



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Term 1 – Newsletter 8 Friday 31st May 2024

Dates for the Diary 2024



Term 2

3rd June

Student Free Day

6th June

District Football &
Netball

10th June

Public Holiday
Monarch's Birthday

12th June Mindful
Aus Parent Session
6.30- 8pm

28th June

Last Day of Term
2.30pm Finish

Term 3

15th July

First Day Term

15th – 19th July

NAIDOC Week



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

29th July

21st October

4th November

5th November

25th 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

Another term is flying by with only 4 weeks to go. A reminder that our finish time on the last Friday of this term is 2.30pm and not 1.30pm like in the past. There is a lot of testing taking place across the school and it is great to see the learning growth that is happening! Our grades have been spending the week learning about Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day and what this means for our Indigenous community. Our students have been showing amazing empathy and understanding about this which is wonderful to see.

School Review Feedback from Parents – thank you.

Thank you to the parents that took the time to complete this survey, we had just over 30% of our families respond which is fantastic. We really appreciate your feedback and there are some fantastic things to celebrate about our school and share with our reviewers, and also some clear areas to work on.

- Celebrate: over 90% of the responses rated our school as good or excellent in the areas of learning and wellbeing.
- Some highlights for learning included Heggerty and Sounds-Write, the amount of knowledge their child has come home with, clear schedules for the day, being challenged with their learning and staff recognising and supporting the different learning needs of individual students.
- Some highlights for wellbeing has been having Kate Boddy in the Wellbeing and Inclusion role, the school being very supportive in the wellbeing space, the programs offered like TRP and Mindfull Aus, approachable staff and staff that genuinely care for students.
- Some things to improve on include:

Communication was the largest area with nearly 15% (or 9) of respondents rating it as average or poor. Most of the comments were around the short notice of events or lack of detail. A couple of respondents noted that they could see the school was trying and there were a lot of platforms that they communicate through, however it does rely on parents reading them as well. A number of parents would like more positive communication on jobs well done from teachers and the school. On the flip side, other respondents commented that the communication between home and school is great and timely.

There were a couple of responses that were very specific in relation to an individual student or about specific parts of the curriculum. I would love to chat further with these parents, however as the surveys are anonymous it is not possible for me to contact you. If you were one of these respondents, I would appreciate the opportunity to talk further, so please contact the office to make a time to chat.

Welcome Mrs V - Art

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Naomi Van Hooydonk to our team. Mrs V started a couple of weeks ago teaching visual arts and is a wonderful addition to our school. It has been great popping into the Art Room and seeing the terrific pieces being made by students and how proud they have been in taking their work home.

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



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School Calendar

We have introduced a calendar at the end of the newsletter to support you in knowing what is coming up at our school ahead of time. We hope it helps!

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.



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

MINDFULL AUS Parent Session!!

On the evening of June 12th, 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 School Hall, supper provided. If you are interested in coming, please ring the office (5166 1267) and register so we have an idea of numbers!





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On Monday 3rd June, Hazelwood North PS has been selected to meet Dr Jane Goodall at Melbourne Museum.

We have been asked to showcase how Dr Jane has inspired us to make positive sustainable changes, such as our new Nude Food program and the planting of native species to increase biodiversity in our grounds. Through Dr Jane's 'Roots and Shoots' program, we were lucky enough to win some prizes, and also received a grant to buy plants for our Reflection Garden.

Six students have been chosen to attend the event with myself, and we are all extremely excited at the prospect of meeting such an inspirational person and thank her for her efforts as a worldwide 'Changemaker'.



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School Calendar JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Student Free Day	4	5	6 District Football & Netball	7
10 Public Holiday	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27 Reports sent home	28 End of Term:

JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 Start of Term 3	16 NAIDOC Week Activity Day	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29 Student Free Day	30	31	1	2