



## Term 4 – Newsletter 19 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### Dates for the Diary 2022



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**7<sup>th</sup> December**  
2023 Foundation  
Transition  
11-1.40pm

**9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Special Grade 6  
Assembly

**12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Whole School  
Excursion

**13<sup>th</sup> December**  
State-wide  
Transition  
&  
Grade 6  
Graduation

**16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Colour Run End of  
Year Celebration  
and Concert

**20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day of School  
1.30pm finish



#### Term 1, 2023

**30<sup>th</sup> January**  
First Day of  
Term 1

### 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

We are racing towards the end of year and I can't believe how fast it is going. There is a lot happening over the next two weeks so make sure you check out diary dates and keep an eye on Sentral. Today we had our 2023 Foundation students attend their first transition day. The morning went really well with lots of smiling faces, excited students and parents. The children had a wonderful morning and are looking forward to coming back next Wednesday.

### Staffing and Grade Structures

We have finally settled on our grade structure which will differ slightly next year in the junior end due to the high number of Foundation students coming.

I would like to welcome our new staff for 2023! We have a new position of Leading Teacher – Inclusion and Wellbeing starting next year, three days a week, and will be filled by Ms Kate Boddy. Kate has a high level of experience in working with students who have diverse learning needs. She has worked for a number of years at Berry Street School in Morwell and currently works at Sale Specialist School. We are very excited to have Kate joining us and she will be a terrific addition to the team.

Classroom Teachers - We have a number of teachers who will be either taking time off or working at other schools next year, so as a result have some new faces joining us; Mrs Cheryl Williamson who currently works at Alberton Primary School, Mrs Nicole Cross coming to us from St Pauls and Mrs Tammy Estcourt who is currently working at Longwarry Primary School. These 3 teachers are very experienced and will bring a lot of strengths, knowledge and skills to our school. We can't wait to have them start with us. We also have a graduate teacher starting next year, Amanda Saddington and we are excited she is starting her teaching career at our school.

Other staffing – Justine Morgan will be continuing her treatment so will not be in a classroom teacher role for Term 1 and 2, you will however see her face from time to time which we are excited about. Kelly Alexander's role is still to be confirmed and Rachelle Xuereb will be taking next year off from a classroom teaching role and will return to us in 2024.

### Structure:

Grade	Teacher
F	Jacinta Milner
F/1	Cheryl Williamson
1/2	Natalie Jones / Krista Murray
1/2	Amanda Saddington
3/4	Mark Atherton
3/4	Liana Robbie
5/6	Tammy Estcourt
5/6	Nicole Cross

Specialist	Teacher
Art	Deborah Dean
STEAM	Natasha Hughes
P.E	TBC
Chinese	York

Our wonderful Education Support Staff Team will stay the same with Francesca Tucker-King (Business Manager), Sharon Anderson, Brodie Murdoch, Kaye Stockdale, Kirstie Batty and Amy Laming.

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

### **9<sup>th</sup> December – Special Assembly (grade 6s) 2.20pm.**

Each year we hold an assembly to wish our Grade 6 cohort the best for their high school years and to celebrate their achievements. At this assembly there are a number of sponsored awards that are presented to Grade 6 students who have demonstrated commitment and a strong work ethic in their learning or who have acted as positive role models throughout the year.

Our regular assembly will run first so if you are a parent, the start time for the Grade 6 component will be around 2.40pm. It will be held in the central area and we will Webex this event if you can't make it.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **13<sup>th</sup> December – Transition Day**

Our Transition Day will be held on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> December from 9am – 11.30am. This is an opportunity for students to meet their classroom teacher for 2023 and find out who else is in their grade. It is usually a great morning of getting to know each other as students “step-up” for the day into their new year level.

### **Grade 6 Graduation**

Graduation will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. Grade 6 students are asked to arrive at 5pm where they will be provided dinner (generously paid for by Parents' and Friends' Club) and dessert (provided by the school). Parents and visitors are to attend from 6pm to start the formal part of the evening. We will be holding the ceremony in the central under-cover area and students can bring no more than 4 guests. Please let Mr Simmons and Mr Berryman how many are coming so we can plan for seating. We look forward to a fantastic evening where we can celebrate our wonderful Grade 6 students.

### **Colour Run (11am – 1.00pm) and End of Year Concert (2.20pm) – 16<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.*

### **Gate Shut**

The gate to the car park/drop of zone will be closed at 9:00am and students will need to be walked into school if they arrive later than this and come to the office for a late pass.

# Parents & Friend's Club



**COLOUR RUN**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**11am -1.30pm**

**All kids participating need a White T-Shirt  
If they have asthma a Black T-Shirt**

**All Parents Welcome to come and enjoy the fun!!!**

**More information will be posted on the Parents and Friends FB page  
Please name your top so we know who's who and hand into your  
teacher.**

**Christmas Raffle tickets** need to be returned  
**by Monday the 12th of December.**

**We have a variety of Hampers available to win, with vouchers  
included.**

**More raffle books can be collected from Francesca in the office.**