



# HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

*Respect, Responsibility, Resilience*



## Term 1 – Newsletter 7 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Dates for the Diary 2024



#### Term 2

22<sup>nd</sup> May

National

Simultaneous Story  
Time – in Houses

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

Reconciliation Week

3<sup>rd</sup> June

Student Free Day

10<sup>th</sup> June

Public Holiday  
Monarch's Birthday

28<sup>th</sup> June

Last Day of Term  
2.30pm Finish

#### Term 3

15<sup>th</sup> July

First Day Term

**STUDENT FREE  
DAYS/PUBLIC  
HOLDYS T3 & T4**

29<sup>th</sup> July

21<sup>st</sup> October

4<sup>th</sup> November

5<sup>th</sup> November

25<sup>th</sup> November

### 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 nice to be back after my surgery and part of our lovely community again, I missed seeing the kids smiling faces and being enthusiastically greeted when I visit rooms. Thank you to the parents who also checked in and asked how I went, it was much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to send a big thank you to Kate Boddy and Mark Atherton for stepping up into the Officer in Charge Role, never an easy one particularly with the level of staff illness we had during that fortnight. I would like to also thank Jacinta Milner for supporting Kate and Mark, particularly with daily timetable changes to make sure grades were covered across the swimming period. I can't end without thanking the amazing team of staff we have working at HNPS for pulling together and supporting each other to get through this period of time with smiles on their faces and minimal disruptions across the school.

### Open Day

I would like to thank the families that took time to visit our school yesterday and last night for the Education Week Open Day. Overall we had around 20 families represented who watched lessons their child was participating in, joined in on lesson activities and took time to look at the learning their child has been doing so far this year.

Thank you to the staff who provided plates of food for morning tea and supper, which went down very well with our visitors (particularly last night!). Again, I would like to send a HUGE thank you to our teachers who took time out from their own personal lives to stay back and be available for the evening visits. A special thank you to Kaye who spent extra time at school to organise the food and make sure the hall was set up beautifully.

### Communication & Involvement

We were a little disappointed with the turn out for our Open Day sessions and were wondering if the news didn't reach families. Some parents were asked if they were coming yesterday morning and they said they didn't know anything about it. We placed the information in this newsletter since the start of term, sent it out on Sentral several times, posted it on Facebook several times and had posters around our school. I know the F-2 grades even sent home handmade invitations. I am wondering what else we can do to share information and make sure you are aware of upcoming events? If you have any suggestions, please email the school!

### School Review Feedback from Parents

Next term we are participating in our 4-year review as mandated by the Department. As part of this process we have to complete a pre-survey review that includes feedback from parents. I invited people to participate in some forums at our open day session and had no-one turn up. I would like to offer either an evening in person or online session. If you would be interested, please contact the office and let Fran know if you would prefer in person or Webex, most suitable time and day and I will try and work around what suits most people. We will also be sending out a survey as well over the next week or two. Your participation in one or both of these would be greatly appreciated.

### Long Service Leave

For the last two weeks of this term I will be taking long service leave so I can take my 79 year old Mum to Japan! She is very excited and has always wanted to go since she was a child, so I feel honoured to be making this life-long dream a reality for her. In my absence Kate Boddy and Mark Atherton will be in charge.

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## Family Leave (not mine!) and Replacements

As you may be aware, Ms Adams and Ms Boddy are both expecting babies in the upcoming months. It is anticipated that Ms Adams will be working until the 21<sup>st</sup> of June and will be replaced by Mrs Liana Seppings for the remainder of the year. Ms Boddy will be working until the end of the term, and we will be advertising her position for a 12 month replacement. We will miss them and wish them both the very best for their upcoming births.

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.*



**MEI:** An amazing effort by Mei who came to school this week sporting a new hair cut. Last Friday (10<sup>th</sup> May) she chopped her hair off and donated it to be made into wigs and hairpieces for those in need with serious medical conditions. Her Uncle Daniel at Handsome Dans Barbershop in Traralgon did it for her. Well done Mei, we are all very proud of your kind and generous spirit!

**LILY:** A HUGE congratulations to Lily who was selected to compete for the ATOD (Australia Teachers of Dancing) state championships in Melbourne, June 22nd representing Gippsland Academy of Dance. She will be given the opportunity to enter into scholarships at just 9 years old which is an amazing achievement. After state Championships she will have the opportunity to go compete in Nationals which this year will be held in Adelaide, SA this July. Good luck Lily, we are very proud of you!!



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



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**Taj:** A HUGE congratulations to Taj who represented Hazelwood North at the SSV Regional Diving Championships a couple of weeks ago where he placed 1st. This qualified him to go through and compete at the SSV State Championship Finals at the State Aquatic Centre where he did amazing and placed 8th overall. What an amazing effort!



## The Resilience Project

This week there was an online Digital Wellbeing for Families webinar that had been sent out via Sentral and in the newsletter. If you couldn't make it and would like to see what was covered, here is a [link](#) to a recording. **Please note that this link will expire on the 30th May.**

## MINDFULL AUS Parent Session!!

On the evening of June 12<sup>th</sup> we will have the founder and creator of Mindful Aus, Matt Runnalls, presenting a session on what it is all about and how it will be a positive addition at our school. The session will be held from 6.30pm – 8pm in the hall, supper provided. If you are interested in coming, please ring the office (5166 1267) and register so have an idea of numbers!



## Parents & Friends Club

Thank you to all the parents and carers for their donations towards our mother's and special person stall, we raised just over \$600 which is amazing.

A huge thank you to our helpers on the day of the stall, Rebecca, Daniela, Sheridan, Tammy, Janine, and Brook.

Also, for those helpers before the day sorting all the items Kate, Sheridan, Daniela, and Tammy.

This could not go ahead without the helpers, or the donations.



## Hazelwood Art Group has member vacancies.

If you have an interest in drawing and painting and need a set time and somewhere to create, our group could suit you.

There is no tutor, however, we encourage and provide positive feedback to each other.

We meet on Monday evenings from 5pm to 8pm in the Hazelwood North Hall. on 0429933730.



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## PARENTZONE

Anglicare’s Parentzone program offers tailored workshops, courses, resources and information for parents across a range of topics designed to support young people of all ages across Gippsland. Please see below a summary of provided programs for Term 2, 2024. All programs are free of charge – if you would like more information please contact Anglicare on (03) 5135 9555 or via email [parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au). If you would like assistance in accessing this service, please contact Kate Boddy at school.

PROGRAM NAME	DURATION
Lets Talk about Parenting	6 Weeks online or 3 weeks face to face
Talking Dads	6 Weeks Online
Parenting Anxious Teens and Tweens	6 Weeks Online or 3 Weeks face to face
Tuning into Teens	6 Weeks Online
Breaking the Cycle	8 Weeks Online
Living with Autism	6 Weeks online or 3 weeks face to face
Parenting after seperation	6 Weeks Online
Tuning into Kids	6 Weeks Online
Parenting preps	6 Weeks online or 3 weeks face to face
Bringing up Great Kids	6 Weeks face to face

PROGRAM NAME	DURATION
Routines and Boundaries	2 hours with 2 dates on offer
Encouraging School Participation	2 hours with 3 dates on offer
Dealing with transitions	2 hours with 2 dates on offer
Risky Business	2 hours with 2 dates on offer
Sibling Rivalry	2 hours with 2 dates on offer
Family Meetings	2 hours with 2 dates on offer

PROGRAM NAME	DURATION
In Home Support Services	Multiple dates and locations
Suported Playgroup	Multiple dates and locations

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