



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Dates for the Diary 2023



Term 1

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



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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 halfway through the term already! It has been busy with football clinics, hockey clinics, students attending district swimming in addition to all the learning going on in our classrooms. We still have our School and District Athletics coming up along with a few other activities listed in the newsletter.

I would like to welcome Bec Kilday on to our staff. This term Bec will be working one day a week for Mrs Morgan and next term 2 days a week. We wish Mrs Morgan all the best with her next stage of treatment.

School House Athletics

These are being held on Monday and students are encouraged to dress in their house colours. It is a terrific day, and you are more than welcome to attend to watch and encourage your child. We would love some more volunteers to help on the day, if you are available, please let us know (you will need a current Working with Children Check).

School Council

I would like to thank the parents who have put themselves forward to be on School Council, it is much appreciated. I will announce these along with the rest of the Council after it becomes official at the AGM this month.

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

Thank you to the parents who have already paid this. It really does support our school 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 commences on Wednesday the 15th of March and is held over 4 days. Please ensure your grade 3 or 5 student attends school to participate. If they are away due to illness, we do have some back up days available. Parents of Grade 3 & 5 students will receive further information about this closer to the date.

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



Welcome to The Resilience Project (TRP)

PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

WHY? Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Resilience Project is committed to teaching **positive mental health strategies** to prevent mental ill-health and **build young people's capacity to deal with adversity**. We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience. There will be a parent hub made available for you soon where you can access information and activities for home. We will also be including a regular **GEM Chat** section in the newsletter.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The **University of Adelaide** and The **University of Melbourne**. Scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on **emotional wellbeing** and **behavioural changes**.



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!

PB4L Mascot

You may remember that Joseph Rogers submitted the winning design for our competition at the end of last year. The drawing has returned from the designers and is ready to use. We think it has come up really well!





INTRODUCING DA VINCI CLASS!!!

Hello parents.

As you know, we have a specialist class currently called **STEAM** at HNPS. As of now, STEAM will be known as the '**Da Vinci**' class. The reasoning for this is that Da Vinci embodied science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths, as well as being a fantastic role model for the underlying skills of curiosity, persistence, leadership, and kindness.

To go with this thinking, the students in our High Ability Program decided they would also like to rename their classes. After quite a process, we have settled on the name 'Curieosities' for all levels (thank you Hudson A!). No, this is not a spelling error- it references Marie Curie, who demonstrated similar qualities as Da Vinci and overcame adversity to achieve her success.

Please ask your children to explain why the name changes-hopefully they can give you a reason!

Sport News:

Athletics:

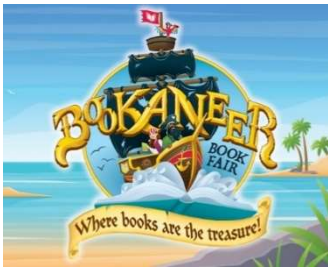
Reminder : Athletics Day, Monday 6th March 9:15-1:30 pm. Please wear your House colour and let the school know if you're able to volunteer on the day.

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.

Dress as a pirate day! Aaarrgh!



Next Friday the 10th March we will be having a "Dress as a pirate day" for students and staff to celebrate the start of our Bookaneer Book Fair.

The day will include a variety of fun pirate games and activities outside during recess and lunch time organized by our House Captains. There will also be some pirate activities in the library at these times organized by our Library Captains, Hallie and Amelia, including pirate ship craft, map making, colouring pictures and board games.

Students may choose to come dressed in the pirate theme however please leave any play weapons at home. Already owned clothing could be turned into a fun pirate costume with the addition of a bright scarf or headband, or a belt. Fun props could include a telescope, some treasure, or a "pet" parrot or other animal.

The Book Fair will be open in the School Hall on Tuesday 14th each day before school from 8.30- 9.00am, lunchtimes, and after school 3.15-4.00pm. There will be competitions to win free choices from the Book Fair for students of all grade levels.

If you have any questions regarding the day or the Book Fair, please contact Kaye in the library.

