



TERM 4 EDITION 6 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 17th December 2025



Congratulations CLASS OF '25

As we approach the end of another remarkable year at Hastings Primary School, I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our students, families, and staff for your positive, generous, and ongoing contributions in making H.P.S "the best it can be." This is the time of year to reflect, celebrate, and look toward the future with excitement.

This moment is especially meaningful for our Year 6 students, who are not only completing another school year but also concluding their primary school journey. To our graduates, you hold a special place in our hearts. It has been an absolute privilege to watch you grow, learn, and transform into the confident, capable young people you are today.

To all of our students, this year has been filled with achievements both big and small. From academic successes and sporting triumphs to creative projects, new friendships, and personal growth — each of you has shown resilience, curiosity, and a willingness to learn. You have everything you need: knowledge, confidence, and a big dose of Hastings Primary School pride. Be brave enough to try new things, kind enough to include others, and determined enough to keep doing your best. These qualities will take you far, wherever your next steps may lead.

We are deeply grateful to our families — parents, carers, and loved ones — for walking alongside us. Your support, encouragement, and trust are the foundation of our students' success. Together, we have built a school community where every child can thrive.

Behind every moment of student success stands a dedicated team of teachers, education support staff, and our admin staff. Thank you for your passion, creativity, and unwavering commitment to our students. You bring heart, humour, and expertise to your work each day, and Hastings Primary School is stronger because of the incredible team we have.

As we close the school year, I want to acknowledge the hard work, kindness, and community spirit that have shaped 2025. From classrooms to sporting fields, assemblies to excursions, it has truly been a year to remember.

As we head into the holiday break, I wish everyone a safe, happy, and restful summer. Whether you're travelling, spending time with family, or enjoying some well-earned downtime, please take care of yourselves and one another. Be sun-smart, stay water-safe, and look out for those around you.

To our students — thank you for the joy, curiosity, and energy you bring to our school.

To our staff — thank you for your dedication, care, and commitment.

To our families — thank you for your partnership, trust, and support.

Have a wonderful holiday break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year — refreshed, recharged, and ready for another fantastic year of learning and growth.

Happy holidays, everyone! Stay safe and enjoy this special time with those you love.

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha

Stand Strong, Have Strength

Mrs. Simone McDonald Principal



Year 6 Graduation Speech – Principal's Address 2025

Good evening, everyone – students, parents, carers, families, teachers, and of course, our incredible Year 6 graduates.

Tonight is one of my favourite nights of the school year. It's a moment to pause, reflect, and celebrate the journey of this wonderful group of students – the Hastings Primary School Class of 2025.

To our graduates – tonight is all about you. It's about celebrating everything you've achieved and the amazing young people you've become. You've worked hard, faced challenges, supported each other, and shown leadership, kindness, and determination. You've made us laugh, you've made us proud, and sometimes you've made us shake our heads – but always with a smile.

Think back over your years here. You've learned to read, to multiply, to work as a team, and to survive NAPLAN week. You've discovered that deadlines don't move (even if you ask very nicely), that hats are apparently optional until a teacher spots you, and that a Yr 6 shop zooper dooper really can make a bad day better.

You've taken part in camps, sports days, performances, bike education, and assemblies – and along the way, you've built friendships and memories that will stay with you long after you leave these gates.

To our teachers and education support staff – thank you. You are the heartbeat of our school. Your dedication, humour, and endless patience are what make this place special. You've taught far beyond the curriculum – you've taught resilience, respect, teamwork, and that it's okay to make mistakes as long as we learn from them.

To our parents and carers – thank you for trusting us with your most precious people. Thank you for being partners in this journey – for helping with projects, listening to reading, signing diaries, and pretending to understand new maths methods. We're grateful for your support, encouragement, and belief in what we do.

I would also like to formally acknowledge and thank the local businesses and organisations who have generously supported Hastings Primary School throughout the year. We sincerely thank Paul Mercurio MP, Westernport Secondary College, BlueScope, the Mornington Peninsula Foundation, Scones on Hastings, the Mornington Lions Club, and our HPS School Council. Your ongoing support, partnerships, and generosity make a meaningful difference to our students, families, and wider school community, and we are truly grateful for your continued commitment to our school.

And to our graduates – as you step into secondary school, remember that while things might feel new or even a little bit scary at first, you are ready. You have the knowledge, the skills, and the heart to handle whatever comes next.

The future is an open canvas, and I have no doubt that you will paint it with the vibrant colours of your dreams and aspirations. Some of you might become future Olympians, breaking records and inspiring generations. Others might find your passion in the ever-evolving world of technology, creating innovations that shape our future. Perhaps some of you will explore the arts, protect the environment, or even return here one day as the next generation of teachers and leaders.

Whatever path you choose, remember that your journey is unique, and your potential is limitless. Be brave enough to try new things, curious enough to keep learning, and kind enough to lift others up along the way.

Success isn't about being perfect; it's about giving your best, learning from challenges, and remembering that who you are matters more than any mark or grade.

You will always be part of the Hastings Primary School family. Please come back, say hello, and let us know how you're going – especially when you become famous, win a medal, or finally understand algebra.

So as we celebrate tonight, take a moment to look around – at your friends, your teachers, your families – and feel proud. You've achieved something wonderful, and your next adventure is just beginning.

Congratulations, Year 6 – we're so proud of you. Go forward with confidence, courage, and kindness... and don't forget to come back and say hello.

Thank you.



Congratulations GRADUATION AWARD RECIPIENTS



ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE



SPORTS
EXCELLENCE



ARTS
EXCELLENCE



WPSC
TRANSITION



DAFFODIL: CRL



HENRY 'POPS'
COMMUNITY SERVICE



BLUESCOPE
MATHEMATICS



BLUESCOPE
SCIENCE



MORNINGTON PENINSULA
FOUNDATION - TRANSITION

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End of Term Important Information

Department of Education & Training regulations allow dismissal time to be 1.30pm on the last day of the school year (Friday 19th December) if four hours of school time have been conducted.

As such school will operate on the last day as follows:

- ” 9.00-11.00am - Class time
- ” 11.00-11.30am - Recess
- ” 11.30-1.30pm - Class time

Please note the school crossing will not be manned by the crossing supervisor at 1:30pm

End of year arrangements

The School Council wish to inform all families that on the final two days of the school year, Thursday the 18th and Friday 19th of December, no formal lessons will be held and students attending will be assisting with cleaning and organisational tasks.

2025 Award Recipients

English Excellence Awards

Liam D, Luc R,

*Maisie F, Tyrone G, Kiara S
and Charlie D*

Absent: Xavier T



Mathematics Excellence Awards

*Elijah F, Pheobe K, Eddie P,
Ezekiel M, Tai B,
and Aneeta G*

Absent: Ashton F



Auslan Excellence Awards

*Mayla M, Sadie K
and Ezekiel M*



Physical Education Excellence Awards

*Lithusha K, Jarryd S, Ezekiel M
and Eric B*



Performing Arts Excellence Awards

*Dwayne P, Hudson P, Eli T
and Charlie D*



Visual Arts Excellence Awards

*Sulli Y, Pheobe K, Tyrone G,
and Oliver L*





Paul Mercurio MP Bright Star Award

Persius B

Lions Club of Mornington Year 4 Academic Award

Isabella O & Ezekiel M



Seones on Hastings

Jackson J & Felix T

Drum Beat

*Dylan A, Zoey H, Maisie F,
Nahleah C and Gabriel S*



Bike Education

Jack C

Victorian High-Ability Program

Persius B and Zaire J

