



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Term 1 – Newsletter 2 Friday 16th February 2024

Dates for the Diary 2024



Term 1

21st February

Welcome BBQ
and Information
Night 5.30pm

22nd February

District Swimming

29th February

School Photos

6th March

School House
Athletics

11th March

Public Holiday

13th – 19^h March

NAPLAN

18th – 22nd March

Book Fair

25th March

District Athletics -
Yinnar

27th March

Parents/Teacher
Interviews
3.30-6pm

**Last Day of Term
for students**

28th March

Parent/Teacher
Interviews

**NO STUDENTS AT
SCHOOL**

9am – 12.30pm



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

The amazing start to the year has continued and it has been a pleasure to walk around the school and see how settled all of the grades are. The playground has also been buzzing with students playing and helping each other out. We certainly are seeing our vision coming to life!

We have a number of events coming up in the next few weeks and would love to see as many parents/carers and families attend to support our students. We have the Welcome BBQ, our school athletics and our district athletics at Yinnar. We are in desperate need for parent volunteers to help us run events for the school sports, and also need a couple of support people for Yinnar. If you can help out at all, please let Fran know at the office.

School Council Elections

Thank you to our first parent who has self-nominated for School Council. We still require 2 more parents to nominate. School Council meet 8 times a year on a Monday evening, and it would be great to see some new faces to help generate more ideas for improving our school. If you are interested and not sure about what would be expected from you, please contact the office. Forms are also available at the office.

Welcome BBQ & Information Sessions

Each year (unless it is rained out!) we hold a Welcome BBQ for families to come and enjoy a free sausage in bread and attend classroom information sessions. This is a great opportunity to come and meet your child's teacher, the other wonderful staff and of course other parents. The event will run from 5.30-6.30pm with information sessions commencing at 5.40pm. We would love to see as many people here as possible to kick the new school year off!

Wednesday
21st
February

Parents and Friends' Club

We have a small and hard-working group of parents who do an amazing job fundraising for our school. In order to keep our fundraising on track, we are in need of other parents to join the club. The P&F Club organise things like the pancake day, special lunches, and mothers' fathers' day stalls for your children to enjoy, so it would be great to get more people on board. Fundraising efforts in the past have enabled us to update our ipads across the school, put on Grade 6 graduation at no cost, provide our incoming Foundation students with a lunch order and are about to contribute to the installation of our artificial turf. If you have time and can help out this wonderful group of people, even if it is only an hour here and there, please contact the office!

Traffic Flow and Parking

Thank you to the parents who have been following the Traffic Management Plan which was sent out at the start of the year (also below for your convenience). A few reminders to ensure our students are safe:

- Please drive slowly through the car park – it is very dusty, and it is also unsafe to speed through.
- Do not park between the car park entrances or opposite the entrances.
- Please do not block Church Road – if there is no room in the pickup queue, you will need to drive around and come back, or park across the road and collect your child.

Hazelwood North Primary School is committed to child safety and upholding the Child Safe Standards



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Parent/Carer Contributions - \$195 per child

Parent/Carer contributions are paid to the school to 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. This is a voluntary payment, however being a smaller school, we rely on these funds to ensure we can provide quality learning experiences across the school. 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.

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



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

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

EVERY DAY COUNTS

You and your child are an important part of your school's community.

We are so excited to have your child in the classroom, where they can receive the support that they need to succeed and have a happy experience at school this year.

Every day of attending school counts. Being at school supports your child's learning, social and mental wellbeing. Please be mindful of days off or time away from school as this adds up.

Lost Opportunities

- ▶ An 80% attendance rate is the equivalent of missing one day per week or 40 days per year or over 2 ½ years P-12
- ▶ 85% = 30 days per year or 2 years P-12
- ▶ 90% = 1 day per fortnight or 20 days per year or over 1 year P-12
- ▶ 95% = 10 days per year and over half a year P-12



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Welcome BBQ

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND INFORMATION SESSIONS ON WEDNESDAY THE 21ST OF FEBRUARY.

Come along and meet our staff, have a look in your child's classroom and attend an information session to find out what will be happening in their grade this year!

WHEN: 5.30PM – 6.30PM

WE WILL HAVE OUR CLASSROOMS OPEN FOR YOU TO WANDER THROUGH AND LOOK AT YOUR CHILD'S WORK.

15-minute information sessions will be held in the hall at the following times:

5.40pm Foundation to Grade 2

6.00pm Grades 3 to 6

The sausages in bread are free! Parents and Friend's Club will be selling drinks and Zooper Doopers.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AS MANY FAMILIES HERE AS POSSIBLE!



CAMPS, SPORTS, AND EXCURSIONS FUND

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is \$150.00 for primary school students. Please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF Application form.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on

29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024.



Questacon Morwell Pop-Up Science Centre

The **Questacon Science Circus** is rolling into Morwell for one day only with a FREE pop-up science centre experience like no other!

Come along to the **Latrobe Leisure Morwell on Saturday 24 February from 10am – 4pm** to spin yourself dizzy, test your reflexes, explore your fingertips under the microscope, and watch some of our spectacular science shows.

With over 30 hands-on exhibits, the *Science Circus* pop-up is a fantastic STEM day out for the whole family. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to ignite your curiosity!

- This is a FREE event, but bookings are essential.
- Suitable for all ages and family
- Most people spend 1 – 2 hours at our pop-up.
- Children under 12 must always be accompanied by an adult.
- To protect our venue's floor, please wear non-marking shoes (e.g. no stiletto heels)
- Contact ScienceCircus@Questacon.edu.au or 0409 353 639 for enquiries.
- <https://www.questacon.edu.au/whats-on/events/morwell-pop-science-centre>

PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB

We still have a few boxes of the big Caramello and plain Frogs for sale. If anyone would like to take one to sell (\$60 per box) or even want to buy a certain amount to sell or eat themselves.

We will have a Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser going out to all the eldest students today.

Please make sure you get your orders in!!!

All proceeds go towards a new BBQ for the school.

Our Pancake Day was a great success, so thank you to all involved.

We appreciate your support in all our fundraisers.



Traffic Management – HNPS 2024

It is important that we all follow the following traffic management processes for the safety of our students, staff and families:

Parking:

- It is encouraged to park your car in the Community Hall or church car park and use the path and crossing for drop off and pick up. You may wait in the school grounds from 3pm.
- Please use the path around the perimeter of the car park and behind the flags to ensure everyone's safety.

Church Road:

- It is important that we do not block the free flow of traffic under any circumstance, therefore:
 - There is no right hand turn into the car park between 3.00pm – 3.25pm.
 - If the drop off zone is full and the line has reached the end of the carpark, you will need to either park across the road and collect your child in person or do a lap.
 - Parking is allowed on both sides of the road but NOT opposite or between the car park entrance/exit points.
 - If you are parked in the church yard, you need to use the designated crossing.

Church Road Gate:

- This will be open for OSHC, and school drop off and pick up times.
- The gate will be locked between 9am and 3.00pm (if you are late you will need to sign your child in at the office).
- Students being collected from this gate will be required to wait inside school grounds and behind the red line.
- Students will be released to the person picking them up only if that adult is at the gate or collects them personally.
- Under no circumstances are students to be crossing the road without an adult.
- Please cross the road carefully and safely
- If this is not managed safely and respectfully, this entrance will be permanently closed.

Drop Off / Pick up Zone:

- The point of pick up and drop off is at the end of the first flagged fence and near the rubbish bins.
- This is a quick process, so students need to be independent in getting in and out of the car with their bags. If you have to get out to help your child, please park across the road and walk them across the crossing.
- The first 2 vehicles in the drop off zone can load/unload students at the same time. Students are not to enter or exit a vehicle out of this area unless directed to by staff.
- Students are not to be dropped off in front of the administration building.