



2025 TERM 1 EDITION 4

# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 19th March 2025



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 21st Mar Ride to School 
- 25th Mar Yr6 Discovery Day - WPSC
- 4th Apr Meal Deal
- 4th Apr Last day to submit a recipe

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

Tues 22nd Apr Term Two begins

15th May District Cross Country

20th May AFL Clinic

28th May School Photos

## Principal's Message



**A focus on our values.**  
 At Hastings Primary School we are committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and members of our community. We promote and celebrate our values of Caring, Respecting and Learning. We recognise and value the productive partnerships between our school and parents and carers as we work together to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing. Our Statement of Values and Philosophy can be found on our website.

**NAPLAN**  
 Well done to our Year 3 & Year 5 students who have completed their NAPLAN [National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy] assessments. Later in the year, families will receive their student report cards. You can always speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. By working together, we can ensure your student reaches their potential.



**Tu Toa, Kia Kaha**  
**Stand Strong, Have Strength**  
 Mrs. Simone Mc Donald Principal



# Car Park Safety

*Carpark Safety: Let's Keep Our Kids Safe!*

*As we move through the school year, it's important to remember that safety in the carpark is a shared responsibility. Whether you're a parent, carer, staff member, or student, we all play a role in keeping our community safe, especially when it comes to the safety of our children.*

*Reminder for Parents and Carers:*

*The carpark can be a busy and often chaotic place, and the safety of our children is paramount. Please ensure that your child is always closely supervised when crossing the street, whether they are walking to and from the car or entering the school grounds. Even though the carpark might seem like a quick stop, there are moving vehicles, and young children can be harder to see.*

*Pedestrian Safety Tips:*

- Always hold your child's hand when walking through the carpark area.*
- Teach your child to look both ways before crossing.*
- Be patient and alert when driving, and avoid rushing in or out of parking spots.*

*For Drivers:*

*If you're driving into or out of the Victoria St Ext carpark, please take extra care, especially during peak drop-off and pick-up times. Slow down, be on the lookout for pedestrians, and give yourself enough time to safely park or leave. Parking spaces may fill up quickly, but it's better to take a moment to find a safe spot than risk putting a child in harm's way.*

*Remember, it's not just about following the rules—it's about showing consideration for others and taking extra steps to ensure everyone's well-being.*

*Let's work together to ensure our carpark is a safe place for everyone. Whether you're driving or walking, always prioritize safety. Together, we can protect our children and create a safer environment for our school community.*

*Let's be safe!*





# School Council 2025



## School Councillors for 2025

*Being on School Council is a great way to get involved in your child's education and help set the future direction of our school.*

*School Councillors for 2025 are:*

- *Principal: Mrs. Simone McDonald*
- *Parent Members: Dave Gardner, Michelle Burrridge, Rosie Hermanek, David Yates, Kho Theng Teo Wee, Lisa Griffith, Jenna Sparkes and Amme Batson.*
- *DET Members: Michelle Aldridge, Melissa Thorne and Erin Huguenin*

*Welcome to all existing and new members.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents on Council for giving their time and efforts in supporting our school. Your support is very much appreciated.*

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*Mrs. Simone McDonald Principal*



# FROM THE AP'S DESK



## Ride 2 School Day

This Friday is **Ride 2 School Day**. 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. 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)

42 students in Year 4-6 have signed up to participate in CU this year. This is a fantastic response and I'm so excited to work with these students over the year. CU club will be on Mondays were students can check in with me about all of the exciting learning they have been doing out of school hours and have their passport stamped! I will share some of the amazing things are students are doing in the newsletter throughout the year.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day - missing school puts them behind academically and socially. Research has also shown the link between attendance and employment opportunities and the affect on mental health.

### What is your responsibility as a parent?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school via the absence line (5979 1517) or on the Compass App.

If you have planned a holiday during the school term this must be communicated to the Principal (Mrs McDonald) for approval so that an absence learning plan can be put in place.

If your child's attendance falls below 80% I will be in contact with you to create an attendance action plan. If you need any assistance to get your child to school, please reach out.

*Mrs Rebecca Legge*

# HARMONY WEEK

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

## Michelle Aldridge

“A loving person lives in a loving world. A hostile person lives in a hostile world. Everyone you meet is your mirror.”

- Ken Keyes, Jr.

  [cmj.net.au/schools-standing-up-to-racism](http://cmj.net.au/schools-standing-up-to-racism)

The SRC has totally crushed it this week, getting the whole school buzzing about inclusion! From sporting a splash of orange on Wednesday to diving into a whirlwind of coloring, puzzles, slime-making, and dance-offs in the yard, it's been a blast! In class, the SRC dropped a thought-provoking quote and asked:

**“What kind of place do we want Hastings Primary School to be?”**

**What can you do to help it be that place?**

To hear about the students responses, come along to our next Assembly.

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

## *HPS Community Cookbook*

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



## **KOORIE KIDS @ THE BRIARS**

The Koorie Kids had a deadly day today at The Briars! There, they immersed themselves in vibrant learning about culture, the environment, and people.

Beginning with a welcome to country from Josh West, who also shared stories and celebrated the knowledge of our young mob, we cleansed with a smoking ceremony and then Ganga Giri wrapped up the morning playing the Yidaki (didjeridoo).

The bubup (children) made seed bombs, ochre paint, contributed to a mural, practiced some weaving, made some clay animals and learnt about the healing power of many native plants.

It was my pleasure to join our group and learn with them.

*Miss Michelle Aldridge*

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# HASTING'S HEROES



**TERM 1,  
2025**



We're thrilled to announce our first Hastings heroes for 2025! These incredible individuals are making a real difference in our school community. Caring, respecting and learning this group can do it all!

## HOUSE POINTS



**WILLIAM & AXLE**  
*Murrumbidgee House*  
2025 Leaders

**365**  
**MURUMBIDAL**



**SIERRA & AVA**  
*Wallum House*  
2025 Leaders

**310**  
**WALLUM**



**CHASE & TOBY**  
*Warada House*  
2025 Leaders

**315**  
**WARADA**



**BEAU & JAXON**  
*Dunya House*  
2025 Leaders

**325**  
**DUNYA**



# 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.aldrige@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.aldrige@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



Team Kids

# AUTUMN Holidays

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