



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Term 4 – Newsletter No.15 Friday 6th October 2023

Dates for the Diary 2023



Term 4

16th October
Bush Dance

20th October
Colour Run

6th November
Student Free
Day

7th November
Melbourne
Cup Holiday

17th November
Student Free
Day – report
writing.

20th November
Book Fair
Begins

13th December
Grade 6
Graduation

14th December
End of year
concert:
2.30pm

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

This newsletter isn't as full as usual, I have been too busy having a great time at camp!

Welcome back to all our students and families for the beginning of term four! We hope you've had a restful break and look forward to seeing you again in the school community. At the end of term three we farewelled Liana Seppings who has gone on maternity leave and this term, we welcome Emmett Naughton into Grade 3/4S for term four. Mr Naughton is an experienced teacher from Ireland, and we are excited to have him working at our school.

We have a busy start to the term, with week one seeing grades three and four going on camp to Philip Island and well as our grade two sleepover at the school on last night. Thank you to staff and parents who have volunteered to support these events; we feel very lucky to be part of such a collaborative community.

The Grade 3/4 camp was amazing. The facilities, activities, food and staff at the camp were the best I have seen in my time in education. Our students were absolutely brilliant, and all challenged themselves when faced with an activity that was a bit scary and their behaviour has been something that has made me very proud. We had random acts of kindness and students generally caring for each other. This is the type of community we want! A special thank you to Kiyomi Marshall (Mei's mum) and Nathan Klep (Noah's dad) for giving up 3 days of their own work and family lives to support our students. A special happy birthday to Claire Klep who had to celebrate with some of her family away!

I would also like to give a huge shoutout and thank you to Mr Atherton and Kaye for all their hard work in organising and running the camp. It's a big ask leaving your families for a few days with late nights and early mornings to ensure the students have experiences like these. Another huge shoutout to Mrs Jones, Mrs Saddington, Miss Milner and Brodie for supporting the Grade 2s on their sleepover and giving up their night at home and time with their families too. We have a great team! 😊

Please see the following important information for families:

IMPORTANT SAFETY ISSUES - Drop Off Zone & Pedestrian Access

A reminder to the information sent out at the end of last term about the expectations for pick up and drop off. Thank you for your cooperation and care in following our traffic rules. A reminder of a few things is below:

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- We are not allowed to block the road by queuing up for the pickup zone, therefore if our car park pick up line reaches the end of the car park, you will not be able to join the line. If this is the case, you will either have to park in the hall car park and collect your child(ren) or do a loop and come back. The other option is to come later than 3.15pm.
- If you have parked on Church Road, you are asked to please cross the road and use the side of the road that is sectioned off as a path and join our path through the car park to collect your child.
- If you have parked in the church or the hall car park, please use the crossing to cross the road and walk around the outside of the car park.
- If you have parked in the middle of the car park, please cross at the end closest to the rubbish bins where the flags start.

Building Works

You might have noticed we have come to a bit of a standstill with the basketball court. We have had some soil issues that are being rectified and should be back on track next week.

Student-Led Conferences

These were held at the end of Term 3 and were a tremendous success! Congratulations to our students who worked hard on their presentations and did a fantastic job on the night. I know there were some very proud teachers and very happy parents. We would like your feedback on the process and how we can improve it. A link was sent out on Sentral for you to complete please and is also below. This is a very short survey, and we would appreciate your input.

<https://s.surveypal.com/5ds5tqe2>

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



During the holidays, Taj attended and represented the school at the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Track & Field Victorian Team trials that will compete at Nationals at the end of November. He did so well placing 3rd in Long Jump with a jump of 4.23m. He has now been selected for the Victorian team and we send him our biggest congratulations and wish him the best of luck for the competition!

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THE BILLY TEA BUSH BAND

Monday 16th October

The Billy Tea Bush Band are excited to be sharing our much-loved Great Big Aussie Bush Dance experience with primary school communities on our Gippsland Regional tour in October 2023.

The Great Big Aussie Bush Dance is an all day, expertly curated series of in-school workshops, culminating in an after-school Bush Dance, where the whole school community can enjoy a shared experience of dancing together. Our Great Big Aussie Bush Dance connects students, their families, teachers and the broader school community through dancing, singing, and a whole lot of fun.

Our in-school workshops gently take students out of their everyday comfort zones and encourage them to engage and connect with students through our system of buddying up older and younger students. Our workshops have been specifically designed to make students feel supported and learn new skills, in a nurturing and well-being focused environment.

A Great Big Aussie Bush Dance is a great way for schools to connect with their broader communities, and to reconnect their school families whilst enjoying a lot of fun times together.



The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on 20th October 2023 from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm.

- Students will need to wear closed toe shoes and bring a WHITE shirt to school to wear during the Fun Run. Students that suffer with asthma are advised to wear a BLACK shirt to ensure their safety whilst still being able to participate.
- Teachers will be collecting students' shirts between 9 – 13 October 2023 to ensure they aren't forgotten on the day.
- They will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder from head to toe! Colour Powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours. Safety data sheet is available upon request.
- Students will be given free sunglasses and a rainbow headband for the event.
- Fundraising for our Colour Explosion School Fun Run is entirely online. Follow the instructions in your child's sponsorship booklet to create a cybersafe, online profile page at www.australianfundraising.com.au.
- Donations can be made between 22 August 2023 to 4 October 2023. We cannot accept any cash donations for this fundraiser.
- At the end of our fundraiser students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! You can order your child's prizes online between 4 October 2023 and 11 October 2023.