



2026 TERM 3 EDITION 2

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 29th July 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

Weds 5 th August	2027 Foundation Transition Session 2:15pm - 3pm
Weds 5 th August	WPSC Legally Blonde Jr Performance - Year 5 Students
Weds 5 th August	VCES Secrets of Eromanga & Drawing Fossils - Year 3 & 4 Students
Fri 7 th August	Principal's Day
Mon 31 st Aug - Fri 4 th Sep	HPS Book Week Parade Friday 9am
Mon 14 th Sep - Thur 17 th Sep	Whole School Swimming

Principal's Message



An ACTION-PACKED Term Three

Our school calendar is already filling quickly with learning opportunities, special events, excursions, sporting competitions, Book Week celebrations, parent-teacher interviews, and so much more.

There is always something happening at Hastings Primary School, and we can't wait to see our students embracing every opportunity to learn, grow and shine.

To ensure you don't miss important information, reminders or event updates, I encourage all families to stay connected by regularly checking Compass and visiting our school website. These are our primary communication channels and the best way to keep up to date with upcoming events, permission notices, newsletters and school news.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we continue to create a positive and engaging learning environment where every child can thrive.

Here's to a fantastic Term 3 filled with learning, achievement and plenty of memorable moments!

Parent Teacher Interviews - Thank you

It has been fantastic to see so many families connecting with the classroom teachers these last two weeks. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's learning, discuss their progress, and work together to support their continued growth.

Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity to strengthen the home-school partnership and ensure every student is well supported in their learning journey.

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha Stand Strong, Have Strength

Mrs. Simone McDonald Principal



Building Improvements Underway

You may have noticed a construction compound in our car park and contractors working around the school over the past few weeks. We're excited to share that important upgrade works are currently underway to our Hall, which also serves as our Shelter in Place (SIP) facility.

These works include the installation of new roofing sheets, sky-lites, upgrades to the fire mesh screens, doors and windows, and other improvements that will enhance the safety, functionality and longevity of this important school building. In the coming weeks, additional drainage works will also be completed as part of the project.

It is wonderful to see continued investment in our school facilities, ensuring our buildings remain safe, well-maintained and fit for purpose for both our current students and future generations. These improvements are an important part of providing high-quality learning environments that support our whole school community.

I'd like to congratulate our students for the way they have responded throughout the construction period. They have done an outstanding job following our safety expectations, respecting the temporary fencing and exclusion zones, and staying well clear of areas where contractors are working. Their maturity and cooperation have helped ensure the works can progress safely and efficiently.

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 - Have you collected yours?

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

Principals' Day 2026

Friday 7 August marks Principals' Day 2026, a special opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding contribution principals and assistant principals make to public education.

School leaders play a vital role in shaping positive learning environments where students, staff, and families can thrive. Their work extends far beyond the classroom, encompassing educational leadership, student wellbeing, community engagement, staff support, and the ongoing improvement of schools.

Today we recognise the dedication, resilience, compassion, and leadership demonstrated by principals across Victorian government primary schools.

We extend our sincere thanks to our school leadership team for their commitment to our students, staff, and wider community.





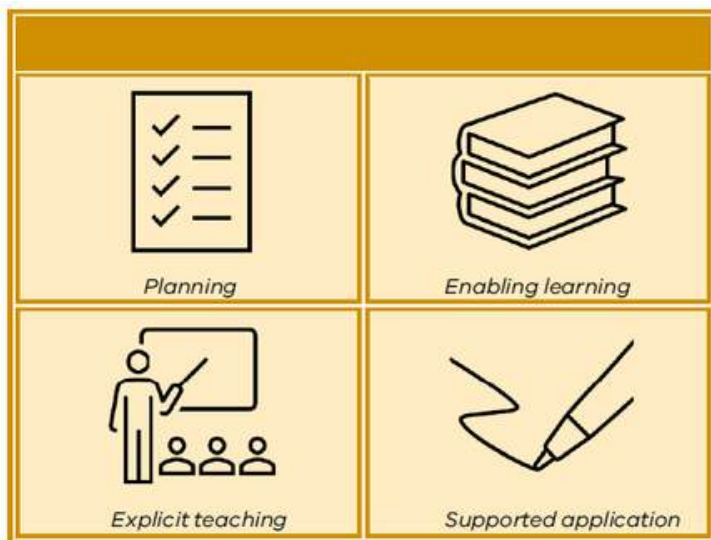
Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM) 2.0

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

In the last newsletter I had information about the 'Elements of Learning.' This week is all about the 'Elements of Teaching.'

Schools are focusing on step-by-step or explicit teaching and apply this approach to help students understand, use and remember what they learn.

This means teachers generally start each lesson by clearly explaining what students will learn and why it matters. They break content into smaller steps and actively check for understanding. Students then practice what they have learnt using different ways over time. This helps them retain information in the long term and apply it with confidence.



ARE COMING TO HPS

If you have a child in Foundation to Year 2 a form will come home this week with information about Glasses For Kids. There is a QR code that you can use to complete the form online OR you can complete the paper form and hand it in to the school office. Glasses for Kids is 100% free and all students who complete the form will have their eyes screened and if needed will receive glasses for free! If your child already wears glasses, that's ok they can still take part and receive a pair of free glasses. If you don't have a medicare card your child can still be part of the program. Any questions, please contact me!

Community Pantry

Run out of time to get to the shops? Need something quick to feed the kids? Just need a helping hand this week? Our Community Pantry is here for all Hastings Primary School families.

Please feel free to take what you need, when you need it - no questions asked.

📍 Location: Inside the school office, next to the First Aid Room.

We're proud to support one another as a school community.

Please don't hesitate to use the pantry whenever it can make life a little easier.

Mrs Rebecca Legge
Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge



Y3 and 4 Reminder



So you want to
be a
Palaeontologist?

Secrets of Eromanga & Drawing Fossils

Join Professor Tim Richards, a real palaeontologist from the University of Queensland, to discover amazing fossils from the ancient Eromanga Inland Sea. You'll have the chance to ask your own questions before taking part in a hands-on activity where you'll create a detailed field journal sketch of a trilobite and learn fascinating facts about this incredible extinct animal.

Details 

Wednesday 5th August

10.00 – 10.45am: Secrets of Eromanga Presentation by Tim Richards with Q & A session

10.45 – 11.00am: Break time

11.00 – 12.00pm: Drawing Fossils interactive hands-on session

Materials Provided

- Journal Sketch Book
- Pencil
- Eraser



Permission
required via
Compass

Year
3 & 4



Exploring National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day at Home



FAMILY KINSHIP TREE The family kinship and extended family is an important part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. It is a time where children learn who they are related to, a time to be proud of where they belong in their community.

Materials A twig with many branches • Green paper – make shapes of leaves on it • Textas, scissors, wool, a hole punch, paper cup, lump of play dough or plasticine.

Steps Cut out leaves from the green paper, big enough to place family members names on it. More leaves the better. Punch a hole at the end of the leaves and tie with wool. Place the play dough in the cup and then press the twig down firmly. Place the leaves starting from the child name on the top branch, down to the grandparents. Tie each leaf securely with the wool.



Facts on Fire

You might have heard students talking about Facts on Fire 2.0, an exciting new daily maths fluency program.

In just 5–10 minutes each day, all students will practise essential number facts to build speed, accuracy and confidence.

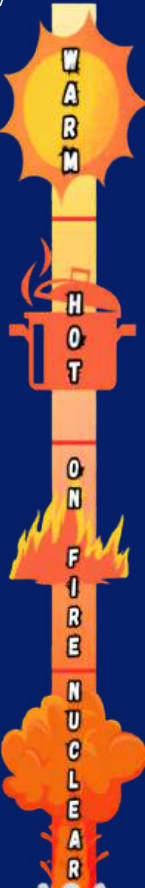
Facts on Fire is fast-paced, fun and celebrates personal growth, with students working towards improving their own scores over time. We look forward to seeing our students develop confidence, resilience and a love of mathematics as they watch their fluency grow throughout the year!

Facts currently being practised:

Year Level	Skill	How fast?
Prep	Number Writing to 20	30 digits per minute
Year 1	Number Writing to 100	60 digits per minute
Year 2	Number Writing to 100	60 digits per minute
Year 3	Addition Sums to 10	30 problems per minute
Year 4	Addition Sums to 10	30 problems per minute
Year 5	Multiplication to 81	40 problems per minute
Year 6	Multiplication to 81	40 problems per minute

Strong number fact recall helps students solve mathematical problems more easily and frees up their thinking for more challenging learning.

Everyone is loving the challenge each day brings for our students aim to progress from Warm to Nuclear!



Miss Michelle Aldridge
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100 Days Of Prep



Our Foundation students recently celebrated a very exciting milestone 100 Days of Prep! To mark the occasion, the children came dressed as their 100-year-old selves, and it was wonderful to see so many creative costumes complete with glasses, walking sticks, grey hair and cardigans! Throughout the day, students participated in a range of fun activities centred around the number 100. They created self-portraits imagining what they might look like at 100 years old, wrote about 100 things they wish for, and completed a variety of special "100" challenges. A highlight of the day was spending time with their Year 6 buddies, who joined them for collaborative 100-day activities and celebrations.

It was a fantastic day filled with laughter, creativity and learning as we celebrated how much our Foundation students have grown during their first 100 days of school. We are so proud of all they have achieved and can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

STUDENTS of the WEEK



PA	Matilda G	You have been working so hard on learning more letter names and sounds this week. Your hard work and practice is paying off. We are so proud of you Tilda!
PA	Brodi P	Your start to Term 3 has been amazing! You are showing kindness towards others, responsibility for yourself and a positive attitude towards new learning. Keep it up!
1/2A	Oliver L	Oliver, your creativity in your learning is amazing to see. From maths to writing, there is always plenty of thought put into your work. Way to go Oliver!
1/2B	Holly H	You've started this term with outstanding enthusiasm, a positive attitude, and a genuine willingness to improve in all areas of your learning. You have embraced new challenges with confidence, shown resilience when tasks become tricky, and consistently demonstrated a growth mindset by trying your best and learning from feedback. Keep up the amazing work, Holly!
3/4A	Sonny W	Sonny, your leadership and commitment to Running Club has paid off at school and beyond! Congratulations on all of your running achievements! Keep up the great work!
3/4A	Aliah T	Aliah, you have been nailing your attendance goal! It's been great to see you at school every day and putting in your best effort in class. Keep up the great work!
4/5A	Blake G	Congratulations! You are receiving this award for your maturity and leadership you demonstrated throughout the My Best Self program. Your positive attitude, respectful actions, and ability to lead by example made a valuable contribution to the program. Well done on this well earned achievement!
4/5A	Estelle S	Congratulations! You received this award in recognition of the maturity and leadership skills you consistently demonstrated throughout the My Best Self progra. Your positive attitude, thoughtful decision making, and willingness to support others made you a wonderful role model.
5/6A	Ashton M	Well done, Ashton. on your positive participation in the My Best Self program. Even when some activities challenged you, you approached them with a positive attitude and were willing to step outside your comfort zone. You consistently demonstrated our school value of Respect through the way you worked and interacted with your dance partners. Keep up the fantastic effort!
5/6A	Tyson Lehmann	Well done, Tyson, on your active participation in the My Best Self program. Despite finding some of the activities outside your comfort zone, you showed resilience by giving them a go. You also demonstrated our school value of Respect by working positively and respectfully with your dance partners. Keep up the great work!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

SPECIALIST SUPERSTARS



Tayden Allen, Albury Wells,
Ezekiel Mendez,
Jordan Thompson,
Archie Munro-Batson

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Sonny Wilkinson

Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!

Caring, Respecting and Learning

HOUSE POINTS



625
BUNYA



412
WARABA



383
WALLUM



330
MURUMBIDAL

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.

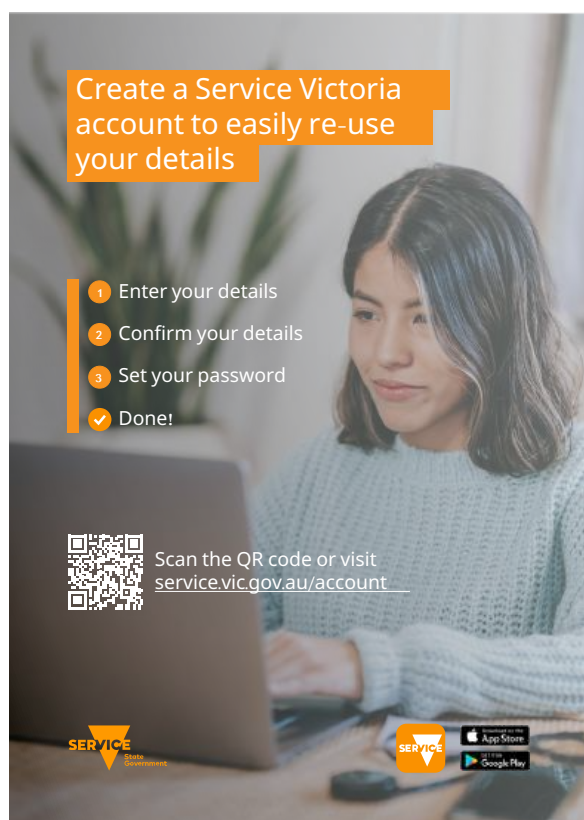
You can check your school zone via the Find My School website.

<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

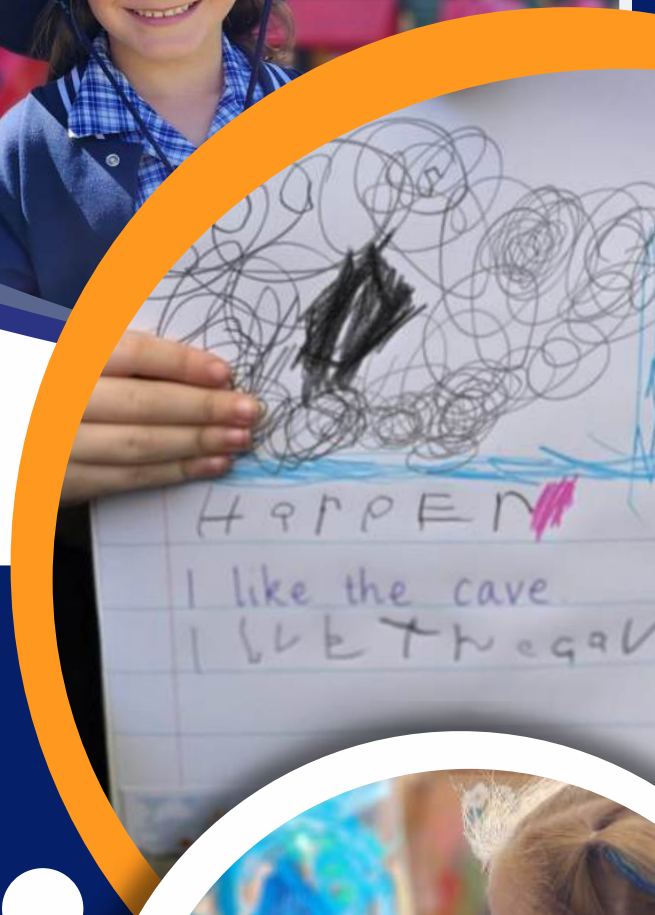
Thursday 15th October

Thursday 12th November

Statewide Transition

Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Tuesday 8th December



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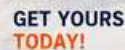
**2027 TOURS
AVAILABLE NOW**

**STAY WARM.
SHOW SCHOOL PRIDE.**

HASTINGS PS

COZY COMFORT.
ALL WINTER LONG.

A collection of Hastings PS football kit items. At the top, a dark blue scarf with orange and white stripes and the club crest is shown. Below it, a dark blue sock with orange and white stripes and the club crest is displayed. In the center, a dark blue beanie with orange and white stripes and the club crest is shown. To the right, a dark blue sock with orange and white stripes and the club crest is displayed. At the bottom, a dark blue scarf with orange and white stripes and the club crest is shown. The items are arranged in a circular pattern around a central dark blue background with the text 'HASTINGS PS' in white.



📍 AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE!

Mornington
Peninsula Shire
Library



Join us for a special Preschool Storytime to help us celebrate **Book Week 2026**.

Dress up as your favourite book character and join us after a magical story, for a parade around the libraries to showcase your incredible outfits!

With free face painting before and after the Storytime, it's a celebration full of stories, smiles, and creativity.
Free, no bookings required.

library.mompen.vic.gov.au/bookweek



Join us for the **Twisted Science Show**, a fast-paced, 60-minute experience packed with exciting demonstrations that bring scientific concepts to life.

With plenty of predictions, surprises, laughter, and "WOW" moments, this interactive show encourages the audience to question, observe, and discover just how awesome science can be.

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Join award-winning, bestselling children's author, Toni D'Alia, for a special Book Week Storytime at Mornington Library. Toni will read her Children's Book Council of Australia Shortlisted book, **Frogs Are Our Friends**, along with some of her other beautiful picture books. Families can also enjoy interactive songs and a themed craft activity.
Free, no bookings required

library.morpen.vic.gov.au/bookweek

Learning to code has never been more fun!

Fiero Code is a self-guided online software program for both adults and children (8+) offering an easy and fun-filled gamified learning experience.

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**learn
to code**



DTE4k also offers thousands of bilingual audio-picture books in over 100 world languages (including sign language) all sent direct by native speakers.

library.morningville.gov.au/lets4kids

TERM 3

3RD AUGUST

29TH JULY

30TH JULY17-21ST AUGUST

24-28TH AUGUST

4TH SEPTEMBER

LAST WEEK OF TERM

TERM 3

DON'T MISS OUT! BOOK TODAY —

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see everyone return with smiling faces, ready to reconnect with friends and jump into new experiences. Our first week back has been filled with creativity, teamwork and hands-on learning.

STEM Explorers

This week, children have been busy exploring STEM through a variety of construction experiences. Using LEGO, foam bricks and loose parts, they designed impressive towers, imaginative structures, obstacle courses and creative inventions. These open-ended activities encouraged children to problem-solve, test their ideas, work collaboratively and build resilience as they refined their designs.

Sustainability in Action

Our children have continued to care for our community garden by watering plants, checking on new growth and helping keep the garden healthy. Through these experiences, they are developing an understanding of sustainability, environmental responsibility and the importance of caring for shared spaces within our community.

Culture Club

Our Culture Club has continued to celebrate the diversity of our TeamKids community. Children explored different cultures by tasting foods from around the world and sharing their thoughts about new flavours and traditions. These experiences encouraged curiosity,

respectful conversations and an appreciation for the many cultures that make our community unique.

We're looking forward to another exciting term of learning, play and discovery at TeamKids!

IMPORTANT DATES



 **THURSDAY 30TH JULY**

(ASC) Rainbow Party – Celebrating Friendship

 **MONDAY 3RD AUGUST**

Watermelon Day

 **MONDAY 17TH AUGUST**

Science Week

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: 1/2

MONDAY

TUESDAY

SUSTAINABILITY



WEDNESDAY

S.T.E.M



THURSDAY

CULTURE



FRIDAY



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