teach the art of magic but also cultivate creativity, confidence, and problem-solving skills.

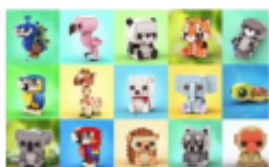


WEDNESDAY 15th MAY - BUTTERFLY KIDZ

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

Bookings are essential!

1300 035 000