



2025 TERM 4 EDITION 3

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 5th November 2025



2nd Place
Evie 12B



IMPORTANT DATES

6th Nov Angling Make and Bake Sale
2:15pm - 3:30pm

13th Nov Foundation Transition
Activities
2:15pm-3pm

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

19th Nov Pupil Free Day

12th Dec Splash 'N' Dash 1:30PM

17th Dec Pupil Free Day

Principal's Message



Even though we are experiencing some variable Spring weather it is fantastic to see our students being super sun smart with their broad brimmed hats in the yard and out door learning spaces.

Enjoy reading about what our students have already been involved in this term and some exciting news about what to expect next!

The **2026 Parent Payments Policy** is live on COMPASS and our school website. This document outlines the contributions that help us continue to provide rich learning experiences and high-quality programs for all students.

This term we have TWO more **Pupil Free Days**

- Wednesday November 19th
- Wednesday December 17th

Team Kids will be available on these days!

Planning for 2026

If you would like a special consideration for your child for 2026 then call our school office on 5979 1517 to make an appointment with Mrs. McDonald.

Remembrance Day 11th November

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. **Let us not forget.**



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



2026 Parent Payments

November 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Hastings Primary School would like to thank you for your financial support as we endeavour to provide the best possible education for your child.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide special curriculum experiences, enhanced digital learning opportunities, upgrade of our library, upgrade of our playground, faster WIFI and internet.

Our school is committed to ensuring that parent payment requests are accurate, transparent, affordable, and aligned with our requirements as a Victorian Government school. It has recently come to our attention that some changes are required to our parent payment arrangements to ensure they are clear and transparent. Accordingly, we have updated and re-published this year's parent payment arrangements on our school website.

If you have made your parent payments this year and still wish to contribute towards the listed items and activities, no further action is required. However, if the updated arrangements change what you are interested in contributing towards and/or purchasing, please reach out and we can provide you with a line of credit towards other future costs. We can also provide you with a refund if required.

Thank you again for your continued support of our school. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact:

Simone McDonald – Principal

Ph: 03 5979 1517

Email: hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely

Simone McDonald
PRINCIPAL

Dave Gardner
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Payments made through COMPASS Portal

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.



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.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge

Term 4 Fundraiser

SPLASH 'N' DASH

Get ready to make a splash!

The Hastings Primary School Splash 'n' Dash is coming
12th December from 1:30 - 3PM.

It's set to be a day full of fun, laughter and water-filled excitement!

Students will complete laps of our special course featuring a giant slip'n'slide, sprinklers, super soakers and more - all while raising funds for our SRC projects!

Students are encouraged to collect donations by asking for sponsorship per lap to support this great event.

For every \$5 raised students will get to complete one lap of the course.

A huge thank you to the Blue Light Disco team and FoHPS for jumping on board - there'll be a special meal deal and surprise treats for everyone on the day.

Let's come together for a great cause and make this the splashiest fundraiser yet!

Sponsorship page is on the next page.

Miss Michelle Aldridge

Michelle.Aldridge@education.vic.gov.au

Sponsorship Page - \$5 per lap

Student Name:

Sponsor Name	Amount	Laps
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STUDENTS of the WEEK



PA **Elijah Fitzpatrick**

Elijah has shown our school value of Respect through his wonderful display of sportsmanship during House Athletics. When his friends fell behind, Elijah stopped, waited, and held his friend's hand so they could cross the finish line together. His kindness showed true care for others and made us all very proud. Well done, Elijah!

1/2A **Sailah Parsons**

Congratulations Sailah for writing a wonderful recount about our "Athletics Day!" Your story captured the fun and excitement beautifully, and I'm so glad you thought it was amazing! Keep up the fantastic writing and keep sharing your amazing ideas!

1/2B **Isaac Bradshaw**

Well done Isaac, you've had an outstanding week at school. You have shown wonderful focus, effort, and enthusiasm in all your learning. It's been great to see you trying your best, listening carefully, and taking new challenges with confidence. Keep it up!

3/4A **Estelle Schlegel**

Welcome to Hastings Primary School Estelle. You have quickly settled into the routines of our class and made new friends. Keep up the great work!

3/4A **Jayden Morrison**

Jayden you responded positively to feedback and made a big effort to improve your weather graph. Thanks for organising the sunshine this week! Keep up the good work!

3/4B **Felix Tauhore**

Felix, great work on your questions and discussions during our scientific journey through heat and friction lately. Keep up the awesome efforts!

3/4B **Eliza Maree**

Eliza, your efforts in writing lately have been impressive. Your imagination is spilling onto the page for all to enjoy. Way to go Eliza!

5/6A **Tyler Kelly**

Tyler your excellent efforts throughout our literacy blocks sees you constantly finishing your work ahead of your peers and always to a very high standard, also your analysis of our class novels reflects a good depth of thinking.

5/6A **Matilda Humble**

Matilda it has been great to see you working hard to improve your understanding of equivalence in units of measurement and how quickly you went from puzzled looks to extension tasks.

5/6B **Tai Bahnert**

Tai, your show a focused and curious approach to learning. You ask great questions and share your ideas with confidence. Well done!

5/6B **Zaire Juma**

Zaire, thank you for being a calm and positive presence in our classroom. Your growing confidence and quiet enthusiasm for learning are truly admirable. Keep believing in yourself and continue to shine!

SPECIALIST SUPERSTARS



Max Rowe, Maci Smith, Spencer Gray, Marnie Oheyne



Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!

Caring, Respecting and Learning

HOUSE POINTS



822
WARADA



755
BUNYA



672
WALLUM



270
MURUMBIDGEE

BIG

NEWS



Hastings Primary School
Community Cookbook

HPS Cookbook

is Available NOW
at the office!
\$25.00



SCARVES



NEW
MERCH
ALERT

In Stock Now

\$20 EACH

Available at the office

Angling Make and Bake Market



As part of the Mathematics Money and Financial Matters curriculum, Year 5 and 6 students will be selling products.

**THURSDAY
6TH NOVEMBER
2:15pm - 3:30pm
In the Angling Building**

Prices range from 50c to \$5

- Cupcakes
- Candy Kebabs
- Slices
- Lemon Iced Tea
- Frog In A Pond
- Lemonade
- Books
- Pom Pom Characters

And Lots More!

All proceeds will go to end of year activities for Angling students. Parents welcome to shop from 3:15pm




OPEN DAY 2025



**FIREFIGHTING & RESCUE DEMOS
SES, POLICE & AMBULANCE
FACE PAINTING, MINI FIRE TRUCKS, SHOWBAGS
& MUCH MORE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**SUNDAY
09 NOVEMBER
9AM - 1PM**

HASTINGS FIRE STATION
149 HIGH ST, HASTINGS




Library news and information

MOONLIT SANCTUARY



Speak & Share
Thursday 13 November, 5pm
Mornington Library
Celebrate World Kindness Day with this engaging session run by Speak & Share.

This local non-profit organisation delivers relatable and interactive mental health sessions that are engaging, movement-based, and designed to break down stigma while building real connection.

Strictly ages 14-18
library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/speak-and-share



Auslan Storytime
Thursday 4 December, 11am
Rosebud Library
We will welcome a Deaf storyteller from Deaf Children Australia presenting a story in Auslan, alongside an English speaking storyteller. This experience not only provides children with deafness or hard of hearing access to Auslan, but also raises awareness and celebrates Auslan as another language used within our community.
library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/auslan-storytime



Big Summer Read
Join. Borrow. Read. Win!
1 December - 31 January

The BIG Summer Read is an annual reading challenge run by Public Libraries Victoria. The BSR encourages young readers aged 0-18 years to read and engage with their local public libraries over the Australian Summer holidays in December and January.
library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/bsr

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ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au

Manga has arrived on hoopla
Discover everything manga has to offer for free with your library card!
hoopladigital.com.au




FORTNIGHTLY MARKET



FRI NOV 14

FRI NOV 28



After assembly

3:15 - 3:45pm

See you there!

- Hot Food
- Worm Wee
- Books
- Craft Activities
- Plants
- Fresh Produce
- 2nd hand uniforms
- Competitions

HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL - UNDER THE BREEZEWAY OF THE SOUTH BUILDING, NEXT TO THE DRINK TAPS