



# HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

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## Dates for the Diary 2023



### Term 4

#### 20<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term: 1.30pm finish



### 2024

### Term 1

#### 30<sup>th</sup> January

First Day of Term

#### 29<sup>th</sup> February

School Photos

## Term 4 – Newsletter No.20 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 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

Well, what a last full week we have had as we wind down for the end of the year. Last week we had several student events which were all a great success.

On Tuesday we had our Transition Day which saw students stepping up into new grades for 2024 with their new teacher and our Foundations students came along for the morning. This is always a wonderful event as students and teachers get to know each other and students feel very important being in the next grade up.

Wednesday we had our Grade 6 awards assembly where several of our students were presented with achievement awards and is a very proud moment for teachers and parents. This was followed by the announcement of our School Leaders for 2024. In the evening we celebrated our Grade 6 students at graduation which was a wonderful event. Thank you to the staff who organised it, helped set up and cleaned up the next day. It was great to see so many parents present for the evening and was adorable watching the PowerPoint of our Grade 6s when they were in Foundation!

Thursday was our end of year concert and what a success this was! The class items were all fantastic and the students did a terrific job with their singing and dancing. I was so thrilled to see how many parents, grandparents and families attended to watch these performances. I love it when our community gets together to celebrate our awesome students! The concert was followed by the Parents' and Friends' Club raffle with 12 very excited winners on the day. A huge thank you to our P&F Club members for all of your hard work in getting donations and putting the prizes together. Thank you also for your tireless efforts in fundraising throughout the year. We will be very excited to lay the artificial turf you have helped fund around the basketball court and art room!

The week concluded with our whole school excursion to Glen Cromie Park. What a fabulous day this was! The weather was absolutely perfect and allowed the students to have a swim and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. It was fantastic to see so many parents come along and enjoy a picnic lunch with us. I know I went on many bushwalks with students and this is a great opportunity to have a relaxed chat and explore the environment. Other activities included the playground, cricket, frisbee throwing and a kick of the footy.

### School Council – Thank you!

I would like to express my gratitude for the parents, staff and community members who have served on School Council this year. We have had a very productive year and the input from our members has been invaluable. So thank you to Sam Armstrong, Chris Milne, Barbara Bastin, Tanya Tutin, Danni Wright, Kath Hudson, Leigh Markham, Vanessa Marchetti, Cheryl Williamson and Liana Seppings (T1 & 2).

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### Grade Structure and Staffing

Below is a list of grades and staffing. We still have a couple of positions to fill and will let you know when this has happened.

Grade	Teacher
F/1M	Jacinta Milner
F/1W	Cheryl Williamson
1/2 J	Natalie Jones & Alyce Murphy**
1/2S	Amanda Saddington
3M	Connor Murphy
4/5A	Mark Atherton
5/6H	Nikki Hoekstra
P.E	Eden Adams
da Vinci	Natasha Hughes
Art	TBC: Brendan Caffrey
** Natalie Jones will work 4 days and Alyce Murphy 1 day until a teacher is appointed for the 2 day a week position in this grade.	

Role	Staff Member
Principal	Gillian Connolly
Leading Teacher	Kate Boddy
Business Manager	Francesca Tucker-King
Education Support	Sharon Anderson
	Kaye Stockdale
	Brodie Murdoch
	Bryce Williamson
	Sarah Macfarlane
Tutoring	Justine Morgan
Tutoring	Kelly Alexander
Curiosities	Natasha Hughes
Student Counsellor	Meg Pavich (Mondays only)

### Building Works & Access to the School

We are excited to finally have the concreting poured and our new entrance to the school opened. Please note this gate will be locked from 9.00am – 2.30pm so the only access will be through the office. Our new toilets have opened and are stunning! The students have received lessons on how to use them respectfully and safely. The toilets are unisex with floor to ceiling cubicles for privacy.

The rest of the building project, which includes some landscaping and restoration of the running track is being completed over the school holidays and is meant to be ready for the start of the year!!

Thank you for your patience with all of the changes and restrictions to our grounds over the past 18 months.

### House Name Change!

During the year our Curiosities students decided our Sporting Houses needed mascots and a name change. They worked hard to identify animals that are Indigenous to Australia. With the help of Mrs Hughes they then were given the Indigenous names for these animals and permission for us to use them as our House names. The group presented this to School Council who approved this change. It is fantastic to see our students using their initiative and using their voice. Mascot designs for our Houses are on their way! Our new House names are:

**Wadjun – ringtail possum; Yeerung – blue wren;**

**Braak - yellow tail black cockatoo; Bataluk - goanna**

Thank you for your wonderful support this year. I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and safe holiday period. I look forward to an exciting and productive 2024!

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*

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## 2023 Graduation Awards

### Kurnai College Dux - Academic Excellence



Peter Steadman-McCarthy



Liam Thomson

### Hazelwood North Academic Excellence Award



Charlotte Ing

### Hazelwood North School Values Award:

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Amelia Perkins

### Morwell RSL Bill Brannan Achievement Award



Mia Ogle

### John Tipping Academic Award - Churchill Lions Club



Hallie Kennedy

### The Billington Family Leadership Award



Hudson Amos



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## Our Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students for being appointed into captain positions for 2024!

<p>School Captain</p>  <p>Taj Makepeace</p>	<p>School Captain</p>  <p>William Walter</p>	<p>School Vice-Captain</p>  <p>Emersyn Walker</p>	<p>School Vice-Captain</p>  <p>Jaxx Wright</p>
<p>Wadjun House Captain</p>  <p>Hudson Harris</p>	<p>Wadjun Vice-Captain</p>  <p>George Rogers</p>	<p>Bataluk Captain</p>  <p>Sarah Macfarlane</p>	<p>Bataluk Vice-Captain</p>  <p>Koah Jeffery</p>
<p>Braak Captain</p>  <p>Amelia Rusden</p>	<p>Braak Vice-Captain</p>  <p>Macy Grimshaw</p>	<p>Yeerung Captain</p>  <p>Cooper Beckett</p>	<p>Yeerung Vice-Captain</p>  <p>Bailey Robson</p>
	<p>Library Captain</p>  <p>Jack Lawdorn</p>	<p>Library Captain</p>  <p>Florence Turnbull</p>	