



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Dates for the Diary 2023



Term 3

29th August

Book Week

Activity Day

30th August

V-Teams 5/6

7th September

Student Free

Day

14th September

Student Led

Conferences

3.30 – 6pm

15th September

No students at
school

Student Led

Conferences

9.00 – 12.30pm

Term 4

2nd October

First Day of

Term

4-6th October

3/4 Camp

Phillip Island

6th November

Student Free

Day

7th November

Melbourne Cup

Holiday

Term 3 – Newsletter No13

Friday 25th August 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

Hello – this is my first newsletter this term!! It has been a bit of a wild ride with long service leave, going on the grade 5/6 camp and then getting sick with COVID. Thank you to the staff and families for your patience with my absences when I couldn't get back to you straight away. It was lovely to be greeted and welcomed back by so many students and parents, made me feel missed!

I had a fantastic holiday in Canada as some of you might have seen on Facebook. We spent 4 weeks away (including flying time) and had a blast. We decided to visit less places and have more time to explore where we went, plus we were visiting friends who live there. Something that struck me was how friendly and polite the majority of people are in Canada; they even talk to you in elevators and wish you a lovely day! We had 4 days in Vancouver which is a lovely city, if you have been to Perth the vibe is very similar. We then took a seaplane to Whistler, and I was lucky enough to ride in the cockpit. Whistler was full of people mountain biking, and we were blessed with gorgeous weather so got to do lots of outdoor activities. After Vancouver we went to Toronto where we took a day trip to Niagara Falls, a lifelong dream of mine that didn't disappoint. We then flew to a place called Moncton, which is in New Brunswick in the Maritimes, to spend 2 weeks with our friends. They took us camping in Nova Scotia and showed us the sights of their local area. We had lots of laughs and a great time.

It was great to come back after my holidays and find that everything was ticking away beautifully here, and the staff had managed to work through the teething problems of moving into the new building. It is so nice to be finally working in such a lovely, physical environment. I would like to take this opportunity to send a huge thank you to Kate Boddy for stepping up into the Acting Principal position. It is a huge responsibility, and she did a terrific job, even working full time to cover this. Thank you also to Mark Atherton for stepping up into the Leading Teacher together, who did a great job in supporting Kate and student wellbeing. I can't finish without thanking the rest of the staff for also pulling together, supporting Kate and also looking after each other. It makes me very proud to know I have such a fantastic team that I can rely on when I am not here. Finally, a thank you to our parent community as you also supported the team in my absence which was great to hear!

5/6 Camp: Thank you to the parents for supporting the camp and sending your children along for a great few days as it is a great learning experience academically, socially and emotionally. I love going on camp as it gives students and staff an opportunity to see each other in a different light and build even better relationships. I personally love being able to spend time with the kids having fun, watching them learn and stirring them up a bit with my weird sense of humour. It is also a nice time to have fun with the staff who attend. I would like to send a huge shout out to Nicole Cross, Sharon Anderson and Brodie Murdoch for giving up their own time with family to attend camp and support your children. It is a big responsibility and takes a lot of time to organise. A special thank you to Nicole for taking the time and energy to plan such a terrific camp on her own, particularly when Mrs Estcourt left. If you get a chance and see any of those staff, I am sure they would appreciate a thanks 😊.

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Please see the following reminders important information for families:

IMPORTANT SAFETY ISSUES - Drop Off Zone & Pedestrian Access

Thank you to parents and carers who have been respectful of our altered pick up and drop off procedures. We have noticed some things over the past few weeks that are concerning in relation to safety. We have seen students being encouraged to skip the pickup line and go straight to the car which at times has been on the road; parents and grandparents cutting through the pickup line to get to their parked car without using the path; cars reversing out of the line and going around other cars almost hitting students. A reminder of our procedures are below:

- Students and parents/carers must stay behind the flagged areas when entering and exiting the school.
- The only pick up point after school is at the far end of the flags in the bus loop, where a staff member will be monitoring. If you reach the front of the queue and your child is not present, please do another loop of the carpark to avoid holding up traffic.
- Students and families are NOT permitted to cut across the carpark unattended or through the flags at any point. If you are parked in the car park inside the bus loop, please let a staff member on duty know and they will escort you through traffic.

These measures are in place solely to keep both students and families safe. Staff on duty are required to implement these requirements, so please ensure we communicate respectfully.

Make Up and False Fingernails

I have noticed an increase in students wearing eye make up to school. This is not part of uniform policy so please ensure your child isn't wearing mascara, eyeliner or eyeshadow to school. I have also noticed some false or acrylic fingernails which are also not part of policy. Thanks for your cooperation.

Building Project – stage 2

We are now into stage 2 of the build where the basketball court and student toilets get finished. These were due to be finished by the end of the term 3 holidays, unfortunately the soil where the Old administration building was, is not to the standard required to place courts on there yet. The architects and builders are working on a solution as I write, we will just need to be patient for a bit longer!

Parent and Carer Opinion Survey

I sent a link to this a couple of weeks ago on Sentral and so far, have only had 10 families respond. We really want to hear your feedback and would like that from as many as we can. We do use these results to inform our future planning to make sure the school is the best it can be. I will resend the link in Sentral.

Principal's Day

On Tuesday the staff celebrated a late Principal's Day for me, as this was recognised while I was away. They also managed to hold it on my birthday, so I had a terrific time!



Apart from the amazing morning tea and lovely plant I received, it was wonderful to get notes, posters and little booklets that had been made by the students which really made me smile. I even received my own bucket of positives to dip into when I'm having a bad day (thanks Ethan for that suggestion!).

I feel really blessed to be Principal of this school with the wonderful teaching team and community we have! 😊



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Student Led Conferences & Student Free Days (7th & 15th of September)

Our next student free day is on Thursday the 7th of September. All staff will be attending the Latrobe Valley Disability Inclusion Conference which will be a fantastic learning opportunity for us all. Therefore, there is no school for students on this day. OSHC will be open for those families who need to access it.

Our student led conferences are being held on the afternoon/evening of Thursday the 14th September and the morning of the 15th September. This means students are not to attend school on the Friday, except if they have their interview booked on that day. This is a fabulous opportunity for parents and carers to come in and watch a presentation by their child about their learning so far and their future goals. It is always well attended, and the feedback is always very positive. If you haven't booked in already, bookings are now open on Sentral.

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.



Congratulations to this group of students and former students that received awards at Morwell Junior Football Club last Friday night! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are very proud! (Ashton was photoshopped in thanks to a creative parent!)

Please keep sending out of school achievements and celebrations to the school so we can include them!!



Sport News:

On Wednesday 16th August, Hazelwood North P.S. competed in the District Basketball Competition at Churchill Indoor Stadium. Our 2 boys teams played extremely well, and all students demonstrated good sportsmanship, the ability to work together, and an amazing ability to score unexpected goals at times! This led to a fun day, with students hopefully leaving with a sense of pride and success. Both teams performed well, with our 'A team' placing 3rd after an amazing game against Churchill.

Congratulations to Hudson H, Bryce, Logan, Cooper, Ryan, Ruben, Zac, Taj, Tex, George, Bailey, Riley and Liam. Thanks also to the parents who

assisted with car-pooling and came along to cheer on their kids!

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GEM Chat

EMOTIONAL LITERACY

Did you know ...

There are 27 main human emotions.

We experience at least 1 emotion 90% of the time.

And frequently experience positive & negative emotions at the same time.

If you're interested in learning more about Emotional Literacy, check out 'The Imperfects podcast'. In the episode *You are Not Your Emotions*, Dr Emily talks about the concept of Emotional Awareness and explains why it's not only important to identify your unpleasant emotions, but why it's even more important to express them when they arise.

Below is a link to 'The Imperfects' podcast episodes on The Resilience Project website or you can listen wherever you listen to your podcasts. <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/podcasts>

THE PRIMARY EMOTIONS

