



2026 TERM 3 EDITION 1

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 15th July 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

**Tues 21st &
Wed 29th
July**

Parent Teacher Conferences

**Thurs 23rd
July**

Whole School House Athletics

**Tues 28th
July**

100 Days of Prep

**Weds 5th
August**

**2027 Foundation Transition Session
2:15pm - 3pm**

**Mon 31st
Aug - Fri 4th
Sep**

**HPS Book Week
Parade Friday 9am**

**Mon 14th
Sep - Fri
18th Sep**

Whole School Swimming

Principal's Message



Parent - Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are an important part of the partnership between home and school, providing an opportunity to celebrate your child's learning, discuss their progress, and work together to support their continued growth.

This term, conferences will be held on Tuesday 21st July (Week 2) and Wednesday 29th July (Week 3). These meetings provide families with the opportunity to discuss your child's Semester One achievements, ask questions, and work collaboratively with your child's teacher to establish meaningful learning goals for Semester Two.

We encourage all families to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to strengthen the home-school partnership and ensure every student is well supported in their learning journey.

Bookings are open via COMPASS.

I look forward to seeing our families engage in these important conversations as we continue working together to support every student's success.

Welcome Back to Term Three

We're excited to welcome everyone back for what promises to be an action-packed Term 3!

With a range of engaging learning experiences and school events ahead, there's plenty for our students to look forward to.

Don't forget to stay up to date by checking the COMPASS app, following us on Facebook, and visiting our school website regularly. Let's make it a great term together!

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha Stand Strong, Have Strength

Mrs. Simone McDonald Principal



Welcome to the Hastings Primary School Staff Team

Welcome to Hastings Primary School, Melinda!

We are delighted to welcome Melinda Selman to the Hastings Primary School team this term as the newest member of our Education Support team.

Melinda joins us from McClelland Secondary College, where she has recently been supporting students across a range of learning needs. She is excited to become part of the Hastings PS community and is looking forward to building positive relationships with our students, staff and families.

Melinda will be working primarily in our Year 3–6 learning spaces, supporting students to engage, achieve and thrive in their learning. She is passionate about helping students build confidence, develop independence and experience success in the classroom.

When you see Melinda around the school, please take a moment to introduce yourself and make her feel welcome. We are thrilled to have her join our team and know she will be a wonderful addition to our school community.



Student Safety at Hastings Primary School

Student safety is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students.

Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised **from 8:40 am.**

After school: School grounds are supervised **until 3:30 pm.**

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

If you require an earlier drop-off or later pick-up, we encourage you to register your child/ren with TeamKids, our Before and After School Care provider. TeamKids offers a safe, supervised environment for students outside of school hours and provides families with flexible care options to suit their needs.

NAPLAN – Yr3 & Yr5

Individual NAPLAN Student Reports are now available for collection from the School Administration Office. To ensure the privacy and confidentiality of student information, reports will only be released to a parent or authorised adult and will not be given directly to students.

More information has been released on COMPASS for Yr3 & Yr5 families.

Mrs. Simone McDonald
Principal

National Test of AusAlert

We've been advised that a national test of AusAlert will happen across Australia on Monday 27 July at 2 pm.

AusAlert is a new, national emergency warning system. It sends warning messages to compatible mobile devices during emergencies, to keep people informed so they can act quickly. The Australian Government plans to launch AusAlert in October 2026.

On Monday 27 July at 2 pm, all compatible mobile devices will receive a Critical Alert. Compatible mobile devices include phones, tablets, smart watches, safety watches and some vehicle devices. These will vibrate and make a loud, siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds. This will happen even if they are on silent or do not disturb. The message will clearly state that it is a test. No action is required from the test.

To minimise disruption, student phones and smart devices should always be switched off and stored securely in lockers or bags during the school day. Students who use their mobile phone as part of a documented exception can continue to do so. If appropriate, they can turn their phone off during the test.

You may also wish to let your child know that if they see or hear the alert, school staff will support them. You can learn more at AusAlert: children and teens. Information is also available in other languages.

Safe phones

AusAlert may increase risk for people experiencing violence, especially if they live with someone who uses violence. Alerts may expose safety devices.

If you or someone you know has a hidden device, the best way to stay safe during the test is to:

- turn off your mobile device or put it in aeroplane mode
- keep your device off or in aeroplane mode for 24 hours.

Silent mode and do not disturb will not stop the alert.

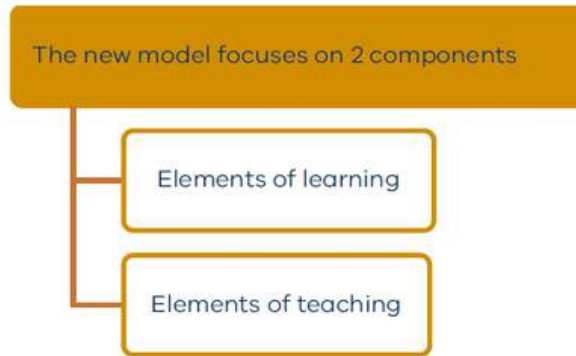
For more information, please refer to the Staying safe with AusAlert page.

Mrs. Simone McDonald
Principal



Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM) 2.0

The VTLM 2.0 is based on years of research and experience about the most effective teaching strategies.



Elements of learning: how students learn

The elements of learning are based on research into how the brain learns:

1. Attention and focus – learning starts when students are engaged and focused. Teachers create environments that reduce distractions and help students pay attention.
2. Knowledge and memory – new learning builds on what we already know. Teachers help students remember previous lessons and link them to new ideas.
3. Retention and recall – practice makes permanent, but only when done correctly. Teachers use strategies like spacing, quizzing, and revisiting key concepts to help students remember more overtime.
4. Mastery and application – students learn best when they can apply knowledge in real-world ways. Teachers ask open-ended questions, problem solving, and peer collaboration to help students apply learning.

So, what does that mean for your child?

The VTLM 2.0 helps our teachers make informed decisions about what they teach, how they teach it and how they know students are learning. Rather than simply delivering lessons, our teachers continually plan, assess, reflect and adjust their teaching to meet the needs of every learner.

Our staff work collaboratively to analyse student data, discuss effective teaching strategies and ensure every student is making progress. This collaborative approach means that teaching is continually refined and informed by evidence, not assumptions.

The VTLM 2.0 also recognises that strong relationships and a positive classroom culture are essential for learning. Our teachers intentionally create safe, supportive and inclusive learning environments where students feel confident to ask questions, challenge themselves and learn from mistakes.

Mrs Rebecca Legge
Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge



3/4A STEM

This term in STEM 3/4A students will explore the fascinating relationship between the water cycle and Earth's climate. Through hands-on investigations, experiments and scientific inquiry, students will discover how water moves through the environment by evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection.

They will investigate how the Sun drives the water cycle, examine the impact of weather and climate on water movement, and explore how changes in climate can influence our environment.

Students will develop their scientific thinking by asking questions, making predictions, analysing evidence and communicating their findings, while building an understanding of the important role water plays in sustaining life on Earth and why it is essential to use this precious resource responsibly.

4/5A & 5/6A STEM

4/5A and 5/6A students will embark on an exciting journey through our Solar System, exploring the Sun, planets, moons and other fascinating objects in space.

Through hands-on investigations, models and scientific inquiry, students will discover the unique features of each planet, investigate how gravity and orbits keep our Solar System in motion, and develop an understanding of the vast scale of space.

They will ask questions, make observations and communicate their scientific thinking as they explore how Earth's place in the Solar System influences our everyday lives, inspiring curiosity about the wonders of the universe and the ongoing exploration of space.

Western Port Bioshpere Foundation

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students recently enjoyed a fantastic environmental learning experience, proudly supported by the Western Port Bioshpere Foundation.

Students became wildlife detectives as they explored our school grounds, searching for signs of the animals that share our environment. One of the highlights was investigating animal scat (droppings), which provided valuable clues about the wildlife living and visiting our school. Students were excited to discover evidence of visiting koalas, along with ring-tailed and brush-tailed possums, a variety of native birds, ducks and, of course, rabbits.

The level of curiosity and engagement shown by our students was outstanding. Through this hands-on investigation, they developed a deeper appreciation for local biodiversity and the important role our school grounds play as a habitat for native wildlife. It was a wonderful reminder that, once the school day ends, our grounds become a thriving home for many different species.

A big thank you to the Western Port Bioshpere Foundation for providing this memorable learning opportunity and helping our students connect with the unique environment right on our doorstep.

*We look forward to your next visit during
Science Week this term!*



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

SEMESTER ONE

AWARDS



ENGLISH ENDEAVOUR AWARD

MATHEMATICS ENDEAVOUR AWARD

PA

Elijah Magnayon

PA

Sieon Lee

1/2A

Ethan Mendez

1/2A

Lithusha Kekulahandi

1/2B

Aubrey Villamil

1/2B

Jackson Jose

3/4A

Tayden Allen

3/4A

Jarryd Smith

5/6A

Saxon Wyatt

5/6A

Aneeta Grant



SEMESTER ONE

SPECIALIST AWARDS



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Zaire Juma, Mayla Marcos, Kitty Cadornio, Liam Driscoll, Pheobe Kestle, Sion Lee, Lilly Holland, Lexi Cleland-Doyle, Bentley Bartling, Jackson Jose, Aubrey Villamil, Sadie Kestle, Monica Goodacre

HASTINGS HEROES



Jarryd Smith, Kiara Simmonds, Kitty Cadornio, Lilly Holland, Zoey Hermanek, Cidney Villamil, Maisie Fergadiotis, Gabriel Sumaya, Aubrey Cheyne

TERM 2 DRUMBEAT



Miguel Magnayon, Savannah Pershouse, Jacob Kalbfell, Felix Tauhore, Polly Hand, Eliza Maree

SCONES ON HASTINGS AWARD



Jayden Morrison, Evangelyn George

2027 Foundation (Prep) Enrolments Hastings Primary School

At Hastings Primary School, we are proud to be a welcoming and supportive community, and we look forward to beginning your child's learning journey with us in 2027.

Enrolments for Foundation (Prep) are now open, and we invite local families to apply through the Victorian Government's online system, [VicStudents](#).

If your child turns five by 30 April 2027 and you live within our school zone, we encourage you to submit your enrolment application using the link below.

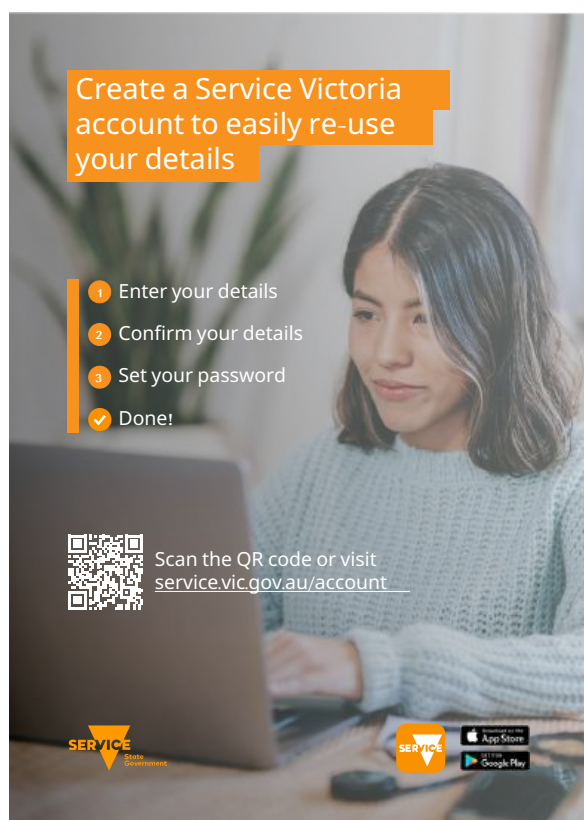
You can check your school zone via the Find My School website.

<https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>

2027 Digital Prep Enrolment

<https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/>

We understand that starting school is a big and exciting milestone for both children and families. If you have any questions or would like to visit and see our school in action, we would love to hear from you.



Create a Service Victoria account to easily re-use your details

- 1 Enter your details
- 2 Confirm your details
- 3 Set your password
- ✓ Done!

Scan the QR code or visit service.vic.gov.au/account

KEY ENROLMENT DATES	
20 th April 2026	Applications open
31 st July 2026	Applications close
3 rd -14 th August 2026	Families notified of enrolment outcomes
28 th August 2026	Final date to accept enrolment offer



2027 FOUNDATION TRANSITION



Come and Try Sessions - all welcome

Time: 2:30 pm - 3:00pm

Friday 5th June curriculum day

Friday 12th June

Friday 19th June

2027 Student Transition Sessions

Time: 2:15pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday 5th August

Wednesday 2nd September

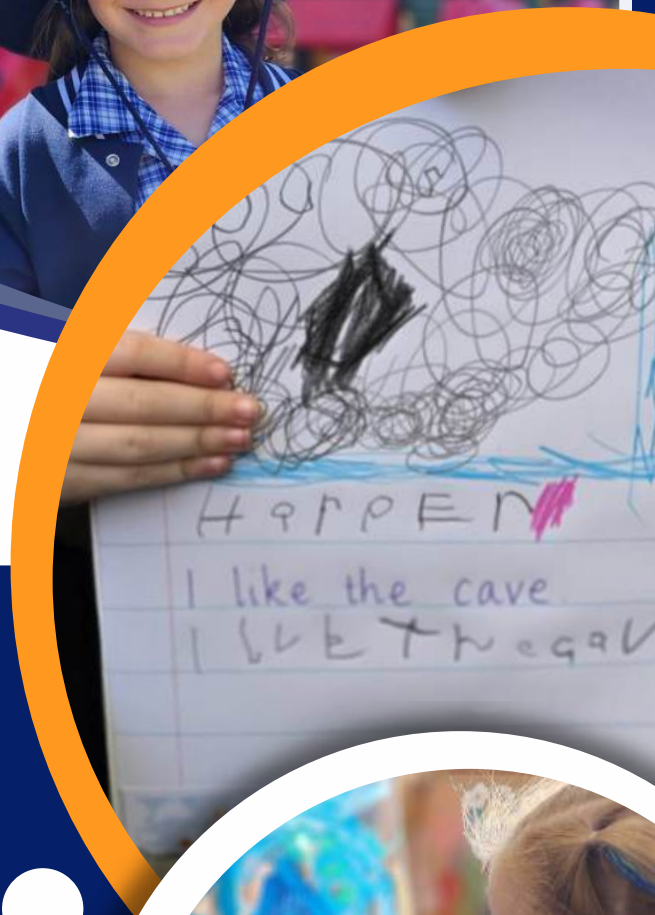
Thursday 15th October

Thursday 12th November

Statewide Transition

Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Tuesday 8th December



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Mid Year Raffle



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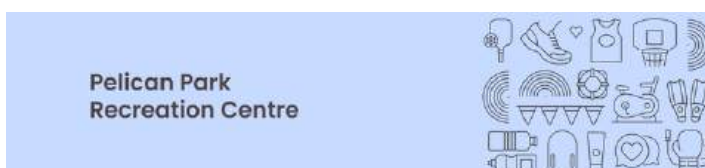
2027 Booklist



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SORELLA
Boutique



Year 5/6 Camp



Year 3/4 Camp

Thank you for donating to our Mid Year Raffle



F.O.H.P.S

Mid Year Raffle

Winners



Westernport Bicycle Centre - Helmet	Neale Family
Westernport Bicycle Centre - Bike service	Jarryd Smith
Western Port Hotel Voucher	Kitty
Western Port Hotel Voucher	Wade
Hatman Bundle	Brendan
Hatman Bundle	Ethan M
Loaded Dough Cookies	Peyton
3 / 4 Camp	Goodacre Family
5 / 6 Camp	Aneeta
2027 Booklist	Polly
HPS Cooking Pack	Alisha Waddington
Pro Racing Voucher	Elijah F
Pro Racing Golf Voucher	Rileigh
Spec Savers Voucher	Chloe
Spec Savers Voucher	Marlee
Moonlit Sanctuary	Jacob K

Funky Farm	Lucas G
Funky Farm	Dunkley Family
Kidz Shed Voucher	Lucas G
Kidz Shed Voucher	Holland Family
Kidz Shed Voucher	Felix
Steamin Mugs Voucher	Peggy-Jane
Kmart Voucher	Isabelle C
Bunnings Voucher	Ohoy Family
Pelican Park Pass	Suz
Pelican Park Pass	Elijah M
Pelican Park Pass	Blake G
Himilayen Voucher	Lee-anne M
Linen House Blanket	Goodacre Family
Sorella Voucher	Jacob K
HPS Winter Pack	Abeer

Congratulations

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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TERM THREE



2026

STUDENT FREE DAYS

	School Holidays
	Public Holidays
	Curriculum Days

IMPORTANT DATES

★	First Day of Term
●	Assembly
	Book Week
	Principal's Day
	Whole School Swimming
😊	RUOK Day
	End of Term - 2:30pm Dismissal

At Hastings Primary School we focus on student wellbeing, social and academic growth each and every day.



Hastings Primary School

Caring, Respecting, Learning

STAY WARM.
SHOW SCHOOL PRIDE.

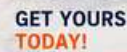
HASTINGS PS

COZY COMFORT.
ALL WINTER LONG.

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📍 AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE!



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PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We warmly invite you to attend our Parent-Teacher Conferences, providing an opportunity to celebrate your child's learning, discuss their progress, and work together to support their continued growth.

Wednesday 29th July



BOOK NOW ON COMPASS

