



Term 2 – Newsletter 8 Friday 21st May 2021

Dates for the Diary 2021



Term 2

25th May

Divison Winter Sports

27th May

Education Week
Open Morning

1st June

Kurnai Awareness
Day Grade 5/6

3rd June

Region Cross
Country

11th June

Closure Day

14th June

Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

21st June

School Council

25th June

Last day Term
1.30 finish

Term 3

12th July

First day term



Our Vision

At Hazelwood North Primary School we are a community of life-long learners who are inclusive, kind and curious. We are problem solvers who work together with confidence to strive for growth and excellence.

Principal News

Well the term is flying by and we have had another busy couple of weeks! There is a lot of important information in this newsletter so please take the time to read it.

Our grade 3 and 5 students completed their NAPLAN testing which always makes for a big week. They seemed to try their best and went with the flow when we had some minor technical issues. On top of this the 3-6 students completed their swimming program and again, the feedback from the Ford Centre was extremely positive. I was lucky enough to go with the 5/6s one day and Brian Ford had a chat with me and spoke about how respectful and responsible our students had been across the 2 week swimming block. Congratulations to all of our students and a huge thanks to the teachers and parents who supported our students and helped with supervision.

We also had our football and netball teams compete in the district sports this week. Both teams played extremely well with our netball team coming second in the grand final and our football team winning. Our football team will now play in the region competition later this term, we wish them the best of luck!



Road Safety

I am noticing an increase of students being waved across Church Road or trying to make their way to a car parked further from the gate. If you are picking up your child from the Church Road entrance, you will need to come and collect them from the gate please. This will ensure the safety of all of our students.

Building Refurbishment - Update

The architects presented the master plan to the School Council on Monday night. This plan is an overview of how the school could look in the next 5-10 years in terms of buildings and grounds. This is then broken into different phases so the Government can provide funding to see the plan come to light. The first phase is the administration building and toilets. This is currently being costed by the architects as we have run into some issues around our services and septic.

Education Week – Open Morning May 27th (9am-11.30am)

To celebrate education week we are opening our classrooms for you to come along and visit to see the wonderful learning that is going on. There will be a morning tea provided from 11am – 11.30am.



School Values: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience

I have had a number of meetings and phone calls with parents over the last fortnight and had some very valuable conversations around how the students treat each other and also how the adults in the school treat each other. Our school values are not just a set of words we ask the students to abide by. It is important that the staff and parents also model using our values in interactions with each other and when on the school grounds. We are trying to build a safe and inclusive environment for our school and this needs us all on the same page and working together.

Understanding Bullying

Over this term there seems to be an increase in students treating each other poorly; verbally insulting each other, pushing, shoving and generally making others feel unsafe. There is also a culture where if students come and tell a staff member something has happened, they are being given a hard time. This is very disappointing and needs to stop. We are currently working as a staff to get on top of this and need your help. I am finding some parents are telling their children it is ok to defend themselves and retaliate, however it is not ok. We are asking our students to stand up to this sort of behaviour by verbally telling the other student to stop and if this doesn't work they need to come and see a staff member. By retaliating it is often making a situation worse rather than better. It is important to talk to your children about this and encouraging them to seek support from a staff member.

As a flow on from this, I have booked an Understanding Bullying incursion for the whole school to take part in. Our F-6 students will attend a session run in- person during the first week of Term 3, there will be a cost associated with this and I am working on how to minimise this for parents. The grade 3-6 students will then attend an internet safety webinar the following week. As part of the package there is a parent webinar being offered for free on Wednesday the 14th from 7pm – 8pm. I will send out the Zoom details for this closer to the date.

Home Reading

It is really important for students to be reading at home, this is the only homework we ask students to do. This gives them the opportunity to read for enjoyment and practise fluency. Our junior grade students are doing a terrific job with their reading at home each night, unfortunately in the grade 3-6 levels there seems to be a significant drop off. Teachers will be putting some strategies in place to increase home reading and we would appreciate it if students were supported to read each night and record this in their reading diary.

Communication and Parent Helpers

As part of the school review it came out that parents and carers wanted better communication from the school and more opportunities to attend activities and help out. There have been a number of times this term where parents have contacted the school or teachers for information that has already been in the newsletter or sent out on Sentral. We are trying to make sure we are communicating as much as we can through Sentral and the Facebook page so please take the time to access these platforms so you know what is going on.

We have also had a number of opportunities for parents to help out at sport or swimming recently with a very small response rate. We understand many of you work and can't attend during the day, however if there is any chance you can help out when we need volunteers it would be great to hear from you. Remember to help at events at school you need a Working with Children Check which is free and can be easily obtained online.

Keep smiling and take care,

Gillian Connolly ☺

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



Values Awards

We are respectful

We are responsible

We are resilient

Congratulations to our fortnightly Values Award recipients:

F/1 MJ – Huon for Resilience

F/1 X – Jonathan for Resilience

1/2 M – Levi for Resilience

3/4A – Sadie for Responsibility

3/4 K – Sarah for being a Triple R Superstar!

5/6 AJ – Jackson for Resilience

5/6 AJ – Ruby for Resilience

5/6 S – Cooper for Respect

STEAM – F1X for fantastic work



School Council News

As mentioned about the School council were presented with the Master Plan for the school from the architects and have signed off on this. We are also continuing to work with the Latrobe Shire to increase the road safety for our students and create a path from the Tennis Club Hall to the school. We recently had a tree safety audit completed and approved for works to be done in cutting down trees identified as potential hazards and trimming up some others.

Calm Kid Central

This is a terrific online psychology service and resource for parents to assist your child with their emotions. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for information and access codes.

SPORT NEWS

Fantastic effort by the students who represented our school at the Division Cross Country held at Gaskin Park: Graciemay, Lucas R, Bella D, Lucas G and Charlotte (who has progressed onto Regional level).

Well done to the Grade 5/6's who competed at the District Footy/Netball on Wednesday. They did us proud by placing 2nd in Netball and 1st in Football.

Coming up:

TBC Division Footy/Netball/Soccer

3/6 Regional Cross-Country

31/8 Division Athletics

Wonder White

Please help us earn points for sports equipment by collecting any brand of bread bags and bread tags, and depositing them in the pink collection boxes at school. The plastics will be recycled into things such as play equipment: for example the exercise circuit we are in the running to win by simply becoming involved in a worthwhile program.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

A big thankyou to all who helped with the pizza lunch day. To Bridle Pizza for making the pizzas. Keep an eye out for another special lunch in the next few weeks.

Second hand uniforms. Don't forget we have second hand uniforms for sale at \$2 an item.

If you have any ideas for fundraising let us know or to join P & FC contact Nicole on 0408354094

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Reading for enjoyment at Hazelwood North Primary School.



Digging deeper into reading and ourselves!

Discussion about the texts your child is reading at home can encourage them to think more deeply about the books they are reading, their own experiences and the experiences of others. It can be an exploration into different ways of living!

Inferring:

Inferring is about connecting what is written on the page to what is unspoken. When reading at home you can help

activate this type of thinking by asking questions about how a character may be feeling, if they have ever felt the same way? Has something similar happened to you, if so what did you do? Do you think this character will do the same?

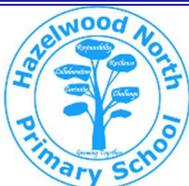
Questioning:

Asking questions when reading can really help students engage with a text and dig deeper into understanding the main idea, authors purpose and character experience. You can ask your child to predict what they think may happen next, or simply encourage them to stop and ask what an unfamiliar word means.

Have fun together!

Reading can make space for great conversations, it may give insights into how your child views the world they live in, what changes they may like to make or what type of person they want to become.





IMPORTANT

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Protection of School Communities) Bill 2021: Information for Parents, Carers and Families

Victorian school communities are overwhelmingly positive and safe places for teaching and learning where we all play a role in supporting students in their achievements, engagement and wellbeing needs.

It is likely that you have heard the recent media announcements that the Victorian Government has introduced the *Education and Training Reform Amendment (Protection of School Communities) Bill 2021*. If passed through parliament, the proposed Bill would come into effect in May 2022.

The Bill aims to protect and keep school communities safe by preventing and deterring violent and aggressive behaviours from adult members of the school community and ensure that schools are positive, safe and inclusive places to work and learn. This Bill will apply to the small minority of adult members of the Victorian school community who engage in this behaviour, after early conflict resolution measures through non-legislative avenues have failed.

The proposed law will empower principals and other authorised persons to issue School Community Safety Orders in response to parents, carers and other adult members of the school community who engage in harmful, threatening, abusive or disruptive behaviours on school grounds or places where school activities take place, or inappropriate and harmful communication through emails and social media.

This Bill will apply to the small minority of the school community who engage in this behaviour when all other reasonable interventions have failed. The changes would ensure that all members of the school community are kept safe and to minimise any harm to their safety and wellbeing. There will be internal and external review mechanisms in place if a person who is subject to a School Community Safety Order wishes to appeal an Order.

Arrangements will be available to ensure parents can still remain engaged in their child's learning to and to minimise any disruption to the student.

This Bill would not replace the existing avenues to raise any complaints, issues or suggestions with schools. Please see our website for our school's [Communication with School Staff](#) and [Complaints](#) policies. By continuing to engage with these communication channels in a respectful and collaborative manner, we can continue to work together to support our students

Further information about the details of the Bill will be communicated to you if the Bill is passed by parliament.

Online psychological support for children with big feelings & life challenges



Do you have a child who:

- Worries & gets frustrated
- Has difficulties in making/managing friendships
- Has been through tough life situations
- Might have a mental or emotional health challenge or diagnosis

We can help!



Calm Kid Central

1. Our child psychologists are on standby to help you with unlimited questions about children within 48 hours.

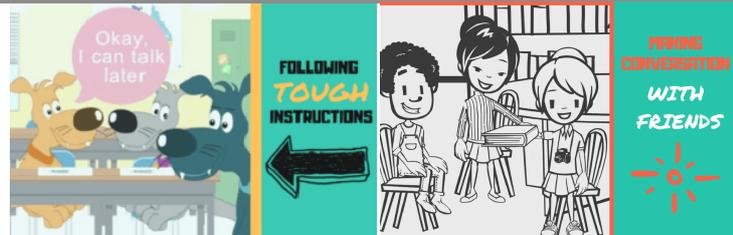


Tell us any question or concern you have about your child. Our panel of experienced & fully qualified child psychologists will carefully read and answer your questions online within 48 hours.



2. We help children learn to cope with big feelings, act confidently, stay calm, cope with friendships & act co-operatively.

Animated videos (and activity sheets & posters) for children on topics such as: Following Tough Instructions, Why We Get Mad and What To Do, Being Brave, Coping with "Mean" Behaviour – & many more:



3. We teach you to feel calmer, more confident and effectively support kids with "big feelings" & life challenges



Videos, articles and "cheat" sheets to know how to support children with anxiety, frustration, challenges with friendships and psychological disorders.

How Do I Sign Up?

Calm Kid Central is free for families living in the Gippsland region, as supported by Gippsland Primary Health Network go to www.calmkidcentral.com, click JOIN NOW, and use code FIRSTYEAR.



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