



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

No. 2382

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Term 3 – Newsletter 14 Friday 30th August 2024

Dates for the Diary 2024



4th September
Gippsland Water
visit

12th September
R U OK Day
Wear Yellow

**18th & 19th
September**
Student Led
Conferences

19th September
Wear sporting
teams (AFL,
Rugby, netball
etc) colours day

20th September
Last day of term:
2.30pm pick up



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

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.

The term is flying by with only 3 weeks before the holidays. A lot has been happening this term with the school review, sporting events, book week in addition to the fantastic teaching and learning happening in the classrooms.

Book Week dress up day was definitely a highlight last week, with every student and staff member dressing up for the event. There was a real buzz of electricity in the air from the moment students walked in and it was great to see and feel the energy out in the yard prior to the start of the day. There was some great discussion about which characters people were and which book they were from. Thank you, parents and carers, for the time and effort put into the costumes, we obviously have quite the creative community!

School Review

This week we had the final day of our school review which was to identify the future directions of the school around learning and wellbeing for our next 4-year strategic plan. The feedback from the panel was overwhelmingly positive, with all of our learning and wellbeing outcomes on an upward trajectory. Of note is our NAPLAN and student opinion data that mostly sits above similar schools and State levels. This is as a result of the hard work of our teaching team and the changes made across the school with our approach to teaching literacy and numeracy. The panel also noted that despite not having a physical external community, the school definitely has a strong sense of community. The panel noted that across the school we have a very calm and welcoming climate. I congratulate everyone in our school community on the fantastic outcome of our review and look forward to sharing the strategic plan when it is finalised later in the year.

Speed in the car park

Please be mindful about your speed when entering and leaving the car park. Some cars are coming through quite quickly and it is becoming a safety issue.

Parent/Guardian/Carer Opinion Survey – still open!

If you haven't had the opportunity to complete the survey, we would like your input. Our school generally has a high rate of participation (around 50% of families) and this enables us to gauge what our families think more widely than if only a few families complete it. If you have 20 mins where you could sit down and complete the survey it would be greatly appreciated. Please see the Sentral post for the website and school pin.

Hats at School

A reminder that from next week (Monday the 2nd September) that all students must wear a broad brimmed school hat when outside. Please make sure your child has a hat, and it is clearly named! The Hats are for sale at School for \$13. We have a variety of sizes available.



Student-Led Conferences

Our student led conferences are being held on the afternoon of the Wednesday the 18th September (3.30pm-4.30pm) and afternoon/evening of Thursday the 19th September (2.20pm-6pm). The conferences are a fabulous opportunity for parents and carers to come in and watch a presentation by their child about their

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Learning so far this year, and their future goals. It is a well-attended event, and the feedback is always very positive. Please book via Sentral.

District Basketball

Yesterday our Dark Blue Team showed great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and teamwork, playing in the Division Tournament. It was a great effort to get to this round and the boys did a fantastic job of representing our school and working together. I would like to thank the parents who transported students to and from the centre to enable them to participate, as well as staying to support them. I would again like to give a special shout out to Daniel Beckett for taking the time off to coach the teams, and Lauren Beckett for scoring, it was much appreciated.



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



Congratulations to Mei for being selected as our school's finalist in the Good We competition. Mei attended the awards event in Melbourne recently and we are so proud of her efforts! A write up about the event is at the end of the newsletter.





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PARENT AND FRIENDS CLUB

REMINDER

The Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun will be on Thursday 24th October from 11.30am to 1.15pm.

- Please make sure students wear a white shirt and closed-in shoes, or **BLACK Shirt if they are Asthmatic.**
- Students will be given free sunglasses and a rainbow headband for the event.
- Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder from head to toe.
- Colour Powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours. Safety data sheet is available upon request.
- Information has been sent out today from each class. Spare copies of letter and booklet sent home today are at the office if you need more.
- Fundraising for our Colour Explosion School Fun Run is entirely online. Follow instructions in your child's sponsorship booklet to create a cybersafe, online profile. All cash donations must be converted to online donations before Friday 4th October.



We thank you for the support to our school for all our Fundraisers.
All funds raised will go to our new Sensory Garden.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

We would like to thank all our Parent Helpers today for our **Father's, Special Person Day Stall.**
It was a huge success; with all our items sold.
The students really enjoyed picking out a gift/gifts for their family member and special person.

Book Week Activity Day

It was a fantastic day for our Book Week Activities last Friday with beautiful sunny weather, amazing colourful costumes and fun activities led by our student Book Week presenters, Koah, Emersyn, Florence, Sarah, Sadie, Taj, William, Hudson, Tex, Jack, Bailey, Zac and Noah.

Thank you to our School Community who supported the day by organising costumes, hair and make-up. The school grounds were filled with laughter and colour!

The Book Week activities included learning new skills, table tennis with Taj and William, and handballing a footy with Zac and Noah. There was making a model of the human brain with Florence, Sarah and Sadie, and discovering the epic migration of the world's largest turtle, the Leatherback. Two of the featured books, Jigsaw: a puzzle in the post by Bob Graham and Two turtles by Kiah Thomas provided examples of the importance of collaboration and teamwork. Koah and Emersyn led their collaborative groups with 100-piece jigsaw puzzles, while Jack and Bailey's room was filled with falling turtles, all trying to work in pairs to help each other.

From the Library



School Calendar September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
		Gippsland Water Visit		Assembly 2.45pm
9	10	11	12	13
			R U OK? Day Wear Yellow	Newsletter Week
16	17	18	19	20
		Student Led Parent Conferences	Wear sporting team colours Student Led Parent Conferences	Assembly 2.15pm Last day of term: 2.30pm finish



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GoodWe Australia celebrates the conclusion of its 2024 “EcoSmart Kids” Program, with Championship awards event at the Melbourne Home Show

View the Video Here: https://youtu.be/JDGEqPoClr8?si=3ZYu61hYHsoqn2_Z

GoodWe Australia, a leading solar product manufacturer, concluded its second “EcoSmart Kids” educational program with a vibrant championship awards event at the Melbourne Home Show on 23rd August. The event marked the culmination of months of dedicated efforts to engage and inspire primary school children across Victoria to learn about climate change, renewable energy, and helping the environment, followed by a creative competition. This initiative is an extension of the ongoing EcoSmart Tour, with GoodWe touring the world to reach a diverse audience looking to learn about and benefit from GoodWe's renewable energy solutions.

This year, EcoSmart Kids doubled in scale, reaching nearly 2000 children from Grades 2-6 across six schools covering regional and metropolitan Victoria. The school visits comprised of interactive workshops and followed up by a State-wide competition for the children to enter. A new highlight this year included collaborative content and contributions from the Great Barrier Reef Legacy team, delivering awareness about the importance of protecting one of the largest and most complex natural systems on Earth. Additional support and services from Energy Matters and Exhibitions and Events Australia played a key role in ensuring the program's success and broadening its reach.

The awards event, held at the Melbourne Home Show, brought together the top creative minds from schools across the state and hosted by TV personality and interior design expert, James Treble. Children were encouraged to submit competition entries that promoted positive environmental messages through a medium of their choice—be it art, music, writing, or innovative design. The judges, including representatives from GoodWe, Energy Matters, the Melbourne Home Show and Great Barrier Reef Legacy, were impressed by the ingenuity and passion displayed by the young participants.

Niva from Courtenay Gardens Primary School was crowned Champion in the Grade 2-4 category for her diorama model that identified and proposed solutions to pollution. Violetta from St. Michael's Grammar School was also awarded Champion in the Grade 5-6 category with her Eco-Home model that included solar and lights, and a working wind turbine. Both Niva and Violetta received trophies and prize packs valued at \$2,000 each, while all remaining finalists were awarded certificates and prize packs worth \$500 each.

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