



2025 TERM 3 EDITION 3

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 20th August 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

28th Aug Year 5 & Year 6 - Western
Port Biosphere School Project:
Session 2 At HPS

1st - 5th
Sept Book Week @ HPS

3rd Sept Foundation Transition
Activities
2:15pm-3pm

10th Sept RUOK Day @ HPS
Wear a touch of Yellow

18th Sept Yr 5/6 Somers Camp
Experience

13th - 14th
Nov Yr 3/4 Adventure Camp

Principal's Message



It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the term! Time is flying, and there is so much happening across our school. This newsletter is full of important updates, celebrations, and opportunities coming up, so I encourage you to take the time to have a read. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in making Hastings Primary such a vibrant and connected school community.

Congratulations to our T-Ball Team!

A huge congratulations to our Girls T-Ball team who represented Hastings Primary with courage, teamwork and polish after all their dedicated practising. The way you supported each other on and off the field was outstanding, and your efforts and achievements have made us all very proud. Well done, team!

Thank you also to Mrs. Sendeckyj for her endless energy in supporting the team!

Book Week is nearly here!

One of the most exciting weeks in our school year is almost here – Book Week 2025!

At Hastings Primary School, Book Week is always a highlight for our students, staff, and families. We are already looking forward to our much-loved Book Character Parade, where students (and staff!) bring their favourite book characters to life.

Book Week is also a chance to celebrate our students as authors and illustrators. Each day in classrooms, they are learning to shape ideas into stories, create pictures that bring those words alive, and share their work with others. Just like the published authors and illustrators we admire, our students are discovering the power of storytelling and the importance of imagination.

We can't wait to celebrate Book Week together.



**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 Principal: Simone McDonald Phone: 5979 1517	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

Graduation 2025 is drawing near, and eligible CU members from Hastings Primary School will be invited to graduate on Tuesday 2 December 2025.

The CU hours cut off date for Victorian members is on October 6 (first day of Term 4), so now is the time to make sure you have enough hours to graduate!

Students need a minimum of 30 hours of learning to be eligible to graduate.

HOW TO GET CU STAMPS:

- Explore the online or paper CU Portal for hundreds of fun and educational activities.
- Visit the Children's University Australasia (Swinburne) Facebook page.
 - Complete a 'Reflection Form'
- Visit your local library or Bunnings to participate in a fun workshop!
- Head to a CU Learning Destination and check out their amazing events!

On Friday Naomi from Swinburne Uni will be at HPS to size all the students up for their graduation gowns. She will also be promoting the September school holiday program, which is an Aviation themed day on campus, where students get to fly the flight simulator!

Anxiety: part 2

Responding to Anxiety in Children: What you can do as a parent

By Michael Hawton,
Child Psychologist (MAPS) and [Parentshop](#) founder.

Social media exposure, climate anxiety, and what they term "global megatrends" are creating unprecedented pressures on developing minds.' As parents, you're navigating uncharted territory—our children face challenges we never encountered at their age.

This reality means we need to be more vigilant than previous generations about recognising early warning signs. The old approach of "they'll grow out of it" is no longer sufficient when dealing with the current epidemic of childhood anxiety.

Here's where I want to emphasise something crucial: research shows that when significant adults in a child's life learn how to respond appropriately to anxiety, their intervention can be as effective as professional psychological treatment for mild to moderate anxiety levels. This means that as parents, you have more power than you might realise to help your child develop coping skills. However, many parents hesitate to intervene because they worry about being "mean" or making things worse. This is misguided thinking. Teaching children to challenge anxious thoughts and face manageable fears isn't cruel—it's essential preparation for life's inevitable challenges. As I often say, it's better to prepare the child for the road rather than the road for the child.



Recently Paul from 'The School of Play' visited the staff and students of HPS. Their mission is 'empowering through play' and they believe that play is not just an activity, it's a vital component of mental health and overall wellbeing.

In each newsletter I am going to challenge every family to complete the activity taken from their book '365 Days of Play' and see how it makes you feel!

The 'Secret Kindness Ninjas' challenge

Each family member is assigned another person in the household to secretly do a kind act for.

Some examples could be:

*Help with chore, *leave a kind note in their lunchbox or under their pillow, *surprise with a small gift of snack, *say something encouraging when it is least expected.

Write each name on a piece of paper, scrunch it up and throw it in a hat or container. Each person takes a piece of paper out and keeps hush hush about who their 'target' is. Ninja skills are then used to perform secret acts of kindness. At the end of the day, everyone guesses who their kindness ninja was and shares how it made them feel.

VTLM 2.0 part 2

Elements of teaching: how teachers teach

Schools are focusing on step-by-step or explicit teaching and apply this approach to help students understand, use and remember what they learn. This means teachers generally start each lesson by clearly explaining what students will learn and why it matters. They break content into smaller steps and actively check for understanding. Students then practice what they have learnt using different ways over time. This helps them retain information in the long term and apply it with confidence



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge



The SRC are encouraging everyone to get curious and learn more about each other! They are wondering:

Which holidays or celebrations do you participate in with your family?

Each class will be talking about this during their SRC meeting this week, and sharing all the different celebrations from the Hastings Primary School community at Assembly on the 15th August.

We would love to see photos and hear stories about your family traditions, so please send them to school with your child or email Miss Aldridge.



INTER-SCHOOLS ACTIVITY CHALLENGE

On Thursday, August 7th, I had the pleasure of witnessing the remarkable ingenuity of our Year 6 students as they participated in the ISAC challenge. The task was no small feat: constructing a card tower that stands over 60cm tall and resilient enough to withstand the powerful gusts from an industrial fan.

Two teams participated, Beau K, including Zoey, Caiden, and Stella, who designed a tower using a clever combination of squares and triangles. They achieved over the height of 60cm, stapling additional cards to the top, showcasing their resourcefulness.



In another display of creativity and teamwork, William, Toby, Beau, and Persi joined forces to build a triangular tower, also reaching heights above 60cm. Although victory eluded them, their determination and effort were truly commendable.

(See picture on the front page)

Overall, each team poured their heart into the competition, crafting impressive structures and reveling in the spirit of friendly competition. It was a day filled with enthusiasm and camaraderie, leaving everyone with memories to cherish.

STUDENT LEADER'S LUNCHTIME CLUBS

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

Week	Leaders	Club	Year Level
6	Stella & Matilda	Drawing Club	Yr F/1/2
7	Beau & Jaxon	Gaga Ball	Yr F/1/2

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

*Miss
Michelle
Aldridge*

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STUDENTS of the WEEK

PA	Aubry Villamil	<i>Aubrey demonstrates our school value of Learning each day. She is a quiet and dedicated student who gives her best effort in every activity. She has a positive attitude and has shown increased confidence towards tasks that challenge her. Well done, Aubrey!</i>
1/2A	Abeer	<i>Way to go Abeer! This term you have become a keen astronomer, sharing your knowledge and enthusiastically participating in every lesson. Keep it up!</i>
1/2B	Deborah Juma	<i>The delightful Deb! It has been a pleasure listening to all the fantastic ideas you've been sharing with the class this week. The knowledge you have gained and shared about space is 'out of this world'. Keep it up!</i>
3/4A	Jayden Morrison	<i>Jayden, you have been trying hard to participate in positive activities in the playground and have been maintaining that approach to your learning too! Keep up the good work!</i>
3/4A	Zoey Hermanek	<i>Zoey, you have shown resilience, adapting quickly to returning to school and maintaining a positive approach to your learning. Keep up the great work!</i>
3/4B	Felix Tauhore	<i>Felix, your efforts in our class novel have been as razor sharp as dragon's teeth. You have made some great predictions about the story so far. Keep up the great work!</i>
3/4B	Blake Gardner	<i>Congratulations Blake, on your whole approach to learning. Like a jumbo jet it is on course and makes a great landing time and time again. Keep up the great attitude Blake!</i>
5/6A	Zac-Rees Heald	<i>Zac, you demonstrated that caring nature of yours this week when you sacrificed your recess and lunch time to look after your younger brother when he was a bit depressed. Super Effort!</i>
5/6A	Caiden Mehegan	<i>Caiden, your fantastic imagination and creativity was on show this week with how you have been tackling our Poetry unit. Your somewhat macabre ode to your teacher was quite clever!</i>
5/6B	Oliver Lavea	<i>Oliver, I'm really proud of how you're becoming more comfortable sharing in group settings. You have wonderful ideas during writing, and I'm excited to hear even more from you. Keep believing in yourself - you're doing a fantastic job!</i>
5/6B	Beau Blackstock	<i>Beau, your energy and enthusiasm for learning brighten our classroom. You join discussions with confidence and bring creativity to everything you do. Keep sharing that unmatched flair - it inspires us all!</i>

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

SPECIALIST SUPERSTARS



Zaiden Wright, Miguel Magnayon,
Jackson Jose, Tyson Lehmann,
Lilly Holland

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Abby L

Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!

Caring, Respecting and Learning

HOUSE POINTS



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542



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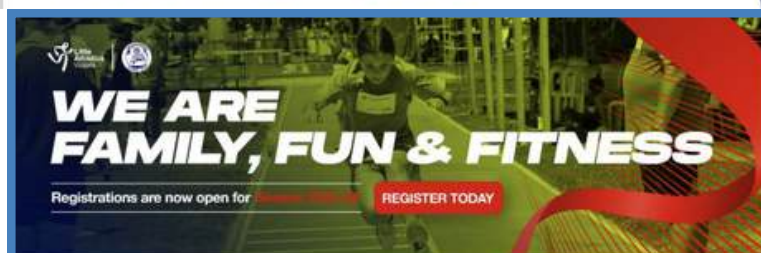


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book an adventure... HPS BOOK WEEK

Monday 1st September	Teacher Read
Tuesday 2 nd September	Parent open afternoon from 3:15pm
Wednesday 3 rd September	Author visit: Adam Wallace
Thursday 4 th September	Gallery Walk
Friday 5 th September	<u>Dress Up day!</u> 9am Parade and award assembly Buddy reading



Westernport Little Athletics

Fridays from 5pm
U6 - U17

Westernport Athletics Track
(behind Westernport Secondary College)

**Come & try, 5pm
Friday 10th October**

Register for 2 FREE trials at @ lavic.com.au/membership



Email : westernport@lavic.com.au

Facebook : www.facebook.com/WesternportLittleAthletics

Enquiries - 0421 840 545

CRICKET is BACK!

We'll be fielding sides in

- UNDER 10'S
- UNDER 12'S
- UNDER 13 GIRLS
- UNDER 14'S
- UNDER 16'S

1ST TIME EVER!!!

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

Woolworths Cricket Blast
Children 4-8 yrs
Fun, Fast & Action Packed!

Registration is NOW OPEN!

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Steve Wanklyn on 0413 107 558
or email cpjcc.coordinator@gmail.com

PLAY CRICKET

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A FAMILY CLUB! GO PIES!



JULY

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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER




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TERM THREE





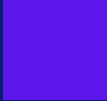




2025

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.



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