



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Term 1 – Newsletter 3 Friday 1st March 2024

Dates for the Diary 2024



Term 1

6th March

School House
Athletics

11th March

Public Holiday

13th – 19th March

NAPLAN

18th – 22nd March

Book Fair

25th March

District Athletics –
Yinnar

School Council

AGM

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

Term 2

29th April – 3rd

May

Whole School
Swimming



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

It has been wonderful having such lovely weather for the students to enjoy our playground, ga ga ball pit and basketball court. The learning happening across the school has been inspiring and it is wonderful to see our Foundation students already recognising letter sounds and the corresponding letters. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they are so excited to be reading.

We have had lots of positive feedback from several visitors to our school over the last fortnight, saying what a beautiful school we have. They have commented on the physical look of the school, the positive vibe we have, the wonderful behaviour of our students and about the committed and engaged staff we have. This feedback has made me feel extremely proud of our school and the positive community we have all worked hard at to establish.

To ensure this atmosphere continues, it is important to make an appointment to see your child's classroom teacher, or if need be me, if you have any concerns or worries. I do hear of parents using messenger groups or hearing things on the grapevine to talk about things which may not be accurate, or in some cases not true at all. Let's continue working together to make sure we are living our school vision.

School Council Elections

Thank you to the 3 parents who have self-nominated for School Council this year. As we have the exact number of nominations as positions open, an election is not required. I will announce our new school council members after the AGM in March.

Indigenous History Session – Grade 3-6

Last week Andy our ES organised for Laurie Marx to come and talk to our grade 3-6 students. Laurie discussed respect and held students accountable to modelling this across our school. He provided the students with a brief enlightening into the First Nation Peoples' experiences during and since colonisation. He touched on a few significant historical happenings, such as the Stolen Generation where he shared his direct experiences and how it has impacted him. He explained that lack of equality experienced by First Nations People and made it clear that until the 1970's they were recognised as 'flora and fauna' (aka plants and animals) rather than people, which was quite a confronting shock for the students. Students were further shocked when Laurie showed them an advertisement featuring a photograph of a children lined up 'for sale', one of which had a cross marked on the chest (a sign of purchase) because they looked the 'least' indigenous. Students were all captivated by him and his presentation and they got the opportunity to questions.

Student Free Days

School Council has approved the following student free and professional practice days (also student free) for the year. We thought it was important to get these out to you so you can plan ahead. OSHC will be open for bookings on these days:
3rd June; 29th July; 21st October; 4th November; 25th November

Keep smiling and take care,

Gillian Connolly ☺

I Acknowledge the Brayakaulung People of the Kurnai Nation as the Traditional Custodians of this unceded land where I work and live. I pay my respects to elders past and present and extend that Acknowledgement to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

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

MINDFULL AUS

On the 19th and 20th of February, we were lucky enough to have the team from Mindfull Aus visit our school to implement the 'Healthier Hearts and Lighter Minds' program we will be running across all grades in 2024. Students and staff had a wonderful day participating together and helping shift the narrative around talking about our emotions and feelings. There are 6 core emotions we will be teaching students about.

Students will be provided with weekly lessons on this exciting curriculum promoting social and emotional wellbeing and are already embracing the technique of ICE - identifying, controlling and expressing their emotions. We had some lovely feedback from the Mindfull Aus team in their social media post below. We're very proud of how authentically students and staff participated in the program and we look forward to see the social impact this fantastic initiative has in our school community! We are looking into holding a parent session with the facilitators from Mindfull Aus and will keep you updated!



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Parents & Friends Club



Please return completed order form & money (cash) to the school by

9am Wednesday 6th March,

No late orders will be accepted.

Money raised from this fundraiser will go towards purchasing a new BBQ for our school.

Orders will be distributed from school on Wednesday 15th March from 2.30pm.

