



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Dates for the Diary 2023



Term 4

5th December

Foundation
Transition
11.30-1.45

8th December

Walk for
Humanity &
Respect – wear
orange!

12th December

Statewide
Transition Day

13th December

Grade 6
Graduation

14th December

End of year
concert:
2.30pm

15th December

Glen Cromie
Whole School
Excursion

20th December

Last day of
term: 1.30pm
finish



Term 4 – Newsletter No.19 **Friday 1st 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

I can't believe we only have a couple of weeks left of this year. It really has gone by and I am so proud of the amazing learning that has gone on across the school. Not only that but there has been an increase of kindness and caring amongst our students which is a joy to see. It was fabulous welcoming our Foundation students for 2024 in for their first transition session on Wednesday. The all settled in really quickly and had a fabulous time with their activities and story time. We will welcome them back next Tuesday from 11.30 where they will stay for lunch which will be provided by our generous Parents and Friends Club.

Our staff have been busy working on reports which will be sent home on Friday the 15th. If you have any questions about your child's report, please contact the school the following Monday so teachers can get back to you before the end of the year.

Mr Naughton finished with us last Friday and we have been lucky to secure Mr O'Kelly for the rest of the term in 3/4S. We thank Mr Naughton for the care, enthusiasm and fun he brought to HNPS while he was here.

Grade Structure and Staffing

We will have a few changes in our senior end with Miss Cross leaving and our other two grades already being covered by CRTs. We have recently appointed two new staff to the school who will be working in this area. We are excited to announce that Ms Nicola Hoekstra and Mr Connor Murphy will be joining our team and are bringing their experience and enthusiasm to HNPS. Ms Hoekstra is already known to most of the students, having worked some CRT days across the school this year. Some students may remember Mr Murphy who worked as a pre-service teacher with Mr Simmons a few years ago.

Our structure for the grades is also still up in the air a little. We are still to confirm if we will be running 7 or 8 grades across the school. This is due to a combination of lower enrolment numbers for 2024 and the ability to attract staff to positions, a problem across the state. Either way, the junior end will be as follows: 2 x F/1 and 2 x 1/2. Our senior end will either be 2 x 3/4 and 2 x 5/6; or a grade 3, 4/5 and 5/6.

2024 Transition Day – 12th December

On this day students get the exciting opportunity to step up and spend the morning in the grade level they will be in next year. It is hoped that students will be spending this time with their actual teacher and grade for 2024, however there may be some fine tuning after this time to finalise everything.

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Building Works & Access to the School

Unfortunately, the weather has once again be unkind to us and has delayed the concrete pour scheduled for this week. This is now going ahead next Wednesday and Friday. This will mean a change to how staff and students access the administration building from the school side. The current entrances to the school will remain in operation.

Whole School Excursion – Friday 15th December (10.30am– 1.30pm)

All families and siblings are invited to come along and join our school for our excursion to Glen Cromie Park near Drouin. Last year was fantastic (despite the weather) and we had a terrific time. It is a great way for us to celebrate our wonderful community and get a chance to catch up outside of school. All you need to bring is your own food and drink to enjoy, sunscreen and a sunhat. The students will be taken to the park by bus, there may be some seats available for parents (we are leaving at 9.30am), otherwise feel free to drive and meet us there!

End of Year Concert and Raffle – Thursday 14th December (2.30pm)

We will be holding our end of year concert on Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm. My apologies to parents who can't make it due to work commitments, however due to the change in time in lieu requirements for staff, we couldn't hold 2 after-school events in the same week. Next year we will look at our planning to see if we can make this event more accessible to all. The concert will have each grade performing a song which will be followed by the Parents and Friends Club Christmas raffle. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

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



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

A huge well done to Taj who competed at the Australian Track & Field Championships this weekend. Taj did extremely well coming 15th in the long jump by jumping 4.29m. The 4x100 mixed relay he also ran in came 2nd! We are really proud of your commitment and success Taj.



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

Our school really does appreciate receiving the school fees that support us 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.

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PB4L News!

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

Let's change the story and create a future where we are all safe, equal and respected. As part of this our school will once again hold a **Walk to promote respect and human rights on the 8th December**. Classes will run lessons around these topics where the students will make some posters to highlight the themes for

the walk. The students and staff will be encouraged to wear orange for the day, and we will do the walk at 1pm - 1.20pm.

Family Violence Support

If you or someone you love needs help for family violence, please reach out to one of the following numbers:

- If you are in immediate danger phone 000

Safe Steps Victoria

Crisis support for women and children living with family violence 24/7

Phone 1800 015 188 www.safesteps.org.au

Kids Helpline

Free, private and confidential telephone and online counselling for young people aged five to 25 years. Phone 1800 55 1800, available 24 hours a day (calls from mobile phones, landlines and payphones are free if you are calling from within Australia) www.kidshelp.com.au

Mens Line

Professional support and information service for Australian men. Phone 1300 78 99 78, available 24 hours a day www.mensline.org.au

Men's Referral Service (MRS)

MRS provides anonymous and confidential telephone counselling, information and referrals to men to help them take action to stop using violent and controlling behaviour.

Phone 1300 766 491 www.mrs.org.au



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PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

We will be holding a Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on the last day of school. All families will have received a book of tickets to sell with each ticket being \$1.00 each. If you are wanting more Raffle Tickets, please come to the office and pick more up, we have a lot more here to sell.

We are seeking donations for the raffle hamper prizes and would welcome any donations from the school community. Donated items can be left at the school office. Ideas for donations may include Christmas food items, toys, craft, and Christmas decorations and wrappings.

Thank you for your support.

