



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Term 4 – Newsletter 17 Friday 5th November 2021

Dates for the Diary 2021



Term 4

22nd - 26th

November

Scholastic Book
Fair

24th November

2022 Foundation
Student Transition

1st December

2022 Foundation
Student Transition

7th December

State-wide
Transition

17th 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 would like to thank everyone for being so patient and supportive in the past week with our COVID outbreak. It has been an extremely stressful time for all and the majority of calls home to parents and carers has been met with understanding and even a few laughs, which made the job easier! Thank you also for the messages of support on Facebook or by email, you have no idea how much this lifts the spirits during times like these.

We have had quite a number of positive cases and have over $\frac{3}{4}$ of our students are currently isolating. If your child is eligible to be on-site and their grade is in isolation, they will join the closest year level to them. Remote learning will be provided for all students in isolation.

I know many of you have not heard from the Department of Health yet and I am not sure when this will happen, however the advice is if your child is positive or a primary close contact they must quarantine for 14 days from the date of their positive test or date of exposure.

Isolating Students Returning to School

Please note if your child is currently quarantining, they will require a test on day 13. You will need to provide evidence of a negative result for them to return to school. This can be done by taking a screenshot of the text message you receive and emailing it to the school. If you have not heard from the Department of Health (I believe there is some lag), please take the contact date for your child provided by the school as the start of the 14 day quarantine period.

Masks

Our current situation shows that wearing of masks has helped with reducing transmission as our highest number of positive cases is in the junior end. Remember it is compulsory for 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.

Church Road Pick Up

Last week we started a trial for picking up students from the Church Road exit which seems to be working better. Students must wait behind the red line inside the gate until whoever is picking them up is at the black school gate. Thank you to the parents, carers and students for following this procedure and being respectful to the staff enforcing the rules.

Shade Sails News

Earlier in the term I put in an application to the Department for a new shade sail to create an outdoor learning space and I am really excited to say we have been given a \$25,000 grant! The new shade sail will be located between the art room and F/1 classrooms where the vegetable gardens currently are. We will ask our handyman Barry to relocate these in preparation for our exciting addition.

Grade 6 Graduation and Transitions (Foundation and Grade 6)

The Department guidelines say we are able to go ahead with these this year so preliminary planning is underway. Watch this space for further information and details.

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



Book Week Activity Day

Despite the wild weather last Friday, we had a wonderful day celebrating book week. Thank you for supporting your child(ren) to come dressed up as a favourite book character, everyone looked fantastic. It was also terrific to see the staff dressed up. If you missed the photos head to our Facebook page and have a look! I would like to thank the grade 5/6 students who spent several lunchtimes planning and organising their activity session, you all did a wonderful job and the students looked very engaged. Thank you to those students who stepped up on the day to fill in when the activity leaders were absent, you did a terrific job at such short notice. I need to send a HUGE thank you to Kaye as without her enthusiasm and excitement the day would not be the same. Kaye spends a large amount of her breaks and own time organising the activities with the students, making timetables and putting together resources. Thanks Kaye – you are a superstar!

Well let's hope things settle next week and we can enjoy the second half of the term!
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

Reading for enjoyment at Hazelwood North Primary School

INTRODUCING THE BIG 6 OF READING!

There is so much to know when it comes to teaching children to read! The Big 6 outline all the skills students need to become lifelong readers. It all starts with phonemic awareness – the knowledge that spoken words are broken into smaller sounds. As a staff we have done so much learning this year around the **BIG 6** and we cannot wait to turn all our students into master decoders and life-long readers!

