



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Dates for the Diary 2023



Term 1

21st February

School Photos

1st March

Foundation students start full time

6th March

School House Athletics

8th March

District Swimming

13th March
Public Holiday

14th – 21st March
Book Fair

15th – 20th March
NAPLAN

29th March
District Athletics – Yinnar

31st March
House Cross Country

5th April
Parents/Teacher Interviews
3.30-6pm
Last Day of Term for students

6th April
Parent/Teacher Interviews
9am – 12.30pm



Term 1 – Newsletter 2 Friday 17th February 2023

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

Wow, where have the last 2 weeks gone? It has been very busy with lots of learning going on in all grades. We have been amazed at how quickly our Foundation students are picking up our phonemic awareness (sounds in words) and phonics (letters and sounds). This is testament to the explicit teaching approach we have adopted across the school, particularly in the F-2 unit for teaching these areas of literacy.

Thank you to those parents, grandparents and friends who attended our Welcome BBQ and information night. It was a fabulous turn out with information sessions being held by all teaching teams and lots of free sausages being given out. I would like to thank all of the staff for setting up, preparing the food and staying later to make the night successful. In particular I would like to thank Kaye for organising the sausages and bread to be donated by Woolworths Midvalley and for picking them up with the other essentials we needed on the night – we couldn't have done it without you Kaye! A thank you to our Parents' and Friends' Club for volunteering on the night to sell drinks, Zooper Doopers and uniforms.

School Council – We need you!!

School Council elections are open now and we have 3 (2 year) positions available. School Council meet 8 times a year both in person and online, and it would be great to see some new faces to help generate more ideas for improving our school. If you are interested and not sure about what would be expected from you, please contact the office. Nomination forms are available on Sentral or at the office and you can self-nominate.

Attendance

The DET Regional office have a focus on attendance this year. If your child is away for several days, the school is notified to follow up. Please ensure any absence is either placed on Sentral or you call the office to explain why your child is away. Where possible please arrange appointments for your child with as little disruption to their learning time as possible.

Parent/Carer Payments (school fees) - \$195 per child

Parent/Carer payments are paid to the school to support us to provide learning materials for your child(ren) such as books, pencils, coloured pencils, rulers, scissors, art and craft supplies, online learning platforms and a number of other essentials. Being a smaller school, we rely on these funds to ensure we can provide quality learning experiences across the school. This year we are unable to issue invoices, however payment can be made in cash at the office or via direct deposit (BSB: 063 522 Account: 10068627) - please note when making a deposit ensure it states your name and that it is for school fees. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please contact Francesca on 5166 1267.

NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5

This year NAPLAN is being held this term rather than Term 2. This is so schools can use the data to help plan and target the teaching and learning for students. Parents of Grade 3 & 5 students will receive further information about this closer to the date.

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



Happy with what we do? – Let us know! Not happy with something – Let us know!

I have had a parent approach me to ask for a suggestion box as there has been talk in the community about some things that other parents are not happy with. I am reluctant to have a suggestion box as in my experience it can turn into a complaint box. We are working hard at our school to make sure we have a safe, engaging learning environment for our students and staff. If you are particularly happy with something we are doing, let us know via phone or email. We love being able to share positive feedback with the staff. If you are unhappy with something that is happening and it is related to your child, please talk to their classroom teacher first. If you have spoken to your child's teacher and feel that things are unresolved, please make a time to see me. If it is related to the school in general, either make a time to come and talk to me, or you could provide feedback via the office by phone or email.

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



Basketball news: A number of our students play squad basketball, which is fantastic! They include Hudson H, Cooper B, Jett B, Henry T, Bryce H and Quade H. Of these students, Hudson, Cooper, and Jett have all been selected for Country Champs which is an amazing achievement. Congratulations to all these students for their efforts!



If you have any sports news about your child to share, please let the school know.

Sport News:

Swimming:

Last Wednesday 7 students represented Hazelwood North Primary School at the District Swimming Sports: Macy, Ozzie, Sadie, Tex, Ella, Quade and Noah. I was proud of the way in which our students demonstrated responsibility, supported each other, and tried their hardest. All seven should be proud of their efforts! Further congratulations to Ella and Tex who will progress to the Division level on Wednesday 8th March at Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre.

The results were:

1st: Thorpdale 2nd Yinnar 0.36 3rd Hazelwood North 0.2 4th Boolarra 0.185 5th Lumen Christi 0.125 6th Churchill 0.03

Student swimming numbers have certainly dwindled from previous years, and a parent suggested to me that it may be worth explaining the process of selection in preparation for coming years.

Students who are turning 10 years or more in the calendar year may be chosen if they are capable of confidently swimming over 50m without needing to stop or hold onto the rope. Students who are 9-year-olds may also be selected if they attend a Swimming Club. I ask the students for expressions of interest, then check with their parents. Students who have completed all Learn to Swim Certificates, joined a Lap it Up or a Swim Club for further strength, endurance, and stroke correction are eligible.

The more water experience your child has the more events they can participate in.



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Athletics:

We will hold our School Athletics Day on Monday 6th March, with a backup of Monday 20th. Please let Eden or myself know if you are able to assist with an event.

Our District Athletics Day at Yinnar will be held on Wednesday 29th March, with a backup date of Wednesday 5th April.

Family and friends are welcome to come and support our students on the day.

School Captains, House Captains & Library Captains

Our School 2023 Captains

