



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



Dates for the Diary 2024



29th July

Student Free Day

15th – 19th July
NAIDOC Week

14th, 21st & 28th
August
5/6 Kurnai Coding

23rd August
Book Week Activity
Day

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

29th July
21st October
4th November
5th November
25th November



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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

Welcome back! It is great to be here after my long service leave and then school holidays. Thanks to those of you who have asked about my holiday to Japan, Mum and I had an amazing time. It is certainly a country I will go back too if I can as it was beautiful, the people are so friendly, and kind and it is very clean!! I thank Kate and Mark for stepping up while I was away and allowing me the privilege of not thinking about work. We wish Kate Boddy all the best on the impending arrival of her baby and thank her for all her hard work since she started at our school. She will definitely be missed, and we look forward to having her back in Term 3 next year! We do welcome Rochelle Briggs as Kate's replacement and are excited to have her on the team.

We have had a wonderful start to the term with lots of terrific learning happening across the grade. On Tuesday we had our NAIDOC week celebrations with Mejeda from the Torres Strait Islands coming to perform and share her culture with our students. She was terrific and made sure every student was involved and had fun. This was followed with a set of Indigenous culture activities where students moved in mixed-aged groups to experience cooking, learning about the different artefacts and language, and playing Indigenous games. A huge thank you to Andy and Brodie for organising the day and to Laurie Marks, Aunty Marg and Tre Moffatt for coming out and working with our students.

Concerns, questions or feedback

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback about the school or the learning in your child's grade we would prefer parents to approach the classroom teacher or myself to discuss them. We have been hearing about parents talking amongst themselves and making assumptions about what is happening in the school, rather than finding out about it themselves from the source. We don't mind parents talking about what is happening at the school, however I do encourage you to also approach us so we can either explain what is happening, clarify your concerns and, as our vision statement says, problem solve together.

School Review – Parent Group Wanted!

Every 4 years schools undertake a review to evaluate how they have performed over the life of the Strategic Plan. Our school review is the 8th and 9th of August where an independent reviewer will come in and look at our classroom teaching, school documentation and talk to staff, parents and students. This will be a terrific opportunity for you to have time with the reviewer to highlight what the school is doing well, what changes have been made and what improvements you would like to see. I will send out times and which day the reviewer will be available to meet with parents via Sentral by the end of next week. It would be great to get as many parents as possible to ensure we have a number of different opinions given so if you can attend when the times are published, please let us know.

Student Free Day – July 29th

Monday the 29th of July will be a student free day. Our school has been doing some learning with Mr George Telford around best practice in the classroom around using questioning in lessons to facilitate the best learning outcomes. On Monday we will be learning about giving and seeking feedback to/from students to enable us and our students to identify what they know and what their next steps of learning are.

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



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Curriculum

Part of the feedback in last term's parent survey that was sent out, and recent verbal feedback included statements about some of the curriculum that is being taught and the direction the school is taking. This is also related to the above newsletter item. The curriculum we provide at HNPS is mandated by the Department of Education, the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA). If we don't teach what is required, then we risk losing our registration as a school and will not be allowed to operate. The curriculum that is mandatory and that the school must include is literacy, numeracy, science, humanities, the arts, health & PE, technology, and a language (we have an exemption for language this year). Within these areas, Indigenous culture and gender & identity is included. The curriculum delivered to your children are tailored to the grade level they are in and are taught using resources provided by the Department of Education. There may be opportunities for your child to attend excursions or camps throughout their schooling and these are optional. If you have questions about mandated topics/curriculum and what is covered for your child, please contact their teacher to discuss. Unless otherwise stated, lessons delivered in your child's grade are not an opt-in experience. If you would like to discuss it further, please don't hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment to see me.

Start Time for School – our learning starts at 9.00am!

We have noticed that a number of our students are arriving for school at or after 9.00am. I thought I would take this opportunity to remind parents that 9.00am is the start of our learning time in classrooms. If your child arrives just before or after this time, it impacts on their learning as they have to come in, get their equipment ready and then try to catch up on anything that has already been taught for that morning. Students arriving late also disrupts the learning of other students in the grade. We encourage students to be at school around 8.45-8.50am to enable them to get their bags in their rooms and settle in before their learning starts.

School Fundraising – ideas wanted!

Our Parents' & Friend's put a lot of work into raising funds for our school to enable us to purchase things like updated computers & iPads, artificial turf and transport for whole school excursions. We are seeking some feedback from you as to what ideas you might have around what these funds can be used for to enhance your child's educational experience. I will collate these and take them to School Council so we can identify what to spend the money on. If you have any ideas, please email the school or send in a note to the office by the 2nd August.

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.

SCHOOL POLICIES UPDATES

The following school policies have been revised with consultation from School Council and are available to read on our website:

- Digital Learning
- Bullying Prevention
- Communication with staff (please know the times you will and won't respond to parents)
- Complaints

You can find the link here: http://www.haznthps.vic.edu.au/?page_id=1598



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

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club Brochure No 5 has been handed out today to all our students. Orders can be made using the on-line portal at Scholastic.com.au or by sending your order with money to school in a labelled envelope.

This year as part of our Book Week celebrations we will be having a Book Activity Day on Friday 23rd August. On this day students may come dressed in costume, or wear something **RED** for **Read Every Day** while they take part in a range of fun activities.



RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM

Pet Educator Berry came to visit us today with her dog, Polly. Berry and Polly came to show us how to be safe around dogs.

Students were shown how to care for a pet dog.

There was lots of listening, singing, role plays and some dancing.

Some of our students were chosen to personally meet Polly today as part of our Responsible Pet Education Program.





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School Calendar

JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22	23	24 Student First Aid	25	26
29 Student Free Day	30	31	1	2

August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
			School Review	School Review
12	13	14	15	16
		5/6s at Kurnai (12pm-1.30pm)		
19	20	21	22	23
Book Week Commence s		5/6s at Kurnai (12pm-1.30pm)		
26	27	28	29	30
		5/6s at Kurnai (12pm-1.30pm)		Wear it Purple Day for Equality