



2025 TERM 3 EDITION 1

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 23rd July 2025



Hastings Primary School Community Cookbook



IMPORTANT DATES

29 th & 30 th July	Student-Led Conferences
31 st July	100 days of Prep Celebration
31 st July	Yr 3-6 House Athletics
1 st Aug	World Principal's Day
4 th Aug	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day
5 th Aug	SRC Pyjama Day Bring a donation for State Schools' Relief
7 th Aug	Somerville Rotary - ISAC Comp 2025
1 st - 5 th Sept	Book Week @ HPS
10 th Sept	RUOK Day @ HPS Wear a touch of Yellow
18 th Sept	Yr 5/6 Somers Camp Experience

Principal's Message

Welcome Back to Term Three

We're excited to welcome everyone back for what promises to be an action-packed Term 3! With a range of engaging learning experiences and school events ahead, there's plenty for our students to look forward to.

Don't forget to stay up to date by checking the COMPASS app, following us on Facebook, and visiting our school website regularly. Let's make it a great term together!

Special hardcopy edition

This is a special hard copy edition so that you can put the Term Three calendar on the fridge so that you do not miss any key dates.



Student Led Conferences

Our Student Led Conferences are scheduled for next week. Bookings are open on COMPASS.

These conferences provide students with a valuable opportunity to take ownership of their learning by sharing work samples from Semester One and reflecting on their progress. They'll also set meaningful goals to guide their learning journey throughout Semester Two.



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



Staffing Update – Semester Two

Mrs. Sarah Hicks

Welcome to Mrs. Sarah Hicks

As we begin Semester Two, we're pleased to welcome **Mrs Sarah Hicks** to the Performing Arts teaching team. Sarah spent time with us throughout Semester One and will now be working part-time on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. She brings great energy and experience and is excited to share her passion for the arts with our students. Please join us in making her feel welcome as she steps into this role at Hastings Primary School.



We have Chickens in Prep!



This term is all about Science. In our investigations will be learning about living things and we have kicked off the term with a chicken hatching program.

Each day we this week we will have new chickens hatching and we will be learning about all things “chickens”. The students will learn how to safely handle the chicks, how to care for them and observe their behaviours and how they change from chicks to chickens.

Come and have a look at our baby chicks and keep the excited conversations going at home.

If you have any name suggestions for our chicks at home, write them down with your child and send them in!

As each new chick hatches we will be drawing a name out of the collection of names the students have some up with.



JULY

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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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TERM THREE



2025

STUDENT FREE DAYS



School Holidays



Public Holidays



Curriculum Days

IMPORTANT DATES



First Day of Term



Assembly



Student-Led Conferences



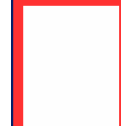
Book Week



Principal's Day



RUOK Day



End of Term - 2:30PM dismissal

At Hastings Primary School we focus on student wellbeing, social and academic growth each and every day.



Hastings Primary School

Caring, Respecting, Learning

FROM THE AP'S DESK



MRS LEGGE

Children's Uni

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

There were so many fun activities our C U members were involved in over the school holidays!

From meal and movie reviews to puppet and paper boomerang making to a drawing workshop with Leigh Hobbs (author of the Mr Chicken series, Old Tom and Horrible Harriet) to exploring the Cranbourne Botanical gardens to visiting the Mona Lisa at the Louvre in Paris!

This is the last term to earn the 30 hours before Graduation so make sure your child is writing all of their activities in their passport and getting it stamped at C U Club, held every Monday lunchtime in the Angling building.



Cybersafety - screen time part 4

Don't have the TV on in the background

Children learn from their environments and background TV may divert a child's attention from play and learning. Our research found children had better thinking, reasoning and language abilities when there was less background TV in the home. This can also be because of less conversations between parents and children when there is a TV on in the background.

So, when the TV is not actively being watched, consider turning it off so children can play, listen and learn.



Sneak Peek....



GET YOUR VERY OWN HASTINGS PS SCARF!

AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE SOON!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge



Term 3 sees many projects planned with our Student Leaders, SRC and Koorie Kids. We can't wait to share the excitement with you!



Hastings Primary School Community Cookbook

COOKBOOK NEWS

The first ever HPS Community Cookbook is at the publishers being printed right now! Congratulations to the SRC for generating so much excitement about this project.

The cookbook will soon be available for purchase for \$25 each. Forty-three family favourite recipes printed in full colour, including photographs and students artwork depicting recipes; the final result will be stunning! The SRC have several projects in mind, top of the wishlist is a new friendship seat which they would like located near the older students' playground.

STUDENT LEADER'S LUNCHTIME CLUBS

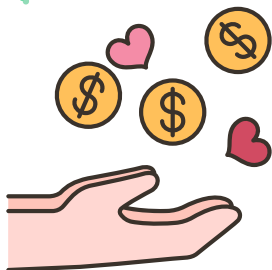
The Student Leadership Team are running Lunchtime Clubs on Wednesdays this Term.

Week	Leaders	Club	Year Level
2	Chase and Toby	Soccer	Yr F/1/2/3
3	Sierra and Ava	Basketball	Yr 3/4/5/6

House point will be awarded to students at these events. Most events will be for a maximum of 20 students.

Thanks to Mr Minehan for supporting these events!

PYJAMA DAY - TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST



The SRC will be hosting a Pyjama Day, as voted by the students, to raise funds for State Schools Relief.

State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that improves the lives of tens of thousands of disadvantaged Victorian students, and their families, each year.

On average State Schools' Relief saves each applicant \$87.56

The demand on these services is growing. In the last two years alone, the applications for assistance have increased by more than 60%.

The SRC ask that each student bring a monetary donation to class on the day in support of this organisation that has supported, and continues to support many Hastings Primary School Families.



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