



2025 TERM 1 EDITION 2

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 19th February 2025

2025 STUDENT LEADERS



Matilda

Stella

2025 KOORIE LEADERS



Abby

Kai

2025 STUDENT LEADERS



Chase & Toby

Sierra & Ava

William & Axle

Beau & Jaxon

Warada House

Wallum House

Murmbal House

Bunya House

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 5, 12, 19, 26 Feb	No Preps at School
Fri 28th Feb	9AM Assembly Meet 25 SRC
Fri 28th Feb	Clean Up Australia Day @ HPS - 2:30PM
Tue 4th Mar	GRIP Student Leadership Conference
12th, 13th, 14th Mar	Year 3 & Year 5 NAPLAN
17th - 21st Mar	Harmony Week
Fri 4th April	End of Term - 2:30PM dismissal

Principal's Message



A wonderful start to the school year.

The new school year is off to a fantastic start at Hastings Primary School! It has been wonderful to see our students arriving each day with enthusiasm, ready to learn, grow, and support one another. The positive energy around the school is truly inspiring, and I am so proud of the way our students have settled into their new routines.

Last week, we had the privilege of inducting our new student leaders at our first assembly of the year.

It was a proud moment as they received their badges and pledged to serve our school community with dedication and kindness. We look forward to seeing them take on their roles with confidence and leadership throughout the year.

A reminder that our school assemblies are held every second Friday, and we warmly invite all families to attend. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate student achievements, share important updates, and come together as a school community. We hope to see many of you there!

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



Staffing News - Welcome Mrs. Julie Dare to the Year 1/2 Team

I am pleased to introduce Mrs. Julie Dare, who will be joining our Year 1/2 team on Wednesdays throughout the school year. Mrs. Dare will be working collaboratively with Miss Thorne and Ms. Kay, bringing her expertise and enthusiasm to support our students' learning.

She is excited to build strong and productive partnerships with our staff, students, and families and looks forward to becoming part of our wonderful school community.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through the office.



Term One Emergency Evacuation Drill

Hastings Primary School conducted an Emergency Evacuation Drill to our Shelter-in-Place (SIP) location today.

This drill simulated a Watch and Act alert issued by emergency services due to ember drift.

Practicing our emergency procedures ensures that we are well-prepared to respond safely in the event of a real emergency.

Students were reminded to:

- ✓ Listen carefully to staff instructions
- ✓ Move quickly and calmly to the designated SIP location
- ✓ Remain quiet and follow all safety procedures

Thank you for your cooperation in making our school a safe place for everyone.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

Click Here
to apply



FROM THE AP'S DESK

Any questions?



For our first Curriculum Day of the year, our staff participated in a Professional Learning Day alongside colleagues from many other local primary schools and WesternPort Secondary College. The focus of the day was on establishing a productive, safe and calm learning environment using the evidence from the Science of Learning and cognitive load theory. As part of this professional learning day, we also collaborated on the development of our Behaviour Curriculum. This framework aligns our school norms and expected behaviours with our core values, ensuring a consistent and supportive learning environment. By clearly defining these expectations, we aim to foster a positive school culture that promotes respect, responsibility, and engagement across all aspects of student life.

If you have any further questions about our behaviour curriculum, feel free to contact me.



Hastings Primary School's Behaviour Curriculum

QUALITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR GRADUATES

Write a brief statement that describes the qualities and characteristics that students will develop and leave with as a result of being a student at your School.

HPS will support our students to be the best they can be as active, creative, responsible global citizens. Our endeavour as a community is for students to leave with personal capabilities and aspirations to confidently and successfully strive for and achieve their personal best in a changing world.

SCHOOL VALUE	CARING	RESPECTING	LEARNING
NORMS <i>Based on the school value, what do we want to see as normal in the classroom?</i>	Being kind, friendly and inclusive.	Respecting ourselves, others and the environment around us. Being responsible for our actions.	Striving for personal best and being open to opportunities.
EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS <i>What behaviour do we expect of students to demonstrate the school value?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We help others We invite others to join in We share equipment We keep our hands/body parts to ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are on time We use good manners and appropriate language We follow instructions and routines We wear the correct uniform We are honest about our mistakes We walk safely around the school grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We work to our personal best We participate We give everything a go (growth mindset) We are persistent
ROUTINES <i>What routines will we teach to reinforce the expected behaviour?</i>	To be taught in Term 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cue to start. (C2S) Whole school = 3 claps. *Unique C2S for each classroom. Entry routine Exit routine 		
RULES <i>What rules will define the expected behaviour for students?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow expected behaviours Follow instructions and routines Work to your personal best Walk quietly inside Follow the school uniform policy 		

Mrs Rebecca Legge



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge

Excitement is in the air as our Student Leaders have wholeheartedly embraced their new roles, ready to make a meaningful impact in our school community! Congratulations to the team on a fabulous first assembly.

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the much-anticipated SRC (Student Representative Council) members for the year 2025 will be revealed during the upcoming school assembly. Mark your calendars for Friday, February 28th, when we will gather together at the special time of 9 AM to celebrate our SRC. This is not just a moment to recognise the hard work that lies ahead, but also an opportunity for everyone to come together, share in the excitement, and support our new SRC members as they embark on their journey to make our school an even better place.

In 2025 our SRC will also be working to ensure that the Hastings Primary School community becomes more culturally aware. School communities are highly diverse, representing a wealth of different knowledge, ideas and experiences. The first focus for the year will be Harmony Week in March. As a group we will come up with ideas to make it more meaningful than ever before.



As we are all aware racism is an ongoing problem in Australia. It directly affects significant numbers of Australians. In annual surveys, about one in five Australians report having experienced racial discrimination during the previous 12 months.

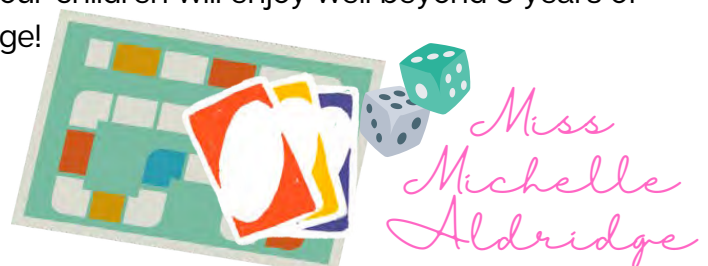
Conversations about racism can complement socio-emotional or civics-based curriculum programs that already exist in our school. Conversations about racism align with the following programs:

- Respectful Relationships
- Intercultural Capability Curriculum
- Civics and Citizenship Curriculum
- Personal and Social Capability
- Ethical Capability
- School-wide Positive Behaviour Support
- Social Emotional Learning Programs

Of course when it comes to curriculum my passion is for Mathematics. It is common for families to ask how they can support their student to be successful in maths, often accompanied by reflections of disliking maths themselves. My first advice is to make it fun and a part of the family routine!

Playing games with family members offers a delightful avenue to uncover mathematical concepts, strategise, and engage in logical reasoning while solving puzzles together. I would recommend starting with strategy games like Connect 4, Junior Monopoly, Monopoly, Pass the Pigs, noughts and crosses, Mastermind, Guess Who, Battleships, Checkers, Chess, and some chance games with playing cards or dice games such as Yahtzee.

For a treasure trove of games that use simple materials see [20 games for 5-8-year-olds](#), which your children will enjoy well beyond 8 years of age!



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JOIN OUR 2025 SRC SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY

BYO
GLOVES

FRIDAY 28
FEBRUARY
2025

2:30PM

Clean Up

SCHOOL SUPPORTER



REGISTER
Here

LET US
KNOW YOU
ARE COMING
ALONG!



Prep A - Life Cycles

Our littlest learners have been on a wild learning adventure, watching a caterpillar strut its stuff through its natural life stages!

These mini scientists are confidently sharing their findings, tossing around fancy words like **camouflage** and **chrysalis** like pros!

Thanks Miss Jesse for getting our Preps off to an amazing start.

STUDENTS of the WEEK



PA	Jackson Jose	Congratulations Jackson on starting school with such a positive attitude. You have transitioned so well to school and we love seeing your kindness, care and respect towards your new friends.
1/2A	Archie Munro-Batson	Archie, you have transitioned to the Sea Eagles beautifully. I have been so impressed by the way you interact with the other students and how helpful you have been, especially during Design Technology. Keep it up!
1/2B	Kobie Healey	Way to go Kobie! what a magnificent start to Year 2 you have had. I've been thoroughly impressed with the effort you have been putting into all of your learning tasks as well as your thoughtful answers to questions. I can't wait to see what you achieve this year!
3/4A	Peyton Fitzpatrick	Peyton it's great to see you coming to school with a smile and having a go at learning activities with a positive attitude. Keep up the great work!
3/4A	Spencer Gray	Spencer you have stepped up into Year 4 with growing independence! I have been impressed with how you have been willing to work through challenges and stay positive. Keep up the great work Spencer!
3/4B	Geon Ohoy	Geon, your start at Hastings Primary has been an adventure, full of fun and enthusiasm. It is great to see you enjoying your start at a new school, you are doing such a great job so far. Well done Geon!
3/4B	Xeth Gabriel Sumaya	Congratulations Xeth on a wonderful start to the year, at a new school. You have taken on the challenges of all the learning that has come your way and look ready for even more. Way to go Xeth.
5/6A	Jaxon Lehmann	Jaxon your enthusiastic start to the school year has certainly been evident by how loudly you greet me in the morning and with your good afternoon's at the end of the day.
5/6A	Sierra Sweetman	Sierra you have made a brilliant start to the year. Your constant encouragement of your classmates and the positive feedback you give them is testament to your leadership skills.
5/6B	Beau Knight	Beau, what an amazing start to the year! You have jumped into your learning and routines with both feet. I look forward to seeing your growth over the year.
5/6B	Lumen Carroll	Congratulations Lumen on being overwhelmingly voted in as our class SRC. You have started the year with a responsible attitude and I can definitely say you are a role model for others! Keep it up Lumen!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

SPECIALIST SUPERSTARS



Zoey Baker
Beau Blackstock
Aneeta Grant
Lukas Walmsley

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Prep A

Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!
Caring, Respecting and Learning

HOUSE POINTS



MURUMBAL
495



BUNYA
440



WALLUM
370



WARADA
309