



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Dates for the Diary 2023



Term 1

5th April

Parents/Teacher
Interviews
3.30-6pm

**Last Day of Term
for students**

6th April

Parent/Teacher
Interviews
9am – 12.30pm



Term 2

24th April

**Student Free
Day**

25th April

**ANZAC Day
holiday**

26th April

First day term
for students

1st - 5th May

Swimming Week
All grade



Term 1 – Newsletter 5 Friday 31st March 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

I can't believe we are nearly at the end of the term! What a jam-packed term it has been. Over the last 2 weeks we have had our junior grade teachers attending the Sounds-Write training so we can ensure the integrity of our teaching and learning program is maximized. They have been enjoying this and can't wait to continue working with students in the classroom in this area.

Our District Sports day yesterday was a bit of a disappointment weather wise. I would like to congratulate our students and staff for their level of resilience shown while there. The organising school was hopeful that the weather was going to miss us, unfortunately this wasn't the case. Thank you to you all for your understanding and for those who could, bringing in dry clothes or collecting your child. We will not be holding another sports day, however there will be an opportunity for our students who were in the champion events to participate in this. We will have to rely on parents taking students there, and relevant parents will be notified as soon as possible.

Parent Teacher Interviews

These are being held next week! If you don't have a time, please go on Sentral, or contact your child's teacher. It is expected that all parents will attend an interview, therefore if you haven't got a time, one will be allocated for you. As we are holding interviews on the 6th of April, the final day for students will be Wednesday the 5th at our usual finishing time.

NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5

Congratulations to our students for their hard work in completing the NAPLAN this year. Results are meant to be sent out in a timelier fashion this year and there have been changes to the scaling system. I will provide more information on how the scaling system works to parents of children in grades 3&5 closer to when results are being released. You should all be proud of your children for their efforts. Thank you to Mr Atherton for running the tests and to the 3-6 teachers for ensuring smooth operations throughout the testing time.

Attendance

As this is a focus for our region, I will be starting to contact families who have children with a significant level of absences so far this year. This is to touch base and see what supports can be put in place to support your child to attend every day.

New Rubber Soft Fall

To improve safety of our students at school, over the school holidays we will be installing rubber soft fall under the play equipment. This has been approved by School Council to support the school in maintaining OH&S requirements without the ongoing necessity of having to top up the bark twice a year. It will also be more cost effective over time. So, when Term 2 starts, make sure you come and check it out!

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



Use of Grounds – 2nd April

This Sunday, our school grounds will be used by Discover Canine for some dog trainings so please don't be alarmed if you see people at the school. It is great to be able to support groups within our community!

New Building

If you have been on-site or looked on Facebook, you will have seen our building is progressing well. Currently the project is about 6 weeks behind schedule, and it is forecast we will be moving into the new building in the middle of May. When we start to demolish the current administration building, there will be significant changes around how we access the grounds and buildings on site. I am working with the architects and builders to ensure any disruption is minimised; however, I will need the cooperation of our families to make sure things run as smoothly as they can.

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.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

GEM Chat

Gratitude

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined, and optimistic. It even helps us have a better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

Whole Family Activity:

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for, you can make your own list or use the examples below:

- Something that makes you happy
 - Something you love to smell
 - Something you enjoy looking at
 - Something that is your favourite colour
 - Something you like in nature
 - Something that is useful for you
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- Each member of the family uses the list and has to find as many things as they can.
 - You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet.
 - After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.



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If you have any exciting news about your child and their extra-curricular out of school activities (e.g., drama, music, basketball, football, soccer) to share, please email the school so we can include it here!

Da Vinci Class

If anyone has clean ice cream containers, paper towel rolls or paper/plastic cups at home, can you please send them in with your children to be used in da Vinci next week.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS CLUB



Don't forget your Easter Raffle Tickets.

1st prize is a 10kg block of Cadbury Chocolate.
The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

HELPERS WANTED Bunnings BBQ

We will be doing another Bunnings BBQ Morwell on Sunday 30th of April. Helpers will be needed for 3hr shifts. Keep an eye out for more details and if you can help, please let Fran or myself (Brook) know. Thanks
We are also taking donations for the Mother's Day stall. Please drop these into the office.
Thanks, Parents and Friends Club.

Mother's and Special Persons Day Stall 2023

Friday 12th May - time to be confirmed.

Volunteers are needed for both sorting (date to be confirmed) and for the Stall on Friday 12th May 2023. If you can help, please leave your name and number at the office, or send a message to Brook 0422252263.

Mother's Day Flyer will be sent out via Sentral with more information.