



2025 TERM 3 EDITION 5

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 17th September 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

18th Sept Yr 5/6 Somers Camp Experience

19th Sept Footy Friday
Hot Dog Meal Deal

19th Sept **End of Term - 2:30PM dismissal**

6th Oct Term Four Begins

13th - 17th Oct F - 6 Swimming

3rd Nov Pupil Free Day

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

Principal's Message



Term 3 Wrap-Up

What an action-packed, fun-filled Term 3 it has been at Hastings Primary School! Our students have had so many wonderful opportunities to connect, compete, and celebrate learning. This term we enjoyed:

- 100 Days of Prep – celebrating our youngest learners' milestone
- Year 3–6 House Athletics and District Athletics carnivals
- A Regional T-Ball Event for our budding athletes
- ISAC Challenge hosted at BlueScope
- Year 5 Transition Day at Western Port Secondary College
- HPS Book Week with its colourful celebrations
- The Rugby Gala Day
- Our special Peace Pole Ceremony
- RUOK? Day

And we're not done yet! We still have Year 5/6 Somers Camp and Footy Friday to round out this amazing term.

It's been action-packed, full of fun, and let's not forget all of the incredible learning happening every day in classrooms and specialist programs. Our students have truly made the most of every moment – a real reflection of the energy and spirit of our school.

Next term we have **THREE** Pupil Free Days

- Monday November 3rd
- Wednesday November 19th
- Wednesday December 17th

Team Kids will be available on these days!



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



Hastings Primary School

Victorian Education Excellence Awards Finalists

*We are thrilled to share that Hastings Primary School has been named a finalist for the **2025 Victorian Education Excellence Awards (VEEA)** in the category of **Outstanding Koorie Education!***

This is a wonderful achievement and an incredible recognition of the work we do every day to create meaningful opportunities for our students and contribute to the Victorian Government education system.

The 2025 VEEA finalists have now been officially announced and published on the VEEA website. We are incredibly proud of this recognition, and we congratulate the other finalists who are also doing amazing work across Victoria.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff, amazing students, and our valued community partners – this achievement belongs to all of you.

We cannot wait to hear the outcome of the awards when they are announced later in October – stay tuned!



Welcome to Brittney Suarjaya

Welcome to Brittney, who joins the staff at Hastings Primary School as our Student Counsellor.

Brittney comes to us with a wealth of experience and is looking forward to supporting our students and families.

Brittney is also a keen basketball player! She will be onsite on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Hastings Primary School - Peace Pole

Last week, Hastings Primary School came together for a very special occasion – the installation of our Peace Pole. We would like to acknowledge and thank the Hastings & Westernport Rotary Club for sponsoring this project and for their ongoing support of our school.

The Peace Pole is an international symbol of hope and unity, first established in Japan after the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Since then, more than 250,000 Peace Poles have been placed around the world, each carrying the powerful message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

Our school's Peace Pole is part of a national initiative that began during the Centenary of Rotary in Australia. In 2021, the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin set a goal to see 100 Peace Poles donated to 100 schools to mark 100 years of Rotary service in Australia.

The Peace Pole program itself began in 1955, created by Masahisa Goi, founder of the World Peace Prayer Society.

Today, Peace Poles can be found in nearly 200 countries, each one a silent reminder of the common wish for a world at peace.

At Hastings Primary School, our Peace Pole stands as a symbol of our commitment to peace, respect, and building a positive future together. Our students worked together to choose the wording for two of the sides, and our School Council selected our school mission statement for another.

During the ceremony, our students proudly read out each side of the Peace Pole:

- Side One: May Peace Prevail on Earth
- Side Two: Hastings Primary School – Building the Future
- Side Three: Kindness unites our unique world
- Side Four: Celebrate and respect every culture
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This special addition to our school grounds will remain a lasting reminder of our values and will connect us to a worldwide community of peace.





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 University

A final reminder, members have until Oct 6 to earn hours in their passport, to count towards this year's CU Graduation.

ALL CU STUDENTS will need to bring their passport on the first day back of Term 4 so that I can tally their final hours in the CU School Data Sheet to determine who is invited to graduation. Our Graduation date is Tuesday 2nd December - more information to come!

Here's a picture from when Naomi came and sized our students up for the gowns!



With so many activities to explore, every member has the potential to get to 30 hours!

Look on the paper or online portal, visit a learning destination or go to the CU Facebook page for more ideas!



Here is a new challenge from The School of Play book '365 Days of Play' book to try over the school holidays!

The 'Stretch Your Comfort Zone' Family challenge

Just like astronauts stretch in space, your challenge is to stretch your comfort zone as a family.

Each family member shares one bucket-list activity or goal they've always wanted to try. It can be big (like going on a flying fox or starting a creative project) or small (like trying a new food, singing out loud or learning a magic trick). Then, together, pick one items from your list and take action!

If possible do it right away.

Or, take the first step: look it up, plan it out, gather what you need.

Afterwards, share: how did it feel to 'stretch'? What did you learn or discover about yourself?

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Anxiety: part 4

Responding to Anxiety in Children:

What you can do as a parent

By Michael Hawton,

Child Psychologist (MAPS) and Parentshop founder.

While many children can manage anxiety with family support, certain warning signs indicate the need for professional intervention:

- Create predictable routines and environments that foster a sense of security, whilst gradually exposing your child to manageable challenges that build confidence. Remember, building resilience is like strengthening a muscle—it requires consistent, progressive effort.
- Early recognition and intervention are our best tools for helping children develop the resilience they'll need to navigate an increasingly complex world.





ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge

RUOK?

Last week we came together as a school to recognise RUOK? Day

At lunchtime our student leaders did a brilliant job running a range of activities, including a photo booth, drawing, word finds and puzzles, target throw, Simon Says, bingo, and even a blackboard mural. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved, having fun, and supporting one another.



We also held a special presentation at Assembly, which highlighted the importance of asking, "Are you okay?" and really listening to the answer. If you missed it, the presentation has been shared on our social media for everyone to enjoy.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Last week our students represented Hastings Primary School with great enthusiasm and determination at District Athletics. They took part in a wide range of events including shot put, discus, hurdles, long jump, high jump, triple jump, and the 100m, 200m, 800m, and 1600m races, plus the always-exciting relays!

A big congratulations to Sierra, Marlee, Stella, Maisie, and Lumen, who have qualified for the Division competition – what an achievement!

I had the pleasure of tagging along, and it was wonderful to see so many students giving their best, cheering each other on, and even bringing home a collection of ribbons. The day was filled with effort, team spirit, and plenty of smiles.

SRC COOKBOOK

We're very excited to share that the Hastings Primary School SRC has Community Cookbook has arrived!

Packed with delicious recipes from across our school community, it's a wonderful way to celebrate the talents (and taste buds!) of our students, families, and staff.

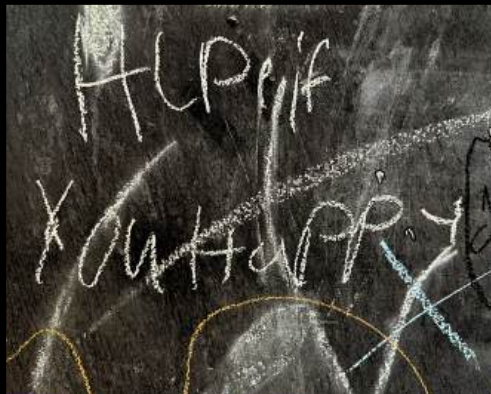
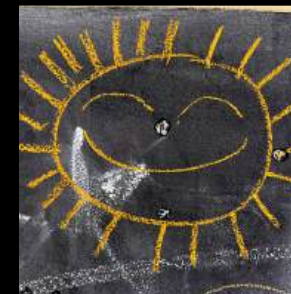
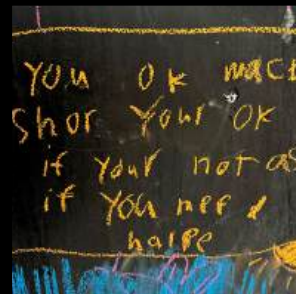
Cookbooks are available from the school office for \$25 each, with all funds raised going directly towards future SRC projects that benefit our school.

Grab your copy, try out some new dishes, and support our amazing SRC at the same time, it's a win-win!

Keep safe over the school holiday break, I can't wait to see you again in Term Four.

Miss Michelle Aldridge

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TERM 3, 2025

CONGRATULATIONS

HASTINGS HEROES



Sulli Yates



Blake Gardner



**Kaydence
Healey**



Aneeta Grant



Mia Jose



**Isabella
Oakes**



**Ava
Thredgold**



Oliver Lavea



**Kayley
Churcher**



Charlie Dang

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

SCONES ON HASTINGS



Aliah-Joy Taylor and
Blake Gray

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Prep A

Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!

Caring, Respecting and Learning

HOUSE POINTS



785
WALLUM



705
BUNYA



650
WARADA



495
MURUMBIDGEE

CONGRATS!

They've done it again! Five of our Athletics Squad are heading to the Division Competition.
Congratulations to Stella, Marlee, Sierra, Lumen and Maisie.



With the whole team enduring all four seasons with smiles and determination, returning to school with oodles of ribbons, feeling both proud and exhausted.



Book Week Author Awards

Lucas, Archie, River, Eddie, Ezekiel,
Caiden, Abby



Book Week Illustrator Awards

Sulli, Pheobe, Ashton, Eli, Tyrone,
Zoey, Charlie



Highly Commended Authors

Bailey, Liara, Romir, Isabella, Eva, Ava, Blake



Highly Commended Illustrators

Aubrey, Oliver, Evie, Kayley, Landen, Mia, Tyson



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Hastings Primary School
Community Cookbook

HPS Cookbook

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HOLIDAY CLINICS

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League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. The holiday clinics unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

REGISTER FOR OUR HOLIDAY CLINICS AT
LEAGUESTARS.COM

DATE: 24/09/2025
TIME: 10:30AM - 12PM
AGE: 5 - 12 YEARS
COST: \$FREE

WHERE:
Hastings Oval 2
155 Marine Parade
HASTINGS VIC 3191

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 24th of SEPTEMBER

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
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JNR KEEPER CLUB

Ages: 7-14

9:00am-2:00pm

Registration Fee

\$104

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\$100 POWER SAVING BONUS

FOR ELIGIBLE CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

The new \$100 Power Saving Bonus for Victorian concession card holders is now open. Households with an eligible concession card can apply for a \$100 payment by visiting the Victorian Energy Compare website (compare.energy.vic.gov.au).

To apply for the \$100 payment, applicants will need to hold an eligible concession card, have a recent electricity bill and be the account holder. Only one payment is available per household.



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