



2025 TERM 1 EDITION 3

# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 5th March 2025



## IMPORTANT DATES

12th, 13th, 14th Mar Year 3 & Year 5 NAPLAN

17th - 21st Mar Harmony Week

21st Mar Ride to School 

4th Apr Last day to submit a recipe

Fri 4th April End of Term - 2:30PM dismissal

## Principal's Message

**A wonderful start to the school year.**




What a tremendous start to the 2025 school year we are having. Students have settled into their new classrooms and are being challenged with high quality learning experiences.

At last weeks assembly we inducted our new SRC - Student Representative Council along with their deputies. You can read about their actions in this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for your patience with the Ramp Upgrade program. Due to the fact that there is often heavy machinery in the yard before school, the gates will not be opened before 8.30 am. Please ensure that if student's are travelling independently to school that they are arriving after 8.30 am.

We kindly remind our school community that respectful behaviour is expected at all times. Our staff are here to support students and families, and we ask that all interactions—whether in person, over the phone, or via email—reflect our shared values of courtesy and respect. Aggressive or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.



Tu Toa, Kia Kaha  
Stand Strong, Have Strength  
Mrs. Simone McDonald Principal 

# FROM THE AP'S DESK



On Friday 21st March it is **Ride 2 School Day**. This is an annual event that Hasting PS is proud to participate in.

This year's theme is 'walk, ride, scoot or skate with your mate.' All students are invited to meet at the skatepark at Pelican Park at 8am. At 8:15 we will start the ride to school together. When arrive at school there will be a yummy brekky that our ES team will have prepared for us. This is an extra special Ride 2 School for us as we will then be having a special assembly at 9am to celebrate the career of Ms Joanne Munn that all parents are invited to stay for. Ms Munn retired at the end of last year and was a classroom teacher, Assistant Principal and Bike Ed teacher at HPS over her 45 year career. She has been invited to come back to school that morning - but she doesn't know there will be a secret assembly for her, it's going to be a surprise!

If all students could **wear a bike helmet** to assembly as part of the theme for the day, that would be fantastic!!



## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY (CU)

If you have a child in Year 4,5 or 6 you may have heard them talk about Children's University. This is an exciting new program that has started at HPS this year and will be co-ordinated by me. All Year 4-6 families received a notification on Compass where you can opt in and pay \$16.50. There is also a Google Drive or paper form you need to fill out. Forms can be collected from me. If you are having financial difficulty and want your child involved please speak to me. CU is all about having fun while you learn about things that interest YOU! There is a portal full of activities to do, learning destinations to go and more!

Mrs Rebecca Legge

THANK YOU!

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge



The SRC **Clean-Up Australia** afternoon was a great success. The grounds are now tidy, and the students displayed pride for their commendable efforts. A heartfelt thank you to all the families who joined in support, highlighting the important impact of these actions on our community.

As part of our celebration of Harmony Week, the SRC will be hosting lunch time activities.

On Wednesday 19th March students can wear a touch of orange to show that inclusion for all is important to them.



**We are also running a fundraiser!**

Be sure to check out page 7 to find out how you can contribute to our

**HPS Community Cookbook**

an opportunity to connect with each other by sharing our families traditions.

*Miss Michelle Aldridge*

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## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



# STUDENTS of the WEEK



PA	Elijah F	Well done Elijah on such a great start to school. You make strong choices during your learning time and show kindness and respect towards your classmates. Keep it up Elijah!
1/2A	Abeer S	Abeer, you have had a wonderful start to the year. You are so happy, kind, and continually positive about your achievements. I can't wait to see how much you progress throughout the year. Great effort Abeer!
1/2B	Sadie K	What a start to Year 2 you've had Sadie! You have hit the ground running with your learning, demonstrating a willingness to give everything a go even when you find it challenging. You have also stepped up and been a wonderful role model for the younger members of our class. Keep it up!
3/4A	Lukas W	Lukas this has been awarded to you for your patience, good humour and resilience. You have made a positive start to the year and you have been awarded the most house points too! Congratulations and well done!
3/4A	Ava T	You have made a fabulous start to the year Ava! Your Lexile results have blown me away and show what can be achieved with hard work and consistent effort. Congratulations and well done Ava!
3/4B	Ezekiel M	Thank you for your outstanding commitment to supporting new students. Your compassionate guidance and welcoming spirit demonstrate HPS' core value of caring.
3/4B	Alice C	You have proven that you are such a great and supportive friend to your classmates! This week you found ways to help others and cheer them up when they were down. Keep being awesome!
5/6A	William W	William your devotion to reading is a credit to you. The fact that you have finished three books already this term and successfully completed the comprehension quizzes associated with them is quite remarkable.
5/6A	Jack R	Jack you have been quick to demonstrate your ability to make connections with your learning. Telling me what the 'mean' was for our class attendance over the week left me feeling well above average.
5/6B	Albury W	Albury, it's impossible not to be impressed by your quick and enthusiastic responses in Mathematics lessons! I have a feeling this might be an area of talent you're keeping under wraps, and I'm excited to see just how much you know and can learn this year. Albury—I'm excited to see where you'll finish!
5/6B	Lucie H	Lucie, I've been so impressed with your efforts in English lessons. Your persuasive writing shows a clear understanding of the persuasive writing techniques we've been learning. A fantastic start to the year Lucie!

# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## SPECIALIST SUPERSTARS



Tracey Z  
Ezekiel M  
Liam D  
Tracey Z  
Abeer S

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



5/6A

Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!

Caring, Respecting and Learning

# HOUSE POINTS



**BUNYA**  
360



**WALLUM**  
315



**WARADA**  
240



**MURUMBIDGEE**  
205



# School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

The School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) has been extended to offer eligible students and households free broadband internet at home until Friday 30 June 2028.

## About the initiative

Led by the National Broadband Network (NBN), the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) is a Federal Government initiative offering free home internet to 30,000 eligible households with school-aged students. Families and carers currently connected to the NBN network through SSBI will have their connection automatically extended with their participating internet provider until 30th June 2028.

For new families the services commence from the time the service is activated with the internet provider. Note that other household members can use the internet services provided by the initiative.

When the program reaches the cap of 30,000 services connected, no further nominations will be accepted, and any unredeemed vouchers will become invalid.

If you have a voucher that has not been used, please be sure to activate your free service with a participating internet provider as soon as possible.

After the free period, households will not be placed on a paid service without consent. The government will explore options for what happens to services beyond the end date in 2028.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for SSBI, families must:

- have a child living at home who is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including Prep)
- not have an active NBN network internet service at home (excludes mobile internet services)
- live in a premises that can access the NBN network via a standard connection (NBN will confirm this)
- not have had an active NBN connection during the previous 14 days.

## How to get started

To be assessed, contact NBN National Referral Centre on [1800 954 610](tel:1800954610) or visit [anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet](http://anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet) to request a call back.

*Please note:*

- NBN will check your nominated home address for an active NBN connection.
- You do not need to provide financial information.
- Translation and interpretation services are available.

Some families might also be contacted via their school, with information about how to apply.

## Information about Internet Providers

Once you have confirmed that you are eligible for free home internet, you can choose your preferred internet provider from a list of [participating internet providers](#) in your area. Each internet provider will have their own connection process, which may involve the provision of personal information by the primary carer or parent.

If you move house between now and Friday 30 June 2028, you can continue to access the service in your new home (subject to the eligibility criteria).

- You must contact your internet provider if you are planning to move house.
- The internet provider will support you to move the service to your new property.

**For more information about eligibility, contact the [NBN National Referral Centre](#) or [1800 954 610](tel:1800954610).**



# HPS Community Cookbook

## How to Submit a Recipe ...

The easiest way to submit a recipe is online.  
Visit: <https://cc.recipes/hastings-primary>  
and begin filling in all the details.  
You can also print the next page and drop your recipe to the office



As part of our celebration of **Harmony Week**, we are excited to create a special school cookbook that reflects the rich diversity of our community! We invite all families to share your favourite recipes and food traditions with us. Whether it's a cherished family dish or a cultural favourite, your contribution will help us create something truly special that celebrates our unity.



Recipes will be organised by the following categories:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Dessert
- Smoothies and Snacks.



Our aim is for each student/family at Hastings Primary School to have one family favourite recipe published. If we receive multiple versions of a popular recipe we may ask for alternatives. Contributing family names will be included in the cookbook.

Let us know in the description box where you got your inspiration from. Is your recipe based on another food author or published cookbook or is this a special family recipe? Please share your story with us.



Feel free to upload a one or more images (photos or drawings) to go alongside your recipe.

Your email address will not be published.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Aldridge at [michelle.aldridge@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.aldridge@education.vic.gov.au) or 59791517.



Recipes are required by the Friday 4th April to be included.

Information about ordering a copy of the recipe book will come soon. Our aim is to keep the cost at \$25 a copy.

We look forward to sharing this culinary journey with you!





Return to the Office prior to Friday 4th April 2025  
and email upto 10 pictures to michelle.aldridge@education.vic.gov.au

Student/Family Names

Recipe Name

Serving

Why is this recipe special to your family?

Prep Time

Cook Time

Directions

Ingredients



Tips


Vegetarian       Vegan       Dairy Free       Gluten Free       Low Carb