



Dates for the Diary 2021



Term 3

17th September
Last Day of term
1.30pm Finish

Term 4

4th October
First day term

6th - 8th October
3/4 Camp??

14th October
Division Athletics

22nd October
Division
Basketball

28th October
Division Cricket
Blast

1st November
Student Free Day

2nd November
Melbourne Cup
Holiday



Term 3 – Newsletter 14 Friday 10th September 2021

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

Just when we thought we would be remote learning for the term we are thrown into a new scenario with the F-2 students back on site! It was terrific this morning to see their smiling faces and excitement at being back at school. We can't wait for our 3-6 students to be able to join us. I need to thank the teachers for being able to pivot back to on-site learning with very little notice, it is nice to see you back on site too! I understand the frustration families are now facing with having to have some of your children at school with others still remote learning. Hopefully next term we will all be back on site together!

On-site Supervision for 3-6 Students

The guidelines provided by the Department for which students can attend on-site supervision were released last night and shared with families. I understand this poses difficulties for some families who are also returning to work; however, we have to limit the number of students and staff attending the school. The guidelines state that only students who have already been attending as children of authorised workers or vulnerable children are allowed to attend on-site supervision.

Grade 2 Sleepover

Sadly, the Grade 2 sleepover is once again cancelled. We understand that the children will be very disappointed but we have to follow the recommendations from the Department and Chief Health Officer.

Grade 3/4 Camp – most likely cancelled

Unfortunately, at this current point in time the camp is not allowed to go ahead. We are hoping this will change next week and will let you know as soon as we can, however I expect it will not go ahead.

Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

The parent/carers survey has been extended until the 17th September, so if you haven't had a chance to complete now is your opportunity! Thank you to the 34 families who have already taken this opportunity to share your feedback about our school. The link is provided for you below:

Student Free day

The student free day held last week gave the staff the opportunity to learn more about the processes and systems for implementing PB4L. We were lucky enough to have the expertise of Sue McLaren, who is the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Coach for Gippsland lead the day and share her knowledge and experience with us. We have started working on our behaviour expectation matrix and when a draft is completed, we will be sharing it with our students and families for feedback. This matrix forms the foundation of teaching and acknowledging positive behaviours around our school to promote a safe environment for all students, staff and families.



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – Grant application

School Council have endorsed us putting in a grant application to try and establish an OSHC service at our school commencing in 2022! This is an exciting step forward in providing an additional support to our working families and those undertaking studying. We are looking at providing before school, after school and holiday care. This will be on a user pays basis and we will do our best to make it as affordable for families as possible. If we are successful in receiving the grant, OSHC will be set up and run by a third-party provider. If you completed the Expression of Interest Survey, I thank you, as the response was terrific and has given me some terrific data to use as part of the application. I will let the community know as soon as we hear anything!

COVID Rules

A reminder the current rules for being at the school (particularly families of F-2 students):

- Only essential visitors are allowed on-site
- You must wear a mask at all times (as per the Government directive).
- You are not allowed on site to drop your children off; you must say goodbye at the gate.
- For pick up, you may wait on the basketball court or on the grassed area between the art room and hall but must physically distance from each other.
- You cannot mingle before or after the end of day bell - it is purely pick up and go.
- If you need to collect your child early, ring the office and arrangements will be made for you to collect them from the car park gate only.
- If you need to drop something off, please ring the office to make arrangements.

Keep smiling and take care,

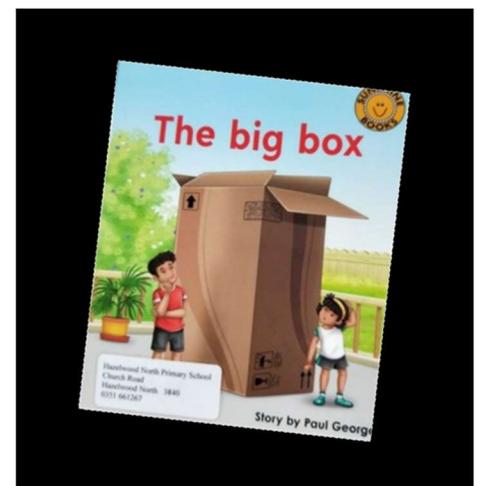
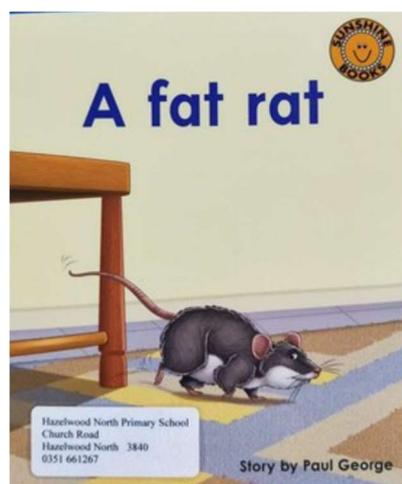
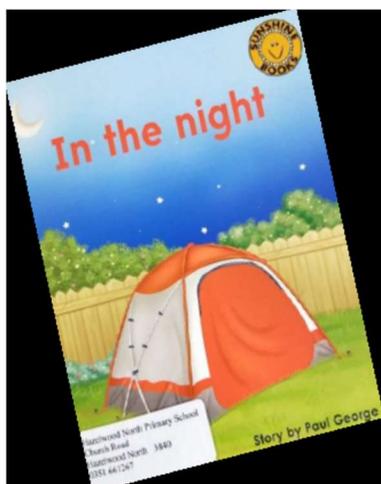
Gillian Connolly ☺

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. I acknowledge that the land is stolen land and the GinnaiKurnai people have never ceded their sovereignty on these lands and treaties are yet to be negotiated

Reading for enjoyment at Hazelwood North Primary School

What's been happening with reading at

HNPS?

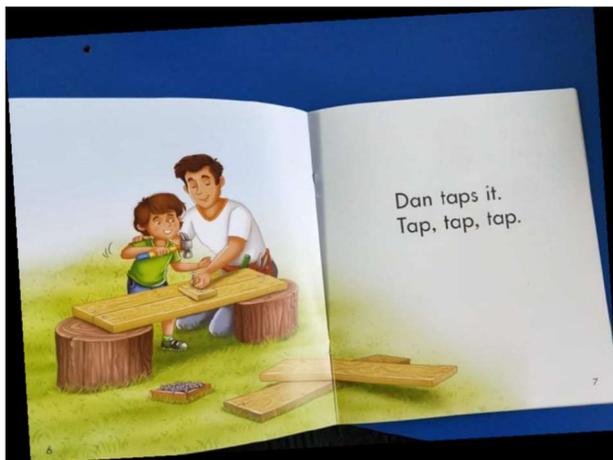
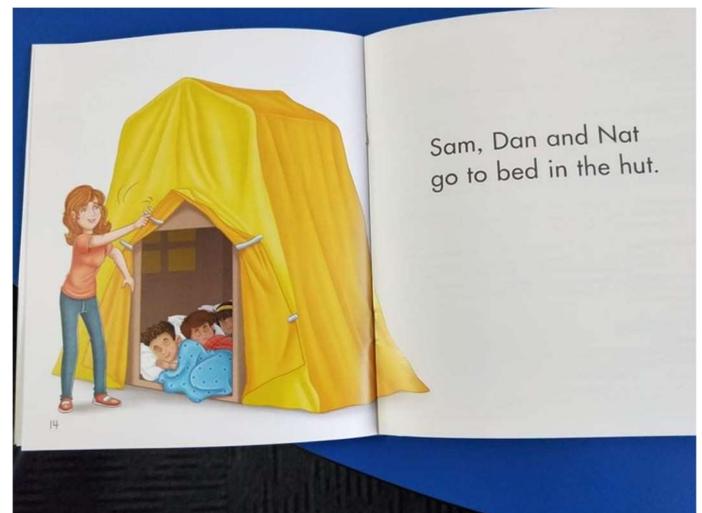


Hazelwood North Primary School is committed to child safety and upholding the Child Safe Standards



This year Hazelwood North Primary have been investigating a synthetic phonics program, a method of teaching reading in which students are first taught the relationship between letters and the sounds they represent. We noticed that we didn't have texts to support this approach in the school so we purchased.....

DECODABLE TEXTS!!



Decodable texts are simple books that contain the specific letter sound relationships students have learnt. Decodable texts encourage children to sound out words using decoding strategies rather than guessing.

Have you seen them yet?

Not yet— teachers are using them in the classroom before sending them home.