




TERM 4 EDITION 5

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 4th December 2024



IMPORTANT DATES

- Thurs 5th Dec** **Prep - Year 5 Christmas Concert** 2:20pm
- Fri 6th Dec** **Pyjama Day - Food Drive Donation** 
- Mon 9th Dec** **Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival** 11am-2pm
- Mon 9th - Fri 13th Dec** F-2 Swimming
 - Statewide Transition Sessions
 - **Year 6** students day at Secondary School
 - **2025 Preps** attend HPS 9:00 - 10:30am
- Mon 16th Dec** Class of '24 Graduation Ceremony
- Tues 17th Dec** 2024 Final Assembly 9:15 am
- Fri 20th Dec** **Last Day of School 2024**
1:30pm Finish

2025 DATES

- Thur 30th Jan** First Day Year 1 - 6
Prep Family Interviews
- Fri 31st Jan** First Day Year Prep

Principal's Message



It's incredible to think we are nearly at the end of the 2024 school year. Where has the time gone?

What an exceptional year of learning and connecting we have all experienced. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff for the amazing partnership we continue to forge together.

THANK YOU for all your positive and generous contributions to H.P.S being "the best it can be."

End of year arrangements

The School Council wish to inform all families that on the final three days of the school year, Wednesday the 17th, Thursday the 18th and Friday 20th of December, no formal lessons will be held and students attending will be assisting with cleaning and organisational tasks.

As parents will be aware, the dismissal time for the end of Term 1, 2 and 3 is 2.30pm. Department of Education & Training regulations allow dismissal time to be 1.30pm on the last day of the school year (Friday 20th December) if four hours of school time have been conducted. As such school will operate on the last day as follows:

- 9.00-11.00am - Class time
- 11.00-11.30am - Recess
- 11.30-1.30pm - Class time

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



Structure	2025 Staff
Minnows Foundation	Mrs. Jesse Waters [PA]
Sea Eagles Year 1 & 2	Mrs. Tracey Kay [12A] Miss Melissa Thorne [12B]
King Fishers Year 3 & 4	Ms. Vikki Cremen [34A] Mr. Shane Barden [34B]
Angling Year 5 & 6	Mr. Anthony Hewitt [56A] Mrs. Erin Huguenin [56B]
Principal	Mrs. Simone McDonald
Assistant Principal	Mrs. Rebecca Legge
Assistant Principal	Miss. Michelle Aldridge
Business Manager	Ms. Jane Grace
Admin staff	Mrs. Jules Lugg
Education Support	Mrs. Sarah-Anne Plymin Miss. Georgia Milburn Mrs. Merrill Shanhun Ms. Stacey Deen Mrs. Karen Tilley Mrs. Lynne Davis
Art	Ms. Kate Hermiston
PE	Mrs. Kath Sendeckyj
Music & Auslan	Mr. Ryan Minehan

Farewell and best wishes



As we bid farewell to our colleagues who have made a significant impact on our school community, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your dedication, passion, and hard work. Your contributions have not only inspired students and staff alike but have also helped shape the positive and nurturing environment we cherish. Though you will be greatly missed, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors and hope you carry the spirit of our community with you wherever you go. Thank you for everything, and remember, you will always be a part of our school family.

Final day Crossing Supervision

As the finish time of the final school day is 1.30 pm the School Crossing will NOT be manned by the Shire Council crossing supervisors. This is because the speed limits on school crossings are ONLY 2.30 – 4.00 pm and crossing supervisors are only permitted to assist students at these times.

The 1.30pm dismissal time causes us a road safety issue as the Mornington Peninsula Shire does not permit supervisors to attend the crossings at this time. Therefore, we will have Teaching Staff supervising the crossing on Hodgins Rd and at the Kings Creek crossing.



In particular, the students using the crossing at Kings Creek will be expected to walk with the teachers after school.

FROM THE AP'S DESK

School holidays are a perfect time to connect with your children and make memories. One of the most enriching ways to spend time together is through reading. Not only does it strengthen bonds, but it also supports your child's learning and sparks their imagination.

Here's how you can make reading a joyful and meaningful part of your holiday routine:

1. *Create a Cozy Reading Nook*

Transform a corner of your home into a reading retreat. Add comfy cushions, blankets, and good lighting to make it inviting. Let your child help decorate the space—it will give them a sense of ownership and excitement about spending time there.

2. *Choose Holiday-Themed Books*

Seasonal stories are a great way to get into the holiday spirit. Whether it's snowy adventures, tropical tales, or family traditions, there's a book for every setting and mood. Visit your local library or bookstore to explore options together.

3. *Explore Different Formats*

Not all reading has to involve traditional books. Audiobooks, graphic novels, and interactive e-books can engage children in new ways.

Audiobooks are especially handy for road trips!. By incorporating reading into your holiday plans, you're giving your child a gift that lasts far beyond the school break. It's an opportunity to relax, learn, and bond as a family—all while exploring new worlds through the pages of a book.

Happy reading and happy holidays!

LIVING RIPPLES SURVEY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN A RESILIENCE SURVEY THAT COLLECTS KEY DATA TO SUPPORT THE WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR STUDENTS PLEASE GO TO:

[HTTPS://LR.RESILIENT YOUTH .ORG/](https://lr.resilientyouth.org/)

TYPE IN THE CODE
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THE SURVEY IS
OPEN NOW UNTIL
THE 14TH
DECEMBER

Mrs Rebecca Vegge



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge



Maths Magic: Fun Christmas Activities at Home!



Activity	Age Group	Materials	Instructions
Christmas Tree Shape Sorting	5-7	Cutouts of shapes in festive colors	Sort shapes into groups, count them, and arrange them to decorate a paper Christmas tree.
Ornament Patterns	5-10	Coloured paper, glue, or actual ornaments	Create repeating patterns using ornaments, e.g., red-green-red-green.
Candy Cane Measurement	5-12	Candy canes, rulers, or measuring tape	Measure lengths of candy canes, compare them, and calculate average length for older children.
Christmas Cookie Fractions	7-12	Cookies and icing or toppings	Decorate cookies to represent fractions (e.g., half with red icing, a quarter with green).
Holiday Shopping Budget	8-12	Toy catalog or online store pages	Give kids a "budget" to pick gifts for family members, add totals, and calculate change.
Snowflake Symmetry	7-12	Paper and scissors	Create paper snowflakes, identify lines of symmetry; younger kids count points, older discuss angles.
Christmas Countdown	5-12	Advent calendar or homemade countdown chart	Solve a math problem each day to reveal a treat or a clue for the next activity.



As the holiday season approaches, it's time to embrace the spirit of giving and support those in need within our community. We are excited to remind you about the Salvation Army Food Drive happening this Friday!

Join Us in the Christmas Spirit!

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference and spread some holiday cheer! By contributing to the food drive, you will help ensure that families in need can enjoy a warm and nourishing meal this Christmas.

How You Can Help

- **What to Donate:** Non-perishable food items.
- **Where to Donate:** Bring your donations to your classroom.
- **When to Donate:** Donations will be accepted all day on Friday.



Special Incentive: Pyjama Day!

As a token of appreciation for your generosity, students who donate will get to wear their favorite pyjamas to school on Friday! It's a fun way to enjoy a cozy day while supporting a great cause.

Let's come together as a community to make this holiday season brighter for everyone. Your kindness and generosity will have a lasting impact on the lives of many.

Thank you for your support, let's make this food drive a great success!

Miss
Michelle
Aldridge

Michelle.Aldridge@education.vic.gov.au

UPCOMING EVENTS



**A Jingle Jangle
Jungle Christmas**

Hasting Primary School 2025
Christmas Concert

Thursday December 5th
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Performances by students from
Foundation to Year 5

Songs, carols, choirs, instrumentals,
dance, and acrobatics



THE SALVATION ARMY *Christmas Appeal*
Pyjama Day!

**FRIDAY 6th
DECEMBER**

Donate
a grocery item for
families in need & wear
your PJs!

**SRC
FUNDRAISER**



Hastings Primary School 2024
YR 3- 6

Swimming
CARNIVAL

Wear your house
COLOURS

Families are
encouraged to
come and
support

CRIB POINT POOL
Monday 9th December

11.00am-2.00pm

What to bring:
Bathers + Rashie
Goggles
Hat
Sunscreen
Drink bottle
School bag with lunch





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	1:15 - 3:00
Wednesday 14th September 2024	2:15 - 3:00
Thursday 11th October 2024	2:15 - 3:00
Thursday 14th November 2024	2:15 - 3:00

COMPLETED

STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY

Tuesday 10th December 2024
9:00 - 10:30 am



TERM 4, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS

HASTINGS HEROES



Felix Tauhore



**Marlee
Synnott**



**Alice
Clifford**



**Lucie
Hermanek**



**Chase
Waddington**



**Zaira
Mendez**



**Ruby
Turner**



**Maisie
Fergadiotis**



**Jaxon
Lehmann**



**Chase
Peart**



**Alvin
Dang**



**Leon
Haywood**

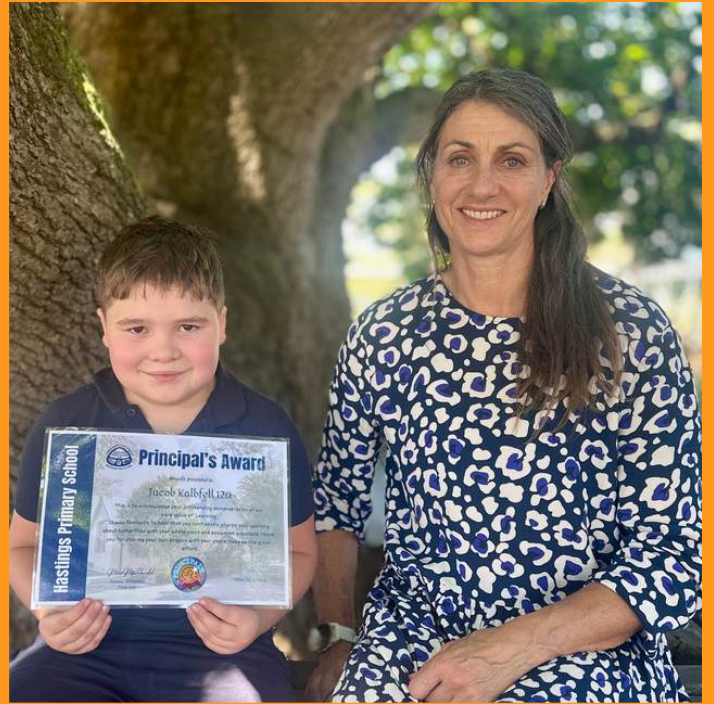


**Harper
Denham**

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Jacob Kalbfell



Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!

Caring, Respecting and Learning



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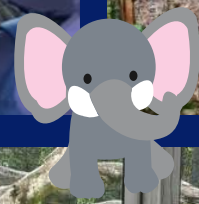
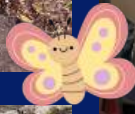


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MELBOURNE ZOO





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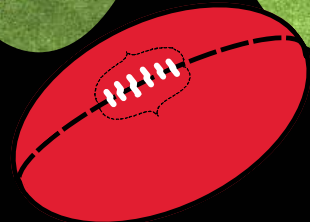
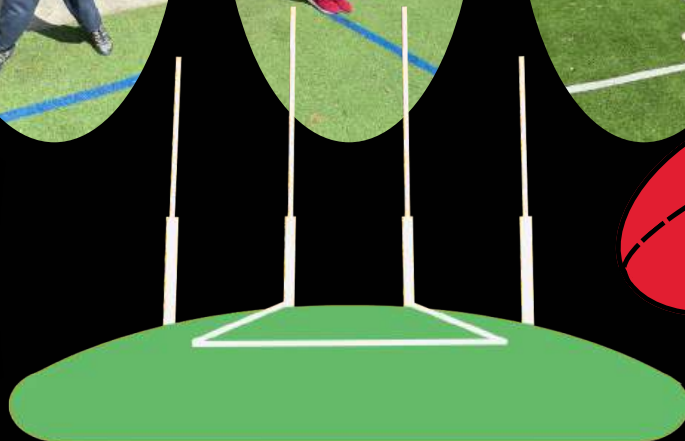


Bike Skills Day



PREP - YEAR 2

AFLW - ST KILDA





HPS Triathlon Team



2024



2025 Parent Payments

October 2024

Dear parent/guardian,

Hastings Primary School would like to thank you for your financial support as we endeavour to provide the best possible education for your child.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide special curriculum experiences, enhanced digital learning opportunities, upgrade of our library, upgrade of our playground, faster WIFI and internet.

Our school is committed to ensuring that parent payment requests are accurate, transparent, affordable, and aligned with our requirements as a Victorian Government school. It has recently come to our attention that some changes are required to our parent payment arrangements to ensure they are clear and transparent. Accordingly, we have updated and re-published this year's parent payment arrangements on our school website.

If you have made your parent payments this year and still wish to contribute towards the listed items and activities, no further action is required. However, if the updated arrangements change what you are interested in contributing towards and/or purchasing, please reach out and we can provide you with a line of credit towards other future costs. We can also provide you with a refund if required.

Thank you again for your continued support of our school. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact:

Simone McDonald – Principal

Ph: 03 5979 1517

Email: hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely

**Simone McDonald
PRINCIPAL**

**Dave Gardner
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

***Payments are made via
the compass portal.***

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.

The BIG Summer Read Returns!

State wide AND local prizes to WIN

Sign up, read and log 10 books over the summer months for your chance to win some great prizes including a family pass to Boneo Discovery Park, Ashcombe Maze and swim passes to YAWA and Pelican Park!

BIG SUMMER READ

For ages 0-17

Registrations Open December 1st

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ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/StoryBox

Read by actor and activist Chloe Hayden, this is a picture book for both Autistic and non-Autistic readers aged 3 and up.

Watch Remarkable Remy written by Melanie Heyworth, illustrated by Nathaniel Eckstrom and read by Chloe Hayden.

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YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE MOVING
TO OUR NEW PURPOSE BUILT STORE IN

MORNINGTON



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MORNINGTON VIC 3931

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STORE OPENS **THURSDAY JANUARY 2ND 2025**

THE LAST DAY OF TRADE FOR YOUR CURRENT STORE IS **SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH 2024**

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Students in the Sandpit



Year 5 and 6 students delight in the magic of the sandpit, where joy meets creativity! Here, they dive into engineering and architecture by crafting sandcastles, tunnels, and more. Teamwork flourishes as they collaborate on designs, honing their communication skills. Shaping the sand not only boosts fine motor skills but also sparks sensory exploration. Plus, they tackle challenges like stability and resource management, enhancing their problem-solving abilities. This vibrant activity is a perfect blend of fun and learning, allowing young minds to shine while developing crucial social and cognitive skills.