



Term 4 – Newsletter 18 Thursday 22nd October 2020

Principal News – Gillian Connolly

The past two weeks have flown by and the students have settled back into their classrooms and routines really well. It has been so lovely having them all back on site, hearing them playing outside and seeing the fantastic learning going on in the classrooms. Our teachers have been spending time assessing different curriculum areas and have started analysing where students are at and what we need to do to target learning for the rest of the term.

School Review

The school review Fieldwork Days have taken place over the past two days. The panel have enjoyed getting to know our school by undertaking classroom observations, talking with student focus groups and interviewing staff. There have been lots of positives with the panel members impressed with how settled and engaged the students were throughout the school. They loved talking with the students and our student leaders who were very articulate, gave great feedback and suggestions on how we could improve the school.

The panel members will then return on the 29th October to present their findings to our leadership team and a date will be set for the reviewer (John Haines) to present to School Council.

Drop off Zone and School Road Parking

Thank you for using the drop off zone as it needs to be and helping us maintain student safety along School Road. I have written to the council to have them come out and see how we can make this safer for our families and have not yet had a response. In regards to the drop off zone, if this becomes a problem with traffic flow we will need to consider closing it.

Graduation

We are currently working on how our graduation will work this year to fit in with the COVID guidelines from the DET and Government. Unfortunately, it looks like we will not be able to do what is traditionally done, however we will be working out ways that parents can be involved even if it is virtually. We will let you know what is happening when we have worked out the logistics.

Foundation Transition

We are also working on how we can transition our new foundation students to school and will be in contact with families with arrangements for the students to have the opportunity to meet their teacher and have a look at the school.

Dates for the Diary 2020



Term 4

Tomorrow
Grand Final Day
Public Holiday

26th October
School Council 7pm

30th October
Book Week Activity
Day

**Monday 2nd
November**
Student Free Day

**Tuesday 3rd
November**
Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday

25th-27th November
Coonawarra Camp
Years 3-6



Grade Structures and Staffing

We are currently working on our grade structures and which grades teachers will be in. As I have let you know previously we are not having the 4/5/6 grades. Next year our structure will be two F/1 grades; one 1/2 grade; two 3/4 grades and two 5/6 grades. This structure is the one that works best for the numbers of students we have across the different year levels.

Sadly for our school, Mr. Berry will not be staying at HNPS next year. This is due to personal reasons and Mr. Berry wanting to relocate to Melbourne. He will be missed by students, staff and parents and has been a terrific asset to our school. We wish him the very best with his move and in his future teaching career.



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Responsibility, Resilience, Collaboration, Curiosity, Challenge



With this vacancy we have advertised and filled the position and are excited to welcome Leah Khanlarian to the school. Leah is currently working in a specialist school in Melbourne and is relocating to move closer to family. She brings many strengths with her, particularly in working with students who have ASD and additional learning needs. We are hoping to invite Leah down to meet staff and students later this term.

Morning Yard Supervision & Drop off Time

The schoolyard is supervised from 8:45am – 9:00am when classes begin. We have several children coming to school from 8.10am which is too early. It is important that children arrive at school close to the supervised times for their own safety. If they do arrive early they must locate themselves in the undercover area of the school.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is now conducting The Parent Opinion Survey, which is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The survey is open until November 13th and so far we have only had 9 responses. It would be great to have as many families (one response per family) participate as we can in order to get a good picture of what our community feel about our school. The link and pin number were sent through Skoolbag and Seesaw last week. I will resend these out separately via both of these forums for you to access again.

Keep smiling, take care and **GO CATS!**

Gillian Connolly ☺

I Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land where I work and live, and pay my respects to elders past and present and extend that Acknowledgement to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.



GRADE REQUESTS FOR 2021 CLASSES

If you have a specific request of an exceptional nature which may affect the placement of your child next year, please email the school hazelwood.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au or send a note in with your child to hand to the office. Please do not send requests through Seesaw.

We are asking that requests are submitted in writing by **Friday 6th November** and must include the following:

1. The issue (if any) that concerns you.
2. Why you want this particular placement - the exceptional nature of the issue.

We will deal with all requests confidentially, equitably and with understanding, but in the end the school will make the decision for placement based on your child's needs and within the greater context of the needs of all children. Given the size of our school and grade structures it may be difficult to accommodate all requests.

NB: Please do not ask for your child to be placed/not placed with a specific teacher.



Poetry by 4/5/6 A

Nervous

Nervous is butterflies in your tummy, it tastes bland and sour.
It smells like lots of people crowding around, it looks like a dark haunted street.
It sounds like a bunch of voices talking at once, it feels like starting at a new school.
By Elsa M.

Ecstatic

Ecstatic like a glorious sunrise on a hot summer's day.
Like a sour warhead but is still too good to give away.
The feeling is over the moon and like your heart has been rushed with joy.
It's like your favourite song has just been put on and is always going to play.
By Claire.

Anger

Anger is red, and like a Raging bull.
Anger tastes like the fiery sun.
It smells like the black and grey smoke.
By Ethan.

Love

Happy people watching the wave's crash. Sweet caring red hearts. Red roses flying everywhere. It feels like a red fluffy heart.
By Bella

The grave man

Every year 13th of December the grave man rises waiting for humans to terror.
Then suck their brains and all their blood.
By Katy.

Fear

Fear is black like a dark alleyway.
It makes you scared, worried and sad, sometimes you feel lonely or lost.
I shiver when I am alone; scared the darkness will take me away.
Hiding in the trees hoping to stay safe.
When the sun rises I run home, my brain just repeating over and over what else could've happened that night.
By Eliza.

Happy

Happy is pink like cotton candy.
It tastes like sweet fairy bread, It smells sweet.
It looks like a colourful lollipop.
It sounds like laughter.
It feels like being with family and friends.
By Katherine.

Nature

Birds tweeting upon the soothing water.
Water rushing down the lakes.
The trees swaying in the wind, air is very fresh.
By Kydan.

Poem of anger

Anger is like you seeing a red beast in side of you, and tastes like your first time eating chilly.
It feels like your face is burning, you hear a tea pot going off like a whistle on a train.
By Xsara.

River

The river is swishing and the trees are bopping up and down.
It's so peaceful.
By Army