



2025 TERM 1 EDITION 5

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 2nd April 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

- 4th Apr Meal Deal
- 4th Apr Last day to submit a recipe

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

Tues 22nd Apr Term Two begins

15th May District Cross Country

20th May AFL Clinic

28th May School Photos

Principal's Message



End of Term One

Thank you, students, parents and teachers, for a successful start to the 2025 school year.

Although I think we are all feeling a bit tired as the term ends, it has been wonderful to watch students focus on their learning goals and enjoying connecting with their friends.

2026 Transition to School

Thank you to everyone who has already enquired about enrolling for 2026. Enrolment packs will be available at the office from the beginning of Term 2. Please contact the office to book a tour.

National Ride 2 School

What a wonderful celebration we had for National Ride 2 School Day. We had many students and family members join us on the ride/walk and enjoy the delicious breakfast prepared by our ES team. The new 'MUNN Shed' is a great edition to our school and a worthy tribute to Ms. Munn.

Thumbs Down

Unfortunately we have recently been the target of a break-in, during which several garden maintenance items were stolen. This is a disappointing incident, particularly as these tools are used to maintain the school grounds for our students and community. If anyone has any information or has heard anything about this incident, we encourage you to reach out to the police.



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





Last week Prep A looked at the book *I'm Australian Too* by Mem Fox. This is a beautiful story that celebrates Australia's multicultural heritage and culture. After reading the story the students were asked: What colour is Australian?

"Brown and white, like our skin." - Mayla
 "No, some can be a little darker." - Sulli
 "Some can be lighter." - Mayla
 "Some are the same brown." - Liam
 "We have spots." - Jackson
 "Freckles!" - Elijah
 "Black, yellow and red; it's the flag." - Indi
 "Green; it's the colour of the trees." - Elijah
 "White and red, they are in nature." - Mayla
 "Black, some people have black skin." - Dusty
 "White, some people have white skin." - Sulli
 "And brown too." - Jackson
 "Red for friendship, like a love heart." - Harper
 "We are all the colours of the world." - Mayla

All of these beautiful observations, curiosities and thoughtful comments have been displayed in our collaborative artwork.

RUGBY TOPS



YEAR
5&6
Students

Sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 & 20 in stock now.

\$65 EACH

Available at the office

Our Year 5 & 6 Rugby Tops have arrived and are now available for purchase through the office!

These stylish and comfortable jumpers are perfect for showing school spirit and keeping warm throughout the year.

- ✓ Sizes available: 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 & 20
- ✓ Cost: \$65 each
- ✓ Purchase from: The School Office - with the following methods; cash, eftpos or SSB.

Get yours today before they sell out!

Munn's 45-year career is a class act

Brendan Rees

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HASTINGS Primary School has bid a formal farewell to dedicated teacher Jo Munn who has retired after 45 years in the profession.

As a physical education and bike education teacher, Munn was passionate about providing "life skills to kids outside of the classroom".

Her career began in 1976 where she taught at Crib Point Primary School for two years before embarking on her decades-long long tenure at Hastings Primary School – with her legacy to inspire the school community for years to come.

She was also an assistant principal where she was the driver behind a program called Good Living, which was about promoting healthy life-styles, and being active and safe.

One achievement that stood out most to Munn was when Hastings Primary was acknowledged nationally as an "exemplar school" in a federal-government program called Kids Matter.

"It was all about schools being able to provide a safe, supportive environment and early intervention to mental health, which a number of years ago was really not considered among primary school aged children but we embraced it," Munn said.

"We were one of 100 schools who were asked to pilot the program across Australia and that made significant changes to our school."

While she officially retired at the end of last year, an



Jo Munn retired after 45 years as a teacher. Picture: Gary Sissons

emotional surprise celebration was held at the school on 21 March.

The event was attended by representatives of the Education Department and Road Safety Victoria (on behalf of the Department of Transport and Planning) with the dignitaries presenting Munn a certificate of recognition for her services to bike education.

Hastings MP Paul Mercurio provided a letter, which was read out on behalf of the school

acknowledging her outstanding achievements.

Munn said she was "very honoured, proud, and chuffed" by the celebration, which coincided on a national Ride2School Day, which she and the school were always thrilled to be a part of each year.

She said the ride, which began at the Pelican Park Recreation Centre, was an opportunity to promote healthy and active transportation options.

The school has made it their mission to ensure every

student was able to ride a two-wheeler bike by the time they finished school, she said.

But Munn's support of bike riding has not just been about physical education, with the values of safety and responsibility being even more poignant to her after the tragic deaths of three former students who were all involved in road incidents during their late teens.

"Those things stick in your mind, and you think if there's something I can do to prevent others from having

the same tragedy and not having a life into their 20s, then let's do it as a school," she said.

Looking back on her career, she said it was a mix of emotions and memories that would last a lifetime.

"I have worked with some inspirational leaders and very dedicated colleagues and been able to be there when generations of families come through the school," she said.

"For them to know immediately they've got that relationship, and trust is vitally important to the work I've done."



FROM THE AP'S DESK



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY (CU)

42 of our Year 4-6 students have signed up to be a part of Children's University this year! I am so excited - it is going to be such a fun year of learning for them. Some members have already begun completing activities from the online portal, the paper portal AND have visited Learning Destinations. Remember your child has to have 30 hours of extra learning marked off in their passport to be able to graduate in November. The cut off for these hours to be submitted to me is in October. Every Monday lunchtime I am running a 'C U Club' and members can come along and show me anything they have been working on, ask questions and get their passports stamped. Attending the club also gives them 30 minutes towards their 30 hour goal. I am recommending all students keep their passports in their schoolbags so they don't forget them.

ONLINE BULLYING - definition

Understanding online bullying: defining the issue. Just like offline scenarios, online bullying arises from interactions where someone repeatedly engages in mean-spirited behaviour intended to cause harm. Disagreements, unwanted requests, or occasional rude actions do not necessarily constitute bullying. It's the repetitive nature and deliberate intent to inflict harm that makes it bullying.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Going to school is usually an exciting and enjoyable event for children and adolescents. However most children are occasionally reluctant to go to school or have some anxiety about activities like school camp; it is also normal that at some stage in life most of us will feel anxious when faced with a difficult situation. Anxiety becomes a problem when it is persistent and prevents a person from enjoying normal life experiences for a long period of time.

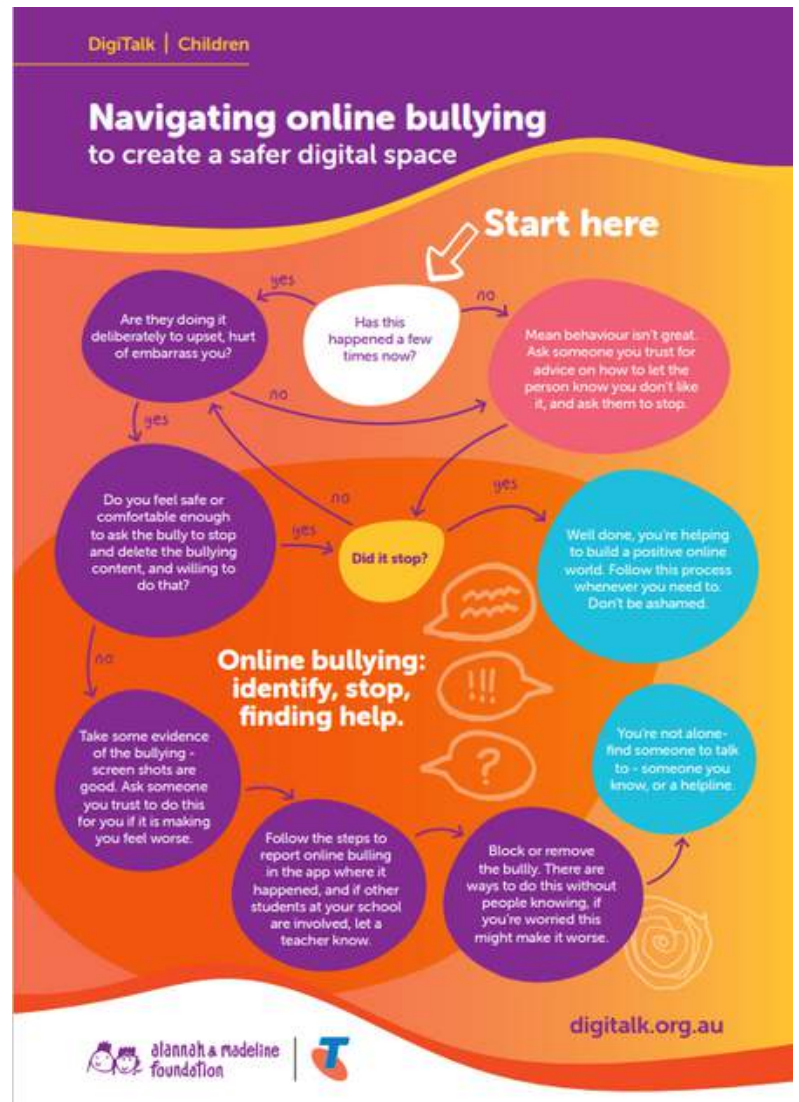
You can help your child to cope with anxiety in effective ways and, in doing so, help them develop self-confidence and resilience.

What can you do?

It is important not to dismiss your child's anxiety but to help them see that the situations they are worried about may not be as bad as they think. Remain calm; you will be better placed to make them feel more confident. Try not to let your child see that you are worried or frustrated. Listen to your child: encourage him/her to share their feelings and fears. Don't dismiss your child's feelings: everyone feels afraid sometimes and your child might perceive this as you not understanding or not caring about their concerns. Talk it through: discuss various scenarios, possible outcomes and ways to handle situations to help your child develop problem solving strategies. Seek assistance: there is assistance and support available. The sooner you talk to us, the better.

Enjoy the school holiday break and don't eat too much chocolate over Easter!

Mrs Rebecca Legge





ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge

I hope this picture gives you a little giggle -inspired by the artwork of one of our talented Year 4 students who drew a portrait of me in the same pose. I loved it so much I just had to share it with all of you!

Term 1 has travelled so quickly, and much has been achieved already by our team of staff and students. We are all looking forward to a well earned rest.

Ideas for the HOLIDAYS

Over the April holidays my family enjoys dyeing eggs and making chocolates ready for easter, but with the cost of eggs on the rise we may have to rethink this year's celebrations. Perhaps some card and letter writing to family that is too far away to visit, on some hand decorated stationary to keep everyone busy.

With the last of the warm weather upon us we will also go on some outdoor adventures.

We are planning to walk the Red Hill



Artwork by the talented Eden Lester



Rail Trail and then visit Red Hill Station Reserve which has a playground, picnic tables and BBQ facilities to refuel.

We often find time for a trip to Point Leo for walks, nature play, the beautiful beaches and picnic facilities high on everyone's list.

Whatever your plans, I wish you all a safe and memorable time with those you love.

See you all in Term 2!

This is your **last chance** to submit a recipe for our

HPS Community Cookbook

There are 3 ways to send in your recipe.

1. <https://cc.recipes/hastings-primary>
2. email me using the address below.
3. bring a copy to the office.

Submissions close Friday 4th April!

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*Miss
Michelle
Aldridge*



STUDENTS of the WEEK



PA	Sulli Yates	<i>"Congratulations, Sulli, on the growth and determination you've shown this term. While your first few weeks had their challenges, it's been amazing to watch your confidence grow each week as you persist and overcome your worries. We're very proud of you!"</i>
PA	Tayte Cole	<i>What a positive start to school! You've hit the ground running and are doing an amazing job both in and out of the classroom. Your superpowers are bravery and honesty, and we're grateful for the positive impact you bring to our school community. Keep up the fantastic work!</i>
1/2A	Chloe De Guzman	<i>Chloe, I am truly impressed by your optimistic approach to learning and determination to return to school with a mindset geared towards growth. Your kindness and empathy for others always stands out!</i>
1/2B	Ashton Filius	<i>Fantastic job, Ashton! This week, you've shown remarkable resilience by facing uncomfortable situations without backing down. Your willingness to push through has allowed your learning to thrive, and your positive attitude is making a comeback. Keep up the great work!</i>
3/4A	Eddie Penrose	<i>Eddie you are a quiet achiever but I have noticed how you show respect for yourself by trying your hardest and always respect others by being courteous and kind. Congratulations and well done!</i>
3/4A	Zoey Hermanek	<i>Zoey, you have shown strong resilience and commitment to your learning this week, coming to school every day! You have also been kind to a friend that needed support. Well done Zoey!</i>
3/4B	Eva George	<i>Eva, you have shone brightly like a star that Leo and Ralph discuss in their stories. Keep up your wonderful efforts in the classroom. Way to go Eva!</i>
3/4B	Zaiden Wright	<i>Congratulations, Zaiden, on a passionate start to your writing this year! You have been diligently working through the writing process and have made amazing edits to improve your initial drafts. Keep up the awesomeness!</i>
5/6A	Zoey Baker	<i>Zoey you have been working really hard at your maths and I am totally impressed by your persistence with unlocking the secret to success when doing short division.</i>
5/6A	Mia Jose	<i>Mia you have been constantly striving to improve your understanding of maths concepts and I'm very proud of your efforts with division. You slice through those sums like a sharks fin breaking the water.</i>
5/6B	Jack Churcher	<i>Jack, we were impressed to see your kind and caring nature towards the injured little creature we discovered on the path back to class on Monday after lunch. You are always first to jump in and help animals and insects, especially when they find themselves in need of assistance. Great job Jack!</i>
5/6B	Ruby Smith	<i>Ruby, it has been great to watch you engaging and learning new skills in maths this week. You can do anything you set your mind to Ruby, remember that for the rest of the year! Congratulations Ruby and keep it up!</i>

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

SPECIALIST SUPERSTARS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Ruby Fisher
Blake Gardner
Dylan Alexander
Jayden Morrison
Jacob Kalbfell
Miguel Magnayon
Spencer Gray
Ruby Smith

3/4A

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

HOUSE POINTS



WALLUM
230

BUNYA
232

WARADA
239

MURUMBIDGEE
218



7:00 AM START
6:00 PM END

PLEASE
ARRIVE BY 9AM
ON EXCURSION DAYS

IN-HOUSE **INCURSION** **EXCURSION**

MON · 7th APR	TUE · 8th APR	WED · 9th APR	THU · 10th APR	FRI · 11th APR
Survivor Challenge	Movie - Dog Man	Escape Quest	Green Screen Magic	Circus Hijinx
Today we're unleashing our inner adventurers as we embrace stealth and stamina to tackle some thrilling Survivor-inspired challenges!	After a wild surgery fuses a police officer and his dog together, Dog Man is born! Now, he must stop the evil Petey the Cat from cloning himself and causing chaos. A super-powered adventure full of action and heart!	Join TeamKids for an Epic Minecraft themed Quest! Prepare to enter a Minecraft world and must build, explore, and solve clues to escape the dangerous Lava Zone! Can they craft their way to freedom?	Step into the spotlight with our green screen experience! Kids will have a blast exploring acting, taking on roles, and creating fun scenes with amazing digital backdrops. It's a magical, fun-filled dive into the world of movies!	Roll up, roll up! Today, TeamKids is about to get into some Circus Hijinx. This fast-moving show & workshop will be full of non-stop action. We'll practice circus skills using hula hoops, spinning plates & juggling balls.
Daily Fee \$115	Daily Fee \$129	Daily Fee \$111	Daily Fee \$134	Daily Fee \$110
After Max CCS* \$11.51	After Max CCS* \$12.91	After Max CCS* \$11.11	After Max CCS* \$15.05	After Max CCS* \$11.01

MON · 14th APR	TUE · 15th APR	WED · 16th APR	THU · 17th APR	FRI · 18th APR
Transportation Exploration	Ultimate Remote Control Racing	U Pick Strawberries	Roarsome Dinosaurs	
Buckle up, adventurers! Today we're discovering the coolest ways to get from point A to point B, and exploring the incredible inventions that make it all possible - from speedy cars to flying airplanes! Get ready to shift your exploration into high gear!	Drive into this fun-filled incursion! Today we will be racing, jumping, and testing our driving skills with some Ultimate RC Cars. Who will be the fastest driver?	Get ready for a berry-sweet adventure! Wander the fields, fill your baskets, and taste the freshest strawberries straight from the vine. No monkey business—just pure, juicy fun!	Get ready for a ROAR-some adventure! Watch as our dinosaur comes alive and puts on an unforgettable show. With thrilling moves and dino-sized fun, it's a prehistoric party you won't want to miss!	
Daily Fee \$98	Daily Fee \$113	Daily Fee \$122	Daily Fee \$115	
After Max CCS* \$9.81	After Max CCS* \$11.31	After Max CCS* \$12.21	After Max CCS* \$11.51	

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.

**Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy



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AUTUMN HOLIDAYS

7-17 APRIL, 2025

Activities and excursions for 10-17 year olds
Our three youth hubs are open weekdays, 12.30 - 5.30pm



Scan the QR code or visit mpys.com.au to register interest for an excursion.

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