



2026 TERM 1 EDITION 5

# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** Summer Lightning Premiership  
Years 4, 5 & 6

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** Year 5 & Year 6  
Life Saving Day

**Thurs 2nd April** End of Term - 2:30 pm  
dismissal

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April** Term Two Begins

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April** Student Free Day

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May** School Photo Day

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June** King's Birthday Public Holiday

## Principal's Message



### End of Term One

Thank you, students, parents and staff, for a successful start to the 2026 school year. Although I think we are all feeling a bit tired as the term ends, it has been wonderful to watch students focus on their learning goals and enjoying connecting with their friends.

### NAPLAN - complete

NAPLAN has now been completed for 2026, and we would like to congratulate all of our Yr. 3 and Yr. 5 students on the positive way they approached these assessments. We are proud of your effort, focus and resilience.

### 2027 Transition to School

Thank you to everyone who has already enquired about enrolling for 2027. Enrolment packs are available from the office. There is more information later in the newsletter.

### Visiting Koalas

With lots of eucalypt varieties on our school site, Hastings Primary School has become a sort after destination for some of the local koala population. The Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation group are working to create a koala wildlife corridor connecting koala habitats and food trees on the peninsula. The group have asked us to name the koala in the photo on this page so that he can be added to the map and become part of the population that is being tracked. Our students will be able to submit their suggestions soon.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha

Stand Strong, Have Strength

Mrs. Simone McDonald Principal



# DON'T MISS OUT!

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications for 2026

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

*Mrs. Simone McDonald* Principal



# FROM THE AP'S DESK



## Attendance – a positive start sets the tone:

Building on our focus around punctuality, it's worth highlighting just how important those first few minutes of the school day are. Arriving on time doesn't just help with routines—it supports students to feel settled, confident, and ready to learn alongside their peers.

When students arrive late, they can miss key instructions, feel rushed, and find it harder to connect with what the class is doing. Over time, these small moments can add up and impact both learning and wellbeing.

We encourage families to keep aiming for an on-time start each day and arriving before 8:50am. Even small adjustments to morning routines can make a big difference. If mornings are feeling challenging, please reach out—we're here to support you and your child to have the best possible start to every day.

## Children's Uni

Children's University has started again and our students who signed up have received their passports to learning. If your child is new to CU and you are unsure where to start, as long as your child can answer YES to the following, it can be logged in the passport! **Was it outside of class time? Was it at home or in the community? Did I learn or try something new? Can I show evidence of my learning?**

School holidays are a great time to visit a **learning destination** to build those hours.

Go to this website for a full map of Learning Destinations: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=18Go0GZ9Hu-RN7LOxuhRz3KrqfwTrqiM&ll=-37.41503787308374%2C144.7276672&z=8>

OR check the C U Facebook page for updates.



## The Surprise Thank-You Notes Challenge (from 365 days of Play)

Over the holidays, write anonymous thank-you or encouragement notes and leave them in public places where people will find them. Your note could go on a park bench, library book, grocery store shelf, neighbours mailbox, etc... Your message could be something simple like: 'you are enough, just as you are,' 'keep going, you're doing great,' 'the world is brighter because you're in it,' 'someone is grateful for you today.'

You never know whose day you might make! At the end of the day, reflect on how it felt to leave little gifts of encouragement for others to find.

## Easter Raffle:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Easter raffle by either buying or selling tickets or bringing in donations! I would also like to thank Peterson's Bookstore on High St. for their support and donation of Easter books. Thank you also to Coles and Woolworths for their donations of gift cards.

Finally, a big thank you to our ES Team and F.O.H.P. S (Friends of Hastings Primary School) Team for putting the hampers together!

Have a safe and happy Easter break with your families!

Eat ALL the chocolate and hot cross buns!

See you for another great term at HPS on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.



Mrs Rebecca Legge  
Assistant Principal



# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge

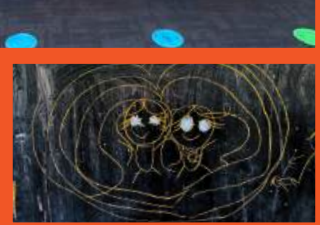
## Youth Leadership Academy Australia

The 7:20am arrival at Frankston Station did not stop the Year 6 students from representing HPS with pride and enthusiasm at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. They engaged with guest speakers, students from other schools and each other to build a new understanding of how they can all be leaders, with or without a badge!



## Harmony Week

It is always lovely to see the way the HPS students include each other everyday. Our student leaders created a fantastic atmosphere of inclusion and Harmony through their special activities to remind everyone that at HPS everyone belongs!



Miss Michelle Aldridge  
Michelle.Aldridge@education.vic.gov.au

# HASTINGS HEROES

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Linsay  
and  
Ezekiel

Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!  
Caring, Respecting and Learning

# HOUSE POINTS



251  
MURUMBIDGEE



191  
WARADA



163  
BUNYA

364  
WALLUM

# RUGBY TOPS



**\$65 EACH**

Year  
**4-6**  
Students

Sizes 12, 14, 16, 18 & 20  
in stock now.  
Available at the office

## DRUMBEAT

**At the final assembly of Term 1, the DRUMBEAT team were privileged to open with an Encore Performance. One of our members, Sonny Wilkinson, was unable to make the performance, last assembly 2025. The team were enthusiastic to come together and perform once again to support Sonny. Despite the large break between beats, with some lunchtime sessions and a great team effort, we came together, complete, to perform in front of the school. Thank you to Maisie Fergadiotis, Zoey Hermanek, Dylan Alexander, Gabriel Sumaya, Nahleah Churcher and Sonny Wilkinson.**

**A special mention to Mrs Sarah Hicks, who was also part of the Term 4 2025 team, but unfortunately was unable to join us. Perhaps another Encore performance is on the cards? . .**





### 4-7 YEAR OLDS

Grass stains are guaranteed at NAB AFL Auskick!

An introductory program to Australian Rules Football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

VISIT [PLAY.AFL](http://PLAY.AFL)



# Global Book Crawl Australia 20-26 April 2026

[www.globalbookcrawl.org](http://www.globalbookcrawl.org)

**Petersen's Bookstore**  
1/103 High St  
Hastings VIC

In April, bookshops across the Mornington Peninsula are participating in **Global Book Crawl!**

- Visit bookshops on the Mornington Peninsula
- Collect stamps on your book crawl passport
- Win bookish prizes



03 5979 8233 | [peninsulabooks.com.au](http://peninsulabooks.com.au)



### 7-12 YEAR OLDS

Level up your skills with modified match play in weekly sessions.

NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies.

VISIT [PLAY.AFL](http://PLAY.AFL)



**FREE**

# EASTER FAMILY EVENT

## 26TH MARCH 2026

**Bunnings HASTINGS**



Activities and fun for the whole family

**5:00pm – 7:00pm**

Come instore and enjoy a free night of entertainment (roaming dinosaur, teddy bear, magician. Glitter and/or air brush tattoos, bubbles, henna art and butterflies), crafts, sausage sizzle (while stocks last) Hastings Scouts selling jam donuts and community groups raising funds and/or awareness. Please book online so we can cater for you all

**Don't miss out, register now!**



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## FREE JUNIOR TENNIS LESSONS

**DON'T MISS OUT!**



Want your child to learn tennis in a fun and supportive environment?

We are offering **FREE** junior group tennis lessons for new players to come and try the game over a 6 week Program!

- ✓ No experience needed
- ✓ No equipment required
- ✓ Racquets & balls supplied
- ✓ Fun, active & beginner-friendly

It's the perfect opportunity for kids to build confidence, learn new skills, and make friends on the court.

Our 6 player group tennis lessons will run every Thursday with two sessions:

Session 1. 4-4.30pm - Prep - Grade 2

Session 2. 4.30-5.00pm - Grade 3 - 6

Starting Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Feb until Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.

Spots are limited, so secure your place by Wed 25th Feb!

26 Feb – 2 April

Hastings Tennis Club

54 Marine Parade Hastings

Message Olivia 0411 475 420 to secure your spot!





# 2027 FOUNDATION TRANSITION



## Come and Try Sessions - all welcome

Time: 2:30 pm - 3:00pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

## 2027 Student Transition Sessions

Time: 2:15pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

## Statewide Transition

Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

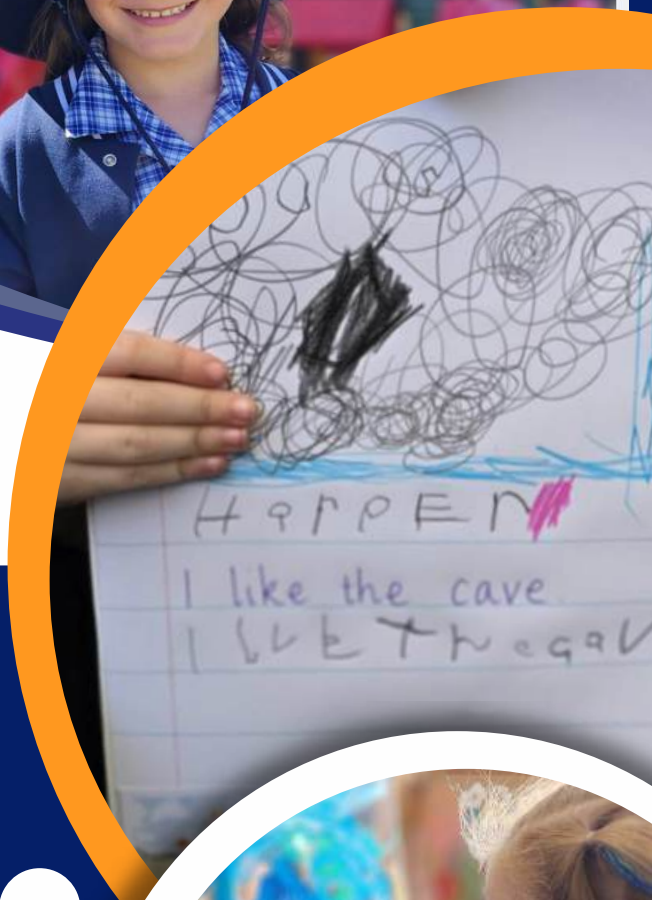
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December



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**2027 TOURS AVAILABLE NOW**