



TERM 4 EDITION 1

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 16th October 2024



IMPORTANT DATES

Thur 17th Oct	2025 Prep Transition Session 3, 2:15 - 3:00
Fri 18th Oct	Koori Kids Day Out
Wed 23rd Oct	Yr 5/6 Puffing Billy Day
Thurs 31st Oct	Prep to 2 Athletics Carnival 9-11am
Mon 4th Nov	Pupil Free Day
Tue 5th Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - School Closed
Mon 18th Nov	Pupil Free Day
Fri 20th Dec	Last Day of School 2024 1:30pm Finish

CAMPS Yr 3-4 SOMERS CAMP 17-18 Oct

Principal's Message



Welcome Back to Term 4!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the holidays.

As usual, we have an action packed term of learning and extra special experiences lined up for our students.

This term we have **TWO** Pupil Free Days

- November 4th
- November 18th

Team Kids will be available on both of these days!

Planning for 2025

Believe it or not this is already happening! Part of our planning is to ensure a smooth transition for students into the next year level.

Our staff give careful consideration to grade structures and this information will be released to students and families during our internal Transitions towards the end of the term.

Please do not ask teachers to make changes. If you would like a special consideration for your child for 2025 then call our school office on 59791517 to make an appointment with Mrs. McDonald

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength
Regards, Simone McDonald Principal



HATS OFF TO OUR AMAZING TEAM!

This year, World Teachers' Day is on Friday 25th of October. It is an opportunity to say thank you for the incredible contributions teachers make to our community.



It's time to tip our hats to the incredible educators who shape our future.

The term 'hats off' has a long history of being used to show respect, admiration and offer congratulations. It can be traced back to medieval times when knights would remove their helmets to show respect. Today you don't have to be wearing a hat, you can simply say 'hats off' and as well as being respectful, it can be used to celebrate achievement. So, hats off to you for learning about hats off!

Whether you're a current student, have children in school, or have been out of school for many years, World Teachers' Day is a chance to say, 'thank you'. Don't forget to send a message to your teacher!



HATS OFF TO TEACHERS



#WORLDTEACHERSDAY2024



FRI 25 OCT



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\$400 School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

-Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

-in October, to verify your email address

-in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.



HASTINGS JUNIOR CRICKET UNDER 10 AND UNDER 12 BAT/BOWL/KEEP



Cricket skills with accredited coaches

Pre-season practice at Hastings Park continues on Wednesday nights from 4:30 pm.

ALL WELCOME.

Register at <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/255335>

WOOLIES BLAST IS COMING TO HASTINGS ON MONDAYS FROM 4:30-5:30

COMMENCING 4 NOVEMBER. REGISTER NOW TO SECURE YOUR POSITION.

GO TO: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/255335>

Coordinator: 0419 344 621



Enrol your child in Foundation for 2025



Enrolment in Foundation (Prep) 2025 at Hastings Primary School has been available since 15 April 2024.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2025, it's time to enrol!

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](https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep)

Tours are welcome by appointment.

FOUNDATION TRANSITION SESSIONS FOR 2025 FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Wednesday 7th August 2024 2:15 – 3:00

Wednesday 4th September 2024 2:15 – 3:00

Thursday 17th October 2024 2:15 - 3:00

Thursday 14th November 2024 2:15 - 3:00

STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY

Tuesday 10th December 2024





FROM THE AP'S DESK

Information about online safety and bullying.

Many parents understand the importance of teaching their kids about online safety, but aren't always sure where to start. To simplify things for you, over the next couple of newsletters

I will be sharing websites with reliable, well-researched information on online safety and bullying, so you can focus on keeping your child safe. This week is the parent hub on

'Dolly's Dream.' There are many fantastic articles

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Mrs Rebecca Legge

WWW.DOLLYSDREAM.ORG.AU/PARENT-HUB



The hidden harms of Snapchat and how to reduce them

Friday, Sep 20, 2024

Snapchat has become one of the key platforms for communication among Australian teenagers, offering features like disappearing messages and engaging filters. While these elements enhance creativity and connection, they also come with significant risks.



Uncovering the dangers of TikTok: What parents and carers need to know

Monday, Sep 2, 2024

- With its vast range of content, including challenges and memes, TikTok has quickly become a favourite among teenagers. However, the platform's popularity among young users brings several risks that need to be addressed. Understanding these risks and knowing how to mitigate them is essential for ensuring a safer experience for your children.



A step-by-step guide to reporting cyberbullying

Friday, Aug 16, 2024

Whether you're dealing with harassment yourself or helping someone else, understanding the steps to report cyberbullying can make a significant difference in resolving the issue and ensuring a safer online space. This guide walks you through the essential steps to take when facing cyberbullying.



FROM THE AP'S DESK



THE HIDDEN HARMS OF SNAPCHAT

and how to reduce them

WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF SNAPCHAT?

Snapchat is one of the primary platforms for **bullying** incidents.

Snapchat's features can expose young users to **inappropriate content**, encourage them to **send nudes** and create **privacy risks**. Teens may unintentionally share personal information or content with strangers.

WHAT IS SNAPCHAT?

Snapchat is a multimedia messaging app designed for sharing photos, videos, and messages that **disappear after being viewed**.

The platform offers users **fun, interactive** features that encourage creativity and self-expression.



WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

1 Use Snapchat's Family Centre

You can see who your child has been talking to and view their privacy settings.

2 Discuss privacy settings together

Explore Snapchat's privacy settings with your child. Teach them to keep their details private.

3 Establish open communication

Encourage your child to share their experiences on Snapchat.

4 Explore with them

Have your teen show you some of their snaps and highlight features they like.

5 Educate them about risks

Show them how to block and report abusive behaviours on Snapchat. Let them know they can come to you if there's anything that makes them uncomfortable.

REMEMBER



Download Beacon app for free cyber safety resources

Social media and technology can be incredibly empowering tools if **used mindfully**.

This means setting boundaries to prevent excessive screen time, being cautious about sharing personal information, and critically evaluating the content consumed.





ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge

RUOK? DAY

HPS students jumped into ROUK? Day with a positive energy, and care. The photo booth was the biggest hit of the day in the yard, and the students shared their learning at our final assembly in Term 3.

By having regular, meaningful conversations, you build trust and normalise talking about what's really going on, so when the people in your world find themselves struggling, they know you're someone they can talk to.

So whilst R U OK? Day is our National Day of Action, **we encourage you to Ask R U OK? any Day of the year** because a conversation could change a life.



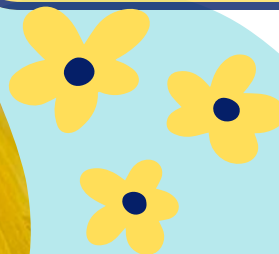
TERM 4



Term 4 is sure to be busy with camps, excursions, sports events, and we will be sure to squeeze some learning in too!

To ensure you keep up to date, please make sure that you have signed in to Compass, and keep an eye on your notifications on the phone app. We don't want anyone to miss anything!

Tap on the Compass icon to sign in and learn more.



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THURSDAY 31ST OCT

9AM-11AM



JUNIOR (F-2) 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**

WESTERNPORT LITTLE ATHLETICS



Westernport Little Athletics Free Open Night!

Come along and have a go at track and field events in a community that supports children doing their best!



11th October 2024
5:00pm - 7:00pm



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CONTACT US



Westernport Little Athletics



www.westernportlac.com.au

Follow the
QR code to
register!

