



2025 TERM 2 EDITION 3

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 21st May 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

19 th May - 23 rd May	Mathematics & Education Week Celebration of Cultures
26 th May - 2 nd June	National Reconciliation Week
28 th May	School Photos (see the last page for ordering details)
29 th May	F-2 Cross Country 9am
9 th June	Monarch's Birthday Public Holiday
3 rd July	Years 3-6 House Athletics

Principal's Message



We have lots of incredible learning experiences occurring this term with many opportunities for our families to be involved. Make sure you are checking COMPASS and our website to keep in touch.

2026 Transition to School - Prep

It's great to see our 2026 Foundation students returning their enrolment packs. Enrolment packs are available at the office. Please contact the office to book a tour.

2024 Annual Report Now Available

We're pleased to share the link to our 2024 Annual Report. This report is a great way for families to learn about our school's achievements, highlights, and progress over the past year.

It's an opportunity to celebrate what we've accomplished together and see how we're continuing to grow. You can view the report [here](#)

Education Week 2025 – Celebration of Cultures

This week we are celebrating Education Week, and this year's theme, 'Celebration of Cultures', highlights the rich diversity within our community and the importance of every child feeling safe, valued, and welcome at school.

To mark the occasion, we will be hosting a special afternoon of cultural games, giving students the opportunity to explore and enjoy activities from different cultures around the world. It's a fun and meaningful way to recognise and celebrate the unique backgrounds and traditions that make our school community so special.

We look forward to sharing this celebration with our students and acknowledging the strength and beauty of our diverse school community.



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





Hastings PS: 2026 Transition to School Calendar

Building the Future

Explore the Foundation Learning Space at Hastings Primary School

Our vibrant and nurturing Foundation space is the perfect place for young learners to grow, discover and thrive. Enrolled students enjoy extra transition sessions designed to build confidence, support friendships and ensure a smooth start to school.

Other tours are welcome, please contact us for an appointment.	Guided Tours	Foundation Transition Activities	2026 Foundation Parent Workshops	State Wide Transition Day
Hastings Primary School 10 Hodgins Road Hastings, 3915 <i>Principal: Simone McDonald</i> <i>Phone: 5979 1517</i>	Wednesday 14th May 9:30 – 10:30 am	2:15 pm – 3:00 pm Wednesday 6th August Wednesday 3rd September Thursday 16th October Thursday 13th November	Thursday 16th October 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm Thursday 13th November 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Tuesday 9th December 9:00 – 10:30 am



Enrol your child in Foundation for 2026



Enrolment in Foundation (Prep) 2026 at Hastings Primary School has been available since 22nd April 2025.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2026, it's time to enrol!

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2026, 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

Tours are welcome by appointment.

FROM THE AP'S DESK

MRS REBECCA LEGGE

CHILDREN'S UNI (CU)

What is a Learning Destination?

Learning Destinations can be at school, in the local community and online. They are quality approved by CUS members and can be found on the CU Portal. These activities provide a platform for children to develop educational and work aspirations.

Did you know?

Children's Uni began in Australia with one school in South Australia in 2013. It is now active across 6 states of Australia!

Student spotlight:

Lucie H

Lucie has been building her hours by completing lots of activities! She has been to Werribee Open Range Zoo, Pure Peninsula Honey, McClelland Sculpture park, she plays soccer, has planted a garden and interviewed her aunty about a trip to Poland, just to name a few!



Koorie Kids Day Out

Koorie Kids Day Out was a vibrant celebration from start to finish, filled with culture, learning, and hands-on fun!

🌿 The day began with a smoking ceremony led by Uncle John, setting the tone with respect and reflection as we gathered on Country.

🎨 Next, our creativity came alive as we used charcoal to draw our personal stories on paperbark. This was a beautiful way to connect with culture and share who we are through art.

🦘 Then came the wild and wonderful visit from The Funky Farm! We got up close with native animals—some scaly, some furry—and learnt all about their habitats and special traits.

🕒 After a delicious lunch break, we took part in some movement led by Justine.



HPS WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND SMOKING CEREMONY

This morning we had a smoking ceremony and welcome to country led by Josh West. Uncle Josh taught us about the special plants used to make the smoke and told us the story of Bundjil the Eagle. We also welcomed Holly back as we officially opened the mural in our Learning Stones area. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for more photos!





EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

Today we officially thanked our education support staff team.
And the theme couldn't be more fitting:
"Thank you for helping our children grow."

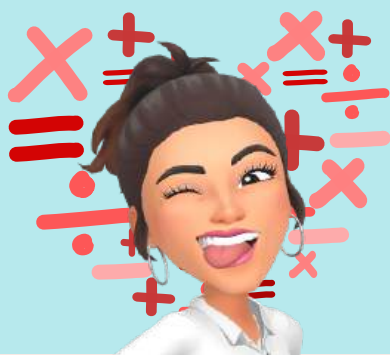
Like the pot plants they received — symbols of care, growth, and resilience — their work creates the conditions for learning to flourish. They help students grow in confidence, in calm, in knowledge, and in safety.

They're there in the tough moments, the small wins, and the everyday miracles that make up a school community.

Thank you for your dedication to education.
Thank you for your strength and your spirit.

And most of all — thank you for helping our children grow.





ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge

Celebration of cultures

Education Week 2025
19–23 May



- What do you know about your family history?
- What can you share about your culture?
- How can we celebrate all cultures?
- Why is cultural diversity important?

vic.gov.au/education-week



*“We must be the
change we wish to
see in the world.”*

– Martin Luther King Jnr

For all students to feel connected, protected and respected, schools need to build a culture that is:

- inclusive
- values diversity
- does not tolerate bullying.

A whole school approach is considered best practice when addressing any form of bullying. This approach involves school staff, parents and students working together.

While the SRC are having conversations with their classes, they ask you to support them by continuing the conversations at home!

Here is what some of our students had to say: **PA**

Tayte - My friends help me play.

Lilly - Someone makes room for me on the mat.

Liam - When I'm playing with my friends because we are having fun.

Sulli - When someone is too close to me and they give me some space.

5/6A

When someone gets asked if they want to join in.

Being introduced to new people.

Included in special events.

People introduced themselves to someone new in the group.

5/6B

When I scored a goal I got encouraged.

Someone felt recognised when they got the answer right.

When you get congratulated if you get an award.

When someone wants to sit next to you.

You're new and people want to be friends.

Keep the conversation going at home!

1. When have you felt recognised in another's presence?

2. How can you include others?

Miss Michelle Aldridge

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EDUCATION/ MATHS WEEK

Celebration of Cultures:

19th ~ 23rd May



Maths Week has started with a buzz, with shared games, fun costumes, and a shared understanding that Maths can be fun!

We hope to see lots of families at our special assembly this Friday at 9am to wrap up the week.

Keep an eye out for more photos in the next newsletter. photos.

FAMILY MATHS

DAYS OF THE WEEK

Make a set of cards for the days of the week, I like to use a cereal box. You can print the Snap Cards from [here](#) (discard the holiday card) if you prefer.

Line up the cards in the appropriate order starting with Monday.

- What day was yesterday?
- What day tomorrow will be?
- What days do we do sport?
- What day do we have music?
- What happens on Friday?

DAYS OF THE WEEK SNAP

This is a game for two players. You'll need to print off five copies of the Snap Cards. You will have 40 cards in total.

Share the cards out face down. Take turns to turn over a card and add it to a pile in the middle. Say 'snap' if the two cards are days which are next to each other in the week, like Saturday and Sunday.

Whoever says 'snap' first picks up the whole pile and puts them on the bottom of their own. If you turn over a holiday card then you must both say 'holiday' instead.

Whoever says it first picks up the pile.

24 HOUR TIME

Watch the video [Late Again](#) which explains the connection between 24 hour and 12 hour time.

- Write out a list of six – eight daily activities starting from when you get up to when you go to bed.
- Record the time you do these activities in 12 hour time. Next to each include the 24 hour time.

AROUND THE WORLD

Use the website [World Clock](#) to find the times for places around the world.

Create a table to compare the time zones in a Perth, Rome and Melbourne.

- What is the best time to call your family when you arrive in Perth?
- What time will it be in Rome, if it is 5pm in Melbourne?
- When do you depart from Perth? What time will you arrive in Melbourne?
- Travel to a city on every continent and fill in the table above to show the difference in time zones
- Can you name other places (states, cities or towns) that are in the Australian Eastern Standard Time AEST zone?

APP: MATH CLOCK

Math Clock helps students become fluent working with time.

Learners use analog clocks with geared or free-moving hands to learn how to tell time, explore jumps with count by numbers, and visualize story problems involving intervals of time.

By placing and shading fraction overlays, students use the clock to contextualise fractions with frequently used denominators.



iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/math-clock-by-mlc/id1444666967?ls=1>

Google Play:

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/math-clock-by-themath-le/dmiciodncblfmmchmkihafeiimihaagn>



PA	Dwayne Pyke	<i>Dwayne is kind, caring, and always tries his personal best. He is a great friend to everyone and shows empathy by thinking about others. He is always helpful, listens well, and makes our class a happier place. We are so proud of you Dwayne!</i>
1/2A	Liara Snell	<i>Liara, I have to say how amazed I am by your positive attitude towards learning and your willingness to try new things. You always bring a smile to my face!</i>
1/2B	Holly Holland	<i>Congratulations Holly for always trying your best and for being super focused during your learning!</i>
3/4A	Kayley Churcher	<i>Kayley, you have shown resilience and tried to maintain a positive attitude at school, even when you were feeling sad. Keep up your kind and considerate approach to everything you do Kayley!</i>
3/4A	Miguel Magnayon	<i>Miguel you are a quiet achiever and always try your hardest. You show respect to others by being courteous and kind. Congratulations and well done!</i>
3/4B	Sonny Wilkinson	<i>Sonny, congratulations on an amazing effort at District Cross Country. Be very proud of your result and good luck with your future events. Way to go Sonny</i>
3/4B	Ezekiel Mendez	<i>Congratulations Ezekiel, you have shown some great growth in your writing lately. Your ability to entertain the reader is improving. Keep up the great imagination Ezekiel!</i>
5/6A	Marnie Cheyne	<i>Marnie, you have been working very dilligently all week and this has not gone unnoticed. Rewarding you with an independent Learning Licence is recognition of how hard your work.</i>
5/6A	Axle Wells	<i>Axle, you have been working very consistently this week and also last week. Your information report on how not to annoy me in class was extremely perceptive, you have good observation skills!</i>
5/6B	Tai Bahnert	<i>Tai, your hard work and enthusiasium for Maths has not gone unnoticed. In particular, your willingness to step outside your comfort zone and push yourself to try more challenging concepts has really stood out in our unit about area and perimeter. Keep it up Tai!</i>
5/6B	Zaira Mendez	<i>Zaira, sometimes the quiet achiever of our class you have stood out recently for your positive attitude and give it a go outlook. Your confidence is growing before my eyes and I can't wait to see what you achieve across the rest of the year!</i>

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

SPECIALIST SUPERSTARS



Landen Munro-Batson, Montana-Rose Molloy, Alex Neale, Jack Neale, Sulli Yates
Michael Tanner, Lukas Walmsley, Felix Tauhore, Ethan Mendez

(some students are in the Student of the Week Photo)

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Liam D

Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!

Caring, Respecting and Learning

HOUSE POINTS



660



630



546



483

School Saving Bonus reminder and allocation to school activities

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB can be used for uniforms and textbooks until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities. However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July. To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the [SSB online system](#) and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025. To learn more about the SSB online system, [download the step-by-step System guide for parents and carers \(DOCX, 945KB\)](#), or watch this School Saving Bonus video.

[System guide translations](#) are also available in 14 languages.

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the [School Saving Bonus enquiry form](#)
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact our administration team for any SSB related questions.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. Means-tested concession cards must be valid on the first day of Term 1, 2025 (Tuesday 28 January 2025) or Term 2, 2025 (Tuesday 22 April 2025).

A student aged 16 years and over who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card is also eligible to apply.

Eligible families will receive a payment of \$154 per year for primary school students. The funds will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of your child.


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

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5979 1517 or come in and ask for an application form. Please return completed application forms to the school office no later than 4 July 2025.

Thank you,

Mrs. Simone McDonald Principal






**PREPS, 1'S & 2'S
HOUSE
CROSS
COUNTRY**

THURS 29TH
MAY
ON THE OVAL
9AM-10.30AM

PREPS
1 LAP
YEAR 1 & 2
2 LAPS

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CARERS
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BRING A DRINK BOTTLE**



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