



2026 TERM 4 EDITION 2

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 21st October 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

**Wed 21st -
Thurs 22nd
October** **Year 3 & 4 Adventure Camp
The Ranch**

**Wed 21st -
Fri 23rd
October** **Year 5 & 6 Urban Camp**

**Fri 30th
October** **World Teacher's Day**

**Tues 3rd
November**

**Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday**

**Thurs 12th
November**

Semper Dental Onsite

**Fri 20th
November**

STUDENT FREE DAY

**Fri 4th
December**

**Courage is Contagious - I stand
with Marnie Fundraiser**

Acting Principal's Message



Staffing Update:

As shared with our community on Compass, I will be commencing a 5 week leadership internship at Benton Junior College as part of my ongoing professional learning through the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership. While I am away, Simon Cameron, Assistant Principal at Gleneagles Secondary College, will step into the Acting Principal role at Hastings Primary School while Simone McDonald remains on leave.

I know our HPS community will make Simon feel welcome and support him as he gets to know our wonderful school, students, staff and families. I look forward to returning on Monday 30th November with new learning, ideas and experiences to share with our team.

Camp

Our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students have been looking forward to their camp adventures, with two very different experiences on offer! The Year 3/4 students head to The Ranch in Boneo, ready for outdoor adventures, team challenges and plenty of opportunities to build friendships, confidence and independence.

Meanwhile, our Year 5/6 students head into the city for Urban Camp, where they explore Melbourne, experience the excitement of city life and discover some of the amazing attractions our city has to offer. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for organising and supporting these experiences. Camps provide such valuable opportunities for students to challenge themselves, strengthen friendships and create memories that will last long after they return to school.

I stand with Marnie Fundraiser. 'Courage is contagious. Let's spread a little Marnie Magic!' 🧙‍♀️

On the afternoon of Friday 4th December we will be having a fundraiser for Marnie.

🌈 The \$15 Coloured Hair or Wig Challenge

Students who raise at least \$15 in sponsorship can come to school wearing a colourful wig or showing off their brightly coloured hair to show their support for Marnie!

✂️ The \$50 Head-Shave Challenge

Students who raise at least \$50 in sponsorship can choose to have their head shaved on the day, with parent/carer consent.

💖 The \$2,000 School Goal

If our whole school community raises \$2,000, Suz will shave her head! Let's get behind Suz and see if we can reach our goal!

Keep an eye out for more information!

Mrs Rebecca Legge -
Acting Principal

Preparing for 2027

And, as is always the case at this time of year, the end of the school year will arrive before we know it. We will soon be preparing to farewell our Year 6 students as they take their next steps into secondary education, while also undertaking our internal transition processes to support all students as they move into their next year level.

Term 4 is also an important planning period as we consider our 2027 grade structure and staffing profile. A great deal of thought, care and professional consideration goes into this process. Our primary focus is to develop a structure that best supports student learning, wellbeing and progress, while also considering the needs of the school and each cohort as a whole.

We understand that families may have thoughts, preferences or particular considerations regarding their child's class placement or teacher for 2027. We ask that families please support the school by allowing this process to occur without making individual requests directly to teachers or staff.

The grade structure and class placement process involves consideration of a range of factors, including student learning needs, class composition, wellbeing, social dynamics, educational needs, available staffing and the overall balance of each class. These decisions are made carefully and professionally, with the aim of creating the best possible learning environment for all students.

If a family has a specific or significant consideration they would like the school to be aware of as part of the planning process, please do not approach individual teachers regarding class placements. Instead, families are welcome to book an appointment with the Principal to discuss their circumstances, or submit their request in writing via the school email address: hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

This ensures that any relevant information can be considered appropriately and consistently as part of the broader planning process.

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.

As the weather improves and the days become lighter, we know that some students may be keen to leave home earlier and arrive at school before the usual start of the day. While it is wonderful to see students excited to get to school, it is important that families remember our student supervision arrangements and the times during which school grounds are supervised.

- **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 TeamKids Before and After School Care or participating in a pre-arranged supervised activity, such as 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.

Thank you for supporting us to ensure that all students are safe and appropriately supervised while at school.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Michelle Aldridge



**Koorie
Kids Day
Out @**



Supporting Your Child Through Change and Transitions

Last Friday I had the pleasure of joining our Koorie students at the Koorie Kids Day Out at Willum Warrain in Hastings. It was wonderful to see our students connecting with other Koorie kids and celebrating culture together.

Throughout the day, our students took part in a range of hands-on activities:

- Exploring our connections through an indigenous spider web.
- Learning symbols: Students learnt about some traditional symbols and drew them on paperbark.
- Weaving: Students learnt a weaving technique and used it to make their own bracelets.
- Music and dance: The day finished with an interactive performance from the Indigenous Outreach Project Hip Hop group, and our students joined in with plenty of energy and enthusiasm.

'The dancing was amazing, one guy was on one hand spinning and flipping. I think it was called the disco ball'.

Bailey P



A big thank you to Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association for hosting such a welcoming and culturally rich day, and to our students for representing Hastings Primary School so wonderfully.



Term 4 is a time of big change in schools. Students are getting ready for new classrooms, new teachers and new routines in 2027. Our Year 6 students are preparing for secondary school, and our Prep students for next year are visiting us. Even positive change can bring up mixed feelings, and children often show these through their behaviour, sleep or energy levels rather than with words.

Here are some ways families can help at home:

- Talk about it early and often. Chat about what is coming up in a calm, positive way. Questions like *"What are you looking forward to?"* and *"Is there anything that feels a bit tricky?"* give children space to share.
- Name the feelings. Let your child know that feeling excited, nervous or both at once is completely normal. Sharing a time you felt nervous about something new can help.
- Keep routines steady. Predictable bedtimes, mealtimes and family rituals give children a sense of safety when so much else is changing.
- Practise the practical things. For older students, this might be walking or catching the route to a new school, or packing a bag. For younger students, it could be visiting the school grounds or reading picture books about starting something new.
- Focus on what stays the same. Friendships, family and the things your child is good at all come with them.
- Watch for signs of worry. Changes in sleep, appetite, mood or reluctance to come to school can signal that a child needs extra support.

If you have any concerns, please talk to your child's teacher or contact me. We work best when school and home work together to support every student through change.



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Teachers' Day. Click on the
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Miss Michelle Aldridge
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STUDENTS of the WEEK



PA	Kitty C	Kitty, you have come back to Term 4 with the same focus on your learning, care for your friends, and respect for your teachers. You are a fantastic role model for our community.
1/2A	Lithusha K	Congratulations Lithusha on showing some amazing mathematical thinking during our adventures in location and mapping. Keep up the great efforts!
1/2A	Sailah P	Sailah, you are bringing your writing to a new level lately. Your ideas and editing are making for some wonderful reading. Keep up the great efforts!
1/2B	Abeer S	Congratulations, Abeer! I was so proud of the wonderful story you wrote this week about "The Tree". You have a fantastic imagination, and it's been lovely to see your punctuation improving too. Keep up the great work, Abeer. You should be very proud of yourself.
3/4A	Savannah P	Well done Savannah, you have improved your morning routine and this is helping you arrive at school on time and start the day in a positive way! Keep up the great work!
3/4A	Hudson P	Hudson, you have been working hard to achieve your attendance goal and you have shown kindness to others when they needed it. Keep up the great work Hudson!
4/5A	Hailey R	Congratulations, Hailey! You have been making positive choices by listening to instructions, staying focused on your learning and showing respect to those around you. Keep up the fantastic work!
4/5A	Kimberly S	Congratulations, Kimberly! It has been wonderful to see the effort you are putting into your writing and your willingness to challenge yourself by stepping outside your comfort zone. Keep up the fantastic work!
5/6A	Chase W	Chase, well done on your recent attendance! You should be very proud of yourself and the growing independence you are demonstrating. Keep up the fantastic work!

SPECIALIST SUPERSTARS



Kiara S, Isabelle O,
River S, Zaiden W



Drumbeat
Monica G, Geon O, Tracey Z,
Jarryd S, Tayden A, Kimberly S

Congratulations to this weeks award recipients!

Caring, Respecting and Learning

HOUSE POINTS



2749
WARADA



2515
MURUMBAL



2395
BUNYA



2067
WALLUM

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.

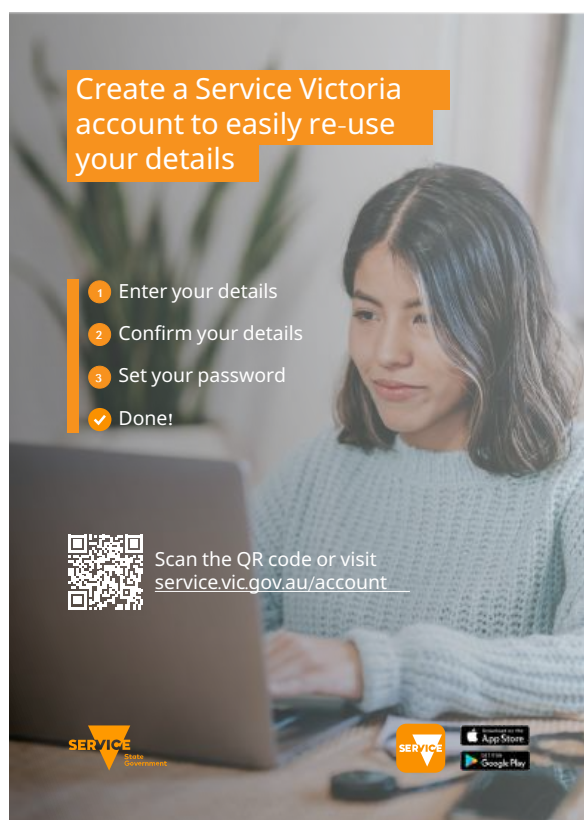
You can check your school zone via the Find My School website.

<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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5pm
OCTOBER-MARCH

Westernport Athletics Track
(behind Westernport Secondary College)



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Hastings Junior Netball Club

are looking for all ages to join their teams
for the 2027 season, from NetSetGo and above.

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Us!

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At The Hastings Football Netball Club

For more information, please
Email us at -



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HASTINGS FIRE BRIGADE

2026

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\$5 PER TICKET
OR
\$10 PER FAMILY

LITTLE KIDS SECTION
BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE
REFRESHMENTS



SATURDAY OCTOBER 31
4-7 PM
HASTINGS FIRE STATION
149 HIGH STREET
3915



Library news and information

Mornington
Peninsula Shire
Library

BIG SUMMER READ



Big Summer Read is back!

Join our free summer reading challenge for ages 0-18,
running from 1 December to 31 January.

Read, log your progress and be in the running to win prizes!

JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!

Join online at readbooks.com.au/bsr, collect a paper entry form
from the library, or scan the QR code.

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Read at least 5 days during the promotional period.

Win! The more you read, the more chances you have of winning!
Every 5 days of reading = one entry. Multiple entries allowed!

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and join



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Ages 8-13
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documentaries and more, all available to stream for free with your library
membership.

library.mornpen.vic.gov.au/kids



Little Pim is a fun, engaging
language-learning
program for children ages
0-6. Designed especially
for young learners, Little
Pim makes language
learning feel like playtime.

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HASTINGS TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Welcome back to all our families for Term 4 at TeamKids Hastings! We hope everyone had a wonderful school holiday break and is feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term filled with fun, friendship and new adventures.

Our vacation care program was packed with memorable experiences! The children had a fantastic time at our Social Fair, where they challenged themselves with rock climbing and enjoyed friendly competition on the mini golf course. We also enjoyed a trip to the movies to watch Paw Patrol, along with a fun-filled bowling outing where the children cheered each other on and celebrated their strikes and spares!

Since returning to school, we have hit the ground running with the exciting launch of our Term 4 clubs! The children are ready to explore their creativity in Art Attack, getting active and trying new experiences in Adventure Club, and whipping up delicious creations in Cooking Club.

We are looking forward to another fantastic term filled with laughter, learning, creativity and plenty of opportunities for children to explore their interests, develop friendships and create lasting memories.

From all of us at TeamKids Hastings, here's to an amazing Term 4!
Let the fun begin!

IMPORTANT DATES



THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Lunchtime Legends (P-2) Let's make Halloween masks

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Halloween Party! (ASC)

THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Lunchtime Legends – Let's plant Poppies in the community garden and do Poppy craft.

TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK: 4



MONDAY

Adventure Club –
Community Treasure Hunt

TUESDAY

Cooking Club – Let's bake wholemeal Banana Bread muffins.

WEDNESDAY

ArtAttackClub – Halloween Baskets from Recycled Materials.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



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