



2025 TERM 4 EDITION 3

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 19th November 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

25 th Nov	WPSC Discovery Day - Year 6 Students
27 th Nov	District Triathlon - Select Students
2 nd Dec	SSG Meetings
2 nd Dec	Children's University Graduation 5pm-7pm
3 rd Dec	Year 5/6 Imaginator Docklands Excursion
3 rd Dec	Choir Performance at Retirement Village
4 th Dec	Hastings Primary School Christmas Afternoon 2:30pm onwards
8 th Dec	3-6 Swimming Carnival
9 th Dec	Statewide Transition
11 th Dec	Year 5/6 Big Day Out Gravity Zone
11 th Dec	IMax Excursion Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2
12 th Dec	Splash 'N' Dash 1:30PM
15 th Dec	Final Award Assembly 9am
16 th Dec	Year 6 Graduation
17 th Dec	Pupil Free Day
19 th Dec	Last Day of School 2025 1:30pm Finish

2026 DATES

28 th Jan	First Day Year 1-6
29 th Jan	First Day Prep



Principal's Message



It's incredible to think we are over half way through Term 4.

Our teachers are preparing the end of semester reports for parents. and there are a number of learning experiences and excursions happening between now and the end of term.

Please keep an eye on your COMPASS app as it has all of our official communications.

*This term we have ONE more **Pupil Free Day***

- Wednesday December 17th

Team Kids will be available on this day!

*Our **Final Assembly** is on Monday 15th of December at 9:00 am*

Planning for 2026

Later this term we will conduct internal transition sessions so our students can become familiar with new learning spaces and staff. 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.

Bush Fire Preparedness

*As part of our planning for Bush Fire season we conduct Emergency Drills to ensure our staff and students know what to do in an emergency. At this time of the year our focus is on gathering in our Shelter In Place building in the event of a bush fire. **Are you bush fire ready?***



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

Hastings PS: 2026 Transition to School

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.

State Wide Transition Day

Tuesday 9th December
9:00 – 10:30 am

Meet on steps outside the Office Building

2026 Prep Dates

Term 1 Curriculum Days - Students to not attend

Tuesday 27th January

Getting to know you session - 1 hour session for parents and students

Wednesday 28th January

1st full day of School

Thursday 29th January

Wednesday Testing Dates - Students attend for 1 hour scheduled time

Wednesday 4th February

Wednesday 11th February

Wednesday 18th February

Wednesday 25th February

1st full week of School

Monday 3rd March



FROM THE AP'S DESK

MRS REBECCA LEGGE



Social Media Minimum Age

The Australian Government is protecting young Australians at a critical stage of their development, through world-first social media age restrictions. Learn about what this means for you as a young person, parent, carer or educator.

Age-Restricted Social Media Platforms – What You Need to Know

From 10 December 2025, new Social Media Minimum Age (SMMA) obligations will require certain platforms to take reasonable steps to prevent users under 16 from creating accounts.

Platforms likely to be age-restricted:

Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X (Twitter), YouTube.

Platforms not considered age-restricted:

Discord, GitHub, Google Classroom, LEGO Play, Messenger, Roblox, Steam/Steam Chat, WhatsApp, YouTube Kids.

Services are responsible for assessing whether they fall under the SMMA obligations and must ensure they meet all requirements under the Online Safety Act.

To learn more, go to
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



Attendance

As we approach the end of the school year, we want to remind families that every day still matters. Our final weeks are filled with exciting learning opportunities, special events, and fun activities that students won't want to miss! Please continue to support strong attendance by ensuring your child comes to school each day. Consistent attendance helps maintain routines, friendships, and a positive finish to the year.

We look forward to enjoying these last wonderful weeks together!

Mini Market

A big thank you to all our families who have supported our mini markets after assembly. These Friday gatherings have created a wonderful community feel and are such a lovely way to head into the weekend. It's been great to see families catching up, chatting with the teachers and everyone enjoying the chance to grab a treat or find a bargain.

A big thank you also goes to Stacey, Suz and Georgia for their organisation and set up.

-until next fortnight - Mrs Rebecca Legge



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge

2026 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Mrs. McDonald and I are currently working with the Year 5 students as they move through the leadership program. We are thoroughly enjoying this experience and are truly impressed by their enthusiasm.

While not every student will earn a badge or a formal leadership title, all Year 6 students at Hastings Primary School are encouraged to embrace leadership and act as role models for their younger peers.

If your child is interested in stepping into a leadership position, now is an excellent time to discuss it with them and explore what it entails.

We are seeking individuals who exemplify our values of caring, respect, and a commitment to learning.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

We have updated some of our sports balls and are proud to share the stories behind the Indigenous Artwork featured on each piece.

AFL Ball

This artwork tells a story of how important football is in the Community. The oval is centre with people standing around watching. The Elders are located at the bottom of the artwork to highlight their wisdom and guidance. The hands placed around the artwork represents the players journey around the football. There is an eagle soaring in the sky to represent stories passed down. The circles with curved lines are the journey of players and Community.

RUGBY LEAGUE BALLS

This artwork symbolises the connection Aboriginal people have with totems across the Country. The soaring birds represent caring for and watching over Country and Land, reflecting the deep link to totems in each region. They embody care, connection, and identity.

Soccer Ball

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Netballs

The waterways artwork is a representation of the rivers, lakes and waterholes. It is a place of movement and cleansing. The artwork depicts currents, water moving and waterholes forming.

Basketballs

Land, Water, Family and Country are the symbols throughout this artwork. The blue section is the water flowing with the current. The purple section is connection to Country and Tribes. The yellow section is connection to Land and Sand. The green section is gathering and meeting symbols of families.

What a fantastic find Mrs Sendekyj!

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

This term SSG meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 2nd. Families participating in these will receive a note confirming appointments on Thursday 20th November. These appointment times have already been emailed to families via Compass.

If any adjustments to these appointments are necessary, or you would like your meeting to be conducted over the phone, please contact Suzanne at the office.



Miss Michelle Aldridge

Michelle.Aldridge@education.vic.gov.au

Year 3 & 4 Somers Camp

So much fun was had!!





STUDENTS of the WEEK



PA

Aubrey Villamil

Aubrey has shown our school value of Learning. She always gives her best effort and takes pride in her work. It's wonderful to see her persistence and practice paying off, with her confidence now shining through. Well done, Aubrey!

1/2A

Cidney Villamil

Your writing this week about the different countries we have visited in English has been outstanding. I especially loved your description of China, with its lantern-filled streets, lively music, and colourful dragon dance. Keep up the fantastic work, Cidney you're doing an amazing job!

1/2B

Alex Neale

Way to go Alex! You've been focused, determined, and enthusiastic about improving your reading skills. Your confidence is growing each day, and it's wonderful to see how much you enjoy exploring new books and sounding out tricky words. Keep up the amazing work - your effort and positive attitude are making a real difference!

5/6A

Chase Peart

Chase, it has been wonderful to see you recover your numeracy skills. The results of recent end of year testing has shown improvement in all strands with some remarkable results evident in Statistics.

5/6A

Thomas Rogers

Thomas, you have been working extremely well in our unit on measurement these past two weeks. Your ability to consistently convert between metric units using the correct formula is a credit to the attention you have been paying.

5/6B

Lilly Holland

Lilly, it has been wonderful to see your growing confidence in the classroom. You approach learning with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, and you are becoming more willing to share your ideas and take on new challenges. Your perseverance and cheerful nature make you a valued member of our class. Well done!

5/6B

Tyson Lehmann

Well done, Tyson on your positive attitude and determination in your learning. You always give your best effort and show a strong desire to keep improving. Keep up your great focus and enthusiasm!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

SPECIALIST SUPERSTARS



Luc Rogers, Chase Peart,
Kai Black

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



56B

Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!

Caring, Respecting and Learning

HOUSE POINTS



625
BUNYA



605
MURUMB



595
WARABA



449
WALLUM

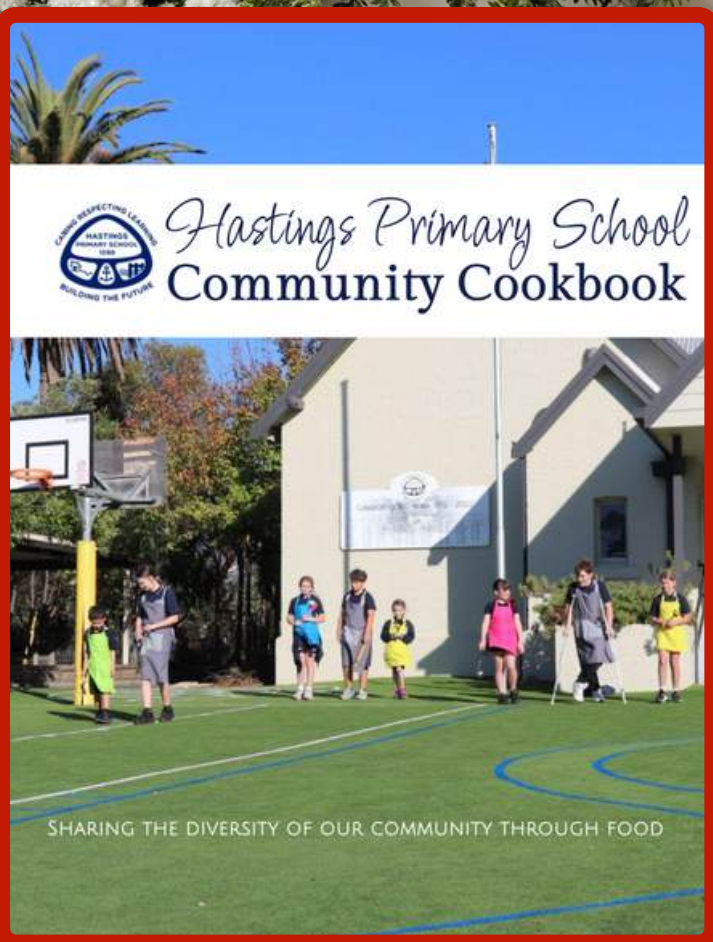


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Christmas Stocking Stuffer \$25

at the office

for Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles,
cousins, and your neighbours!



SCARVES



NEW
MERCH
ALERT

In Stock Now

\$20 EACH

Available at the office

You are invited to the Hastings Primary School Christmas Afternoon.



When: Thursday 4th December

Time: 2:30pm onwards

Location: 'Tiger Turf' in front of the Admin building

Wear a 'touch of Christmas'

Sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for sale.



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



Compass
Parent Accounts



**Download
the app
here:**

Connect with us via Compass!

Compass is the official communication tool used at Hastings Primary School.

Whilst your child attend HPS you can use Compass, to:

- Update your child's attendance.
- Access newsletters.
- Approve your child's participation in school events and excursions.
- Make payments for excursions, incursions and camps.
- Access the school calendar.
- View your child's semester reports.

CONNECT TO COMPASS



- Book Student-Led Conferences and Student Support Group Meetings
- Update your contact details.
- and more.

Available through a website or an app on your phone, keeping on top of your child's schedule has never been so simple!

On your computer? Start here:

<https://schools.compass.education/>
and search for Hastings Primary School

Lost your login details? Contact Suze at the office.

hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au

5979 1517



MOONLIT SANCTUARY

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

JNR KEEPER CLUB

Ages: 7-14

9:00am-2:00pm

Registration Fee

\$104

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