



# HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

*Respect, Responsibility, Resilience*



## Term 4 – Newsletter 18

### Dates for the Diary 2021



#### Term 4

**22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

**November**

Scholastic Book Fair

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

2022 Foundation Student Transition

**1<sup>st</sup> December**

2022 Foundation Student Transition

**7<sup>th</sup> December**

State-wide Transition

**10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wear Orange Day**  
Walk for Equality

**14<sup>th</sup> December**

Grade 6 Graduation

**17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Last Day of Term**  
**1.30pm Finish**

### 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

I can't believe we only have four weeks left of the school year! It has been a huge two weeks for many of our staff and families. I really appreciate the understanding and cooperation shown by you in keeping your children home if needed and showing evidence of negative tests or eligibility to return. Hopefully with the change in rules announced yesterday, we won't have to go through that again. Most of our students have settled really well back into school routines and expectations which has been fantastic to see.

### End of Year Concert

Given what our community has just been through, we have made the decision to postpone our end of year concert. We had a group called STOMP coming in to teach grades a dance item to perform at the end of year gathering. We have decided to postpone this and hold it in the first half of next year as a community celebration.

### Grade 6 Graduation

The grade 6 graduation will be going ahead as an outdoor event on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December at the school. Details of times for students and parents to be at school will be provided soon.

### Masks

The current Government announcements state that it is still compulsory for all staff and students in grades 3-6 to wear masks indoors unless an exemption is provided. It is highly recommended that students in F-2 grades wear masks as well. It has been fantastic to see how well the students are following this guideline.

### Parents on-site

I am waiting for the updated guidelines from the Department before making changes to parents coming on site. As per current guidelines, for any adult to come into a building at school, they must have at least one vaccination and be fully vaccinated by the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, or have a valid medically exemption.

### 2022 Grade Structures

We have had a lot of interest in new families coming to our school next year so have had to add an extra grade! This grade will be in the junior end and located in the middle area of the Grove. Our structure for next year will be: 2 x F/1; 2 x 1/2; 2 x 3/4; and 2 x 5/6. We are still finalising what teachers will be in which grades and will let you know when this is complete. Next year we will be providing Art, PE and STEAM as our specialist subjects. Chinese will continue in the same format as the last several years.

We are currently working on placing students for next year, students are providing names of 3 students they would like to be in a grade with and will be with at least one of their nominated friends.

### Staffing Changes

It is with sadness I announce that Leah Khanlarian will not be with us again next year. She has decided it is time for a sea change and will be moving to Queensland next year. We wish her the very best with her future and will miss her greatly, she has been a wonderful asset at our school.

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To fill the vacancy left by Leah, we have employed a graduate teacher by the name of Liana Robbie. Liana is very excited to be joining our team and we are thrilled to be welcoming her. As we are adding a class, we currently have a position advertised to fill this.

Other changes will see Mrs Jones reducing her hours to one day a week and Mrs Hughes will be moving out of PE to teach one day in a classroom and one day running the high ability program. With Mrs Hughes moving out of PE, we welcome Kimberley Wright to our team. Kimberley comes to us with a lot of experience in this area and a passion for sport. We have yet to fill the STEAM position and this is currently advertised.

## Grade Requests for 2021 Classes

Time certainly has got away from us! If you have a specific request of an exceptional nature which may affect the placement of your child next year, please message your child's teacher on Sentral, send a note in with your child to be handed into the office or email the school: [hazelwood.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:hazelwood.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au) Please do not send requests through Seesaw.

We are asking that requests are submitted in writing by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. If your request does not include the requested detail it will not be considered.

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

## Reports

Due to remote learning the Department have put out guidelines for reporting. Your child's report will have a progression point for English, Mathematics, Art and PE (including effort), which will also indicate if your child is at, below or above level. The reports will also include a statement of what was taught in reading, writing, mathematics, science, chinese, art, PE and performing arts. There will also be a Personal and Social Capability checklist and a general comment about how your child engaged in remote learning and back on site. When you receive your report, if you need to talk with your child's teacher please call the school or message them through Sentral to arrange a time.

## Respectful Relationships

Grades have been involved in lessons from the Respectful Relationships curriculum all year in order to learn about respect, gender equality and inclusion. The Royal Commission into Family Violence identified the critical role that schools and early childhood education have in creating a culture of respect to change the story of family violence for future generations. In 2016, respectful relationships education became a mandatory component of the Victorian Curriculum from foundation to year 12 and our school is one of the last to come on board. Respectful Relationships is about embedding a culture of respect and equality across our entire community, from our classrooms to staffrooms, sporting fields and social events. This approach leads to positive impacts on student's academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour, and relationships. As part of this we have decided to take part in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. This is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

This year we will be holding a whole school walk on the afternoon of the **10<sup>th</sup> of December** to promote gender equality. Students will be making posters about what equality means to them and we are asking them to **wear something orange** on the day. This colour is part of the 16 Days of Activism and represents a bright future.

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### **Pedestrian Path**

Works are well and truly on the way and it will be fantastic when the path is finished. This will enable safe passage from the hall carpark to the school carpark. Our next step will be to make a path that leads around the back of the carpark to provide safe passage through to the school.

### **State Schools' Relief**

If you are in receipt of the CSEF or are experiencing financial hardship, you may be entitled to new uniform items, underwear or even glasses. Some students may also be eligible for a laptop or dongle. If you would like more information about this, please ring the school and have a chat.



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 GonnaiKurnai people have never ceded their sovereignty on these lands and treaties are yet to be negotiated*

### **Out of Hours School Care - 2022**

Things are moving very quickly in this area. The School Council have chosen TheirCare to be our provider and they run several OSHC services in the local area. They come highly recommended from the schools using them and we are excited to be working in partnership with them. TheirCare will be sending out information soon



and have asked us to inform you **they will start taking bookings for 2022 from December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Here is a link to their website so you can check them out! <https://theircare.com.au/families/>

## **Reading for enjoyment at Hazelwood North Primary School**

### **The Sounds – Write Program**

Next year, Hazelwood North Primary School will be implementing the Sounds Write Program. So far, three teachers have been professionally trained in the program. The remaining teachers will be trained early next year.

Sounds-Write is a quality first phonics programme. Its purpose is to provide classroom professionals with a comprehensive system with which to teach reading, spelling and writing. Phonics involves the teaching of sounds made by individual letter or letter groups (for example, the letter <c> makes a /k/ sound), and teaching children how to merge separate sounds together to make it one word (for example, blending the sounds /k/, /a/, /t/ makes “cat”). In addition, it also serves very successfully as an intervention or catch-up programme so will be great for helping students who need extra help with their literacy.

If you would like to find out more about this programme, we recommend you visit their website:

<https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/>

There are also free resources and videos which can help you support your child at home.



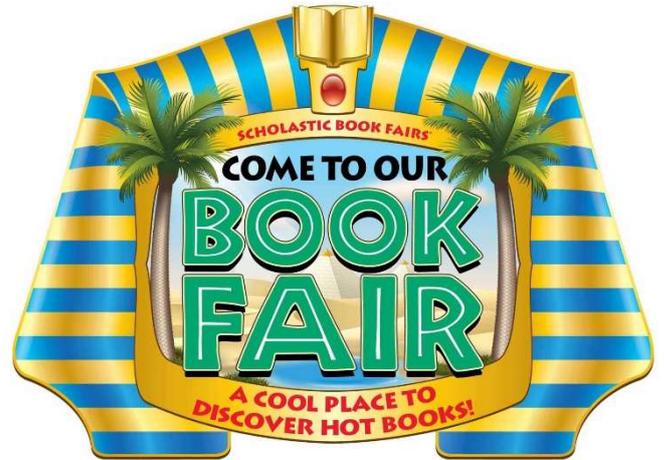
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## The BOOKFAIR is here!

Our “Oasis Book Fair” opens on Monday in the School Hall. All students will be given time to look at the books in the Book Fair, and the opportunity to write a wish list to take home.

The Book Fair will be open before school 8.30am till 9.00am, lunchtimes 1.40 – 2.00pm and after school 3.15 -4.00pm each school day, until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.



There is a great selection of books including new titles of some popular series’, small and large posters, and the usual quirky pens and rubbers.

Our Book Fair Assistants Bella D, Sienna, Bella G, Mason, Declan and lylee have organised a guess how many pages competition for each year level.

Younger students can bring their money to school in a labelled envelope, and change will be returned the same way.

Parents and carers may visit the Book Fair after signing in with our school QR code, and showing their Covid vaccination certificate.

All sales at the Book Fair benefit the School with the choice of free books for our Library.

If you have any queries regarding the Book Fair, or particular items available at the Fair please don’t hesitate to contact myself or your child’s teacher.

Thank you,

Kaye Stockdale

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS CLUB NEWS

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** will be Pizza Lunch Order Day. Order forms will be sent out soon, so keep an eye out for this!!!!

We will need some helpers for the day, so if you have a spare hour to help starting around 12.30 that would be great.

We are looking for more Parents and Friends Club members, so if you wanting to help raise much needed funds for our school. contact Nicole on 0408354094

