



Term 4 – Newsletter 18

Dates for the Diary 2022



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25th November
Student Free Day

2nd December
2023 Foundation
Transition 9-11am

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2023 Foundation
Transition
11-1.40pm

9th December
Special Grade 6
Assembly

12th December
Whole School
Excursion

13th December
State-wide
Transition
&
Grade 6
Graduation

16th December
Colour Run End of
Year Celebration
and Concert

20th December
Last Day of School
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

There are a number of important items in today's newsletter – please read carefully

We are now just over halfway through the term, and it has been a busy one. Since our last newsletter I had the pleasure of attending our 3-day camp with the Grade 3-6 students and we all had a fabulous time. It was terrific to see students getting out of their comfort zones and try new, and at times, challenging activities. The adults on the camp certainly had a blast as well, joining in on things like the giant swing and zipline!

Camp Thank You

I would like to take the opportunity here to thank our staff members; Mr Atherton, Mr Simmons, Miss Robbie, Sharon, and Brodie; who gave up their own time to attend camp and support our students. Without this, camps could not go ahead so I really appreciate this. Also, thanks to Mr Atherton who spent many extra hours outside of work time organising the camp and activities. This was supported by Mr Simmons and Sharon, who looked after the first aid and medication side of things.

A special thank you to Tamar Seymour and Danni Wright, our parent helpers for giving up their time and work to attend and ensure we had the correct adult to student ratio. I would also like to acknowledge the 2 parents who thanked us for taking their children on camp, it was much appreciated. 😊

25th November – Student Free Day

As sent out on Sentral last week, Friday the 25th November will be a student free day. This is a professional Practice Day for teachers that the DET has allowed us to take as a common day due to ongoing CRT shortages. OSHC will be operating that day so if you require care, please contact Amanda directly or Kaye at the office. Thank you for your understanding around this day.

End of Year Excursion – Everyone invited!

This year we wanted to take the opportunity to have a whole school day out to celebrate our school and fantastic community. On Monday the 12th December, we will be taking the school to Glen Cromie Reserve in Drouin West where we will get the opportunity to spend time with the students and families. Parents, younger siblings and other relatives are invited to come along and enjoy this time together as well. There may be some spare seats on the buses if you don't want to drive. Glen Cromie is a reserve that offers bushwalks, a picnic area, space for a kick-to-kick or cricket and a swimming hole. We are in the process of organising lifeguards so students can go for a swim and also some sausages and bread. Thanks to the Parents' and Friends' Club for funding the buses. Permission slips will be coming home with more information. We hope you can make it!

Grade Structure and Staffing Changes

Next year we will have a slight change in grade structure. We will be running; 2 x F/1; 1 x 1/2; 1 x 2; 2 x 3/4; 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 again while Chinese will continue in the same format as the last several years.

Grade Structure and Staffing Changes continued...

We have a number of new staff coming on board as we have Mr. Simmons retiring and Miss Cave moving to another school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Cave for her time with us. She has been great to have on the team and has brought some great ideas and approaches to our school. We will miss her, and I know the kids will miss her a lot! Good luck at your new school Miss Cave.

I also want to wish Mr Simmons the best of luck with his retirement, although I suspect we will see him back as a CRT next year. Mr Simmons will be missed by staff, students, and parents alike. His sense of humour and storytelling is one of his greatest assets that keep us all smiling and will be missed. He is a terrific teacher and has contributed a lot to the education and wellbeing of many students (and staff)!!

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 send a note in with your child to be handed into the office or email the school directly:

hazelwood.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au. We are asking that requests are submitted in writing by Friday 25th 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.

Nude Food Thanks

It has been fantastic to see the uptake of our Nude Food program. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our parents for embracing this and in many cases especially buying containers to use in school lunches. The students are loving trying to win the coveted Nude Food Trophy and even the teachers are tracking their contributions.

Colour Run and End of Year Concert – 16th December

On Friday 16th December our Parents' & Friends 'Club have organised a colour run fundraiser. I believe the fundraising component is going really well and I am sure to be slimed more than once! Many of the kids are excited to be participating and also having the chance to slime me! The atmosphere on the day should be fantastic as I have heard some of the plans for the run and also Mr Simmons' band Low Profile, will be providing entertainment while the students participate.

Following the Colour Run we will be holding a short, end of year concert in the under-cover area. Each grade is currently rehearsing a song that they will perform on the day. The concert will commence at 2.20pm and it would be great to have as many parents and families as we can attend. We apologise that this doesn't provide an easy opportunity for working parents to attend, however we have been unable to organise an after-school session. We are hoping that with some extended notice and it being a Friday afternoon that some of you will be able to fit it in around work. For those parents who are unable to attend, we will broadcast the concert via Webex.

New iPads – Thanks Parents' & Friends' Club 😊

We have recently bought a set of 20 iPads and charging station for our senior students to use with the funds raised through our P&F Club. Thank you to our P&F Club for their amazing fundraising efforts this year and a huge thank you to our parents who have so generously supported us and each fundraising event. We are a school with limited additional funding, so every donation and dollar provide us opportunities to upgrade our technologies, improve our grounds and provide experiences for our students.

Please Keep Gates Shut

There have been a number of occasions where both the front and car park gates have been left open which is a safety risk for our students. Please ensure the gate is shut behind you each time you go through them.

Keep smiling and take care,

Gillian Connolly 😊

I Acknowledge the Brayakaulung People from the Gunnai Kurnai Nation as 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.

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PB4L News

We are excited to announce that The Resilience Project (TRP) is coming to HNPS next year. TRP's mission is to teach positive mental health strategies to help people become happier and more resilient. It fits with our school's vision statement and values, and works at a school and whole community level, involving students, staff, and parents.

The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs to schools providing practical, evidence-based mental health strategies to build resilience and happiness. Through presentations, school curriculum, events, the TRP App, and Wellbeing Journals, we share the benefits of **Gratitude**, **Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** and easy ways to practise these in everyday life. We also incorporate Emotional Literacy, Connection and Physical Health education and activities as they are foundational contributors to positive mental health.

Staff have only started learning about how this will be rolled out at our school next year and we will keep you informed about how this will take place as we get the information. If you want to find out more information, please go to: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>

Parents & Friend's Club



COLOUR RUN is now on

Friday 16th December

Make sure you sign up now!!!

Prize ordering starts Saturday 19th Nov all done online.

All kids participating need a white T-Shirt.

If they have asthma a black T-Shirt.

A consent form will be sent home in the coming weeks.

If you wish for your child NOT TO PARTICIPATE let us know.

More information will be posted on the Parents and Friends FB page

We would like to thank all our volunteers who helped at the **Bunnings BBQ Saturday 5th November** Dan, Katherine, Rachel, Brooke, Jeff A, Kate, Richelle, Kailee, Ross.

Also, a special thanks to Les, Bec, Haylie who helped me slice up 17kg of onions.

We raised \$1200 for the school with donations from Woolworths in Churchill.

Our profit up until September is \$11,405.73

HNPS - Parents & Friends Club

Come have some fun and join our Club.

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