

Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY



Dear Parents,

TERM 1 CURRICULUM DAY- SUMMARY

Last week all staff attended our curriculum day with a focus on Wellbeing. Sessions included:

- Healthy minds workshop (external company) looking at what is anxiety and how it can manifest in children and what are some preventative measures we can put in place.
- Trauma- what is trauma? What are the signs of trauma? How to best support children dealing with trauma?
- Students and Problem-solving- Techniques we can implement to engage with students to assist them to come to resolutions with others and move on with a positive mindset.
- Wilson McCaskill Games- Collaborative games that focus on problem solving & students working together to achieve success.

The day was a great success with all staff gaining further insight into student wellbeing and how we can continue to support all of our students.

PRIMARY MATH SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Mrs Murdoch and Mr Lehane had the opportunity to attend their first 'live' conference this past Monday and Tuesday. Both Mrs Murdoch and Mr Lehane are in their second year of training as Math Specialist. Their role is multifaceted, but a key role is using their new knowledge to support all classroom teachers to enhance and improve instructional practice. As a result, improving engagement in mathematics and longer-term improving student outcomes.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Our grade 6 student leaders had an early start to their day today, catching the train from the Epsom Station for their journey to Melbourne to attend the National Young Leaders Day Conference.

Prominent leaders from all walks of life are invited to be part of The National Young Leaders Day. Each session will have one or two speakers, question times, short videos, learning exercises, student involvement, music, and student interaction. The program is designed to benefit students who show an interest in developing their leadership potential.



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ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop: - important skills and knowledge to help them learn - social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and teamwork. There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind

END OF TERM DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday, 8th April.

Reminder our Whole School Cross Country will be held in the afternoon on this day. See newsletter article.

COVID-19 REMINDERS

It is important, even though we have only had one notification of a positive covid case in the school since 9th March, that a school community we continue to follow the guidelines to reduce the chance of transmission within school.

Scenario 1 - A student or staff member tests positive to COVID-19, either through RA test or PCR test.

- *Isolate at home for 7 days (inclusive of weekends) and **do not attend school** during this period.*
- *Inform the school, that they have tested positive to COVID-19 and isolate for 7 days.*
- *A negative test is not required to return to school following completion of 7 days of isolation.*

Scenario 2 - If a student or staff member tests positive through RA test, but **don't have symptoms or have not been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19.**

- *It is recommended getting a PCR test within 48 hours and stay isolated at all times until they receive their result.*
- *If the PCR test is negative, the student or staff member can return to school*
- *If the PCR test is positive, inform the school, that the student has tested positive to COVID-19 and isolate for 7 days.*

Scenario 3 - If a student has been in contact with a case of COVID-19 the following applies:

- *If **asymptomatic**, students should continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms.*
- *If **symptomatic**, all students must return home, take a rapid antigen test, or get a PCR test if a rapid antigen testing kit unavailable.*
- *On receipt of a negative test result, the student can return to school.*
- *If the test is positive, inform the school, that the student has tested positive to COVID-19 and isolate for 7 days.*

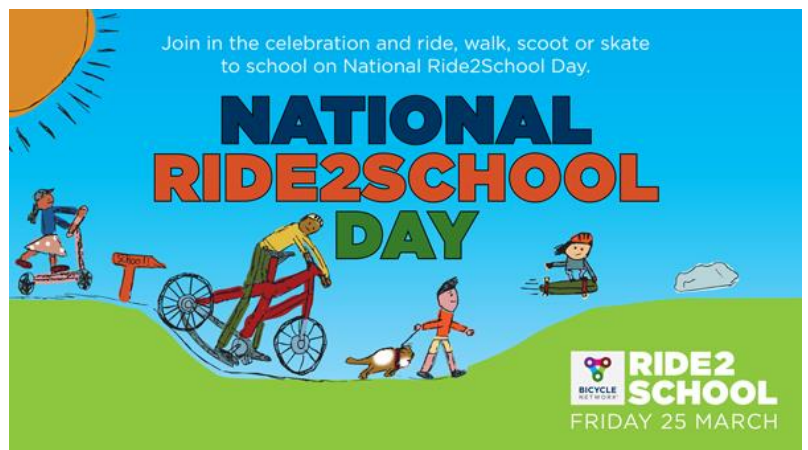
Families are also reminded to notify the school if your child/children are absent from school due to isolating because they are close contact. Work packs can be arranged and the student's absence is recorded as "remote learning" so the absence does not affect their attendance data.

If students are too unwell to attend school, usual absence policies apply.

Students in Grade 3 to Grade 6 must wear a face mask indoors & all students should continue to test twice weekly (Monday to Friday) with the Rapid Antigen Tests.

NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

National Ride2School Day is held around Australia in March every year. It provides an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to try riding, walking or scooting to school as well as celebrating the regular walkers and riders. Most important is to do so in a safe manner.



Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL

DIARY DATES

Thursday	24th	March	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Thursday	24th	March	Zooper Dooper Day - \$1.00 each during second lunch (<i>every Thursday until end of term 1</i>)
Thursday	24th	March	School Lunch Orders close 10.00am
Friday	25th	March	School Lunch Order Day
Friday	25th	March	National Ride 2 School Day (<i>see newsletter article</i>)
Monday	28th	March	Gymnastics Program for (final) - 2/3DL, 5/6M, 5/6L, F/1 H and F/1M
Monday	28th	March	School Council Annual General Meeting
Tuesday	29th	March	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Tuesday	29th	March	Gymnastics Program for (final) - F/1A, F/1C, 2/3H and 2/3B
Tuesday	29th	March	After School Free Hockey Clinic (<i>for students who have returned permission note</i>)
Wednesday	30th	March	Food Share Program - every Wednesday
Wednesday	30th	March	Easter Raffle tickets and money due back
Thursday	31st	March	Gymnastics Program for - 4/5G and 4/5BT
Monday	4th	April	Easter Raffle will be drawn
Friday	8th	April	School Cross Country - whole school activity (<i>see newsletter article</i>)
Friday	8th	April	End of Term 1—Students dismissed at 2.30pm

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets for the annual Easter Raffle have been sent home with students last week.

Thank you to those families who have donated items. **We are still gratefully accepting DONATIONS** of Easter related items at the school office e.g. easter eggs, baskets, easter themed items, etc.

Tickets must be returned by Wednesday 30th March to be in the draw. Raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday 4th April.

FUNDRAISING

If you would like to stay up to date and be involved in fundraising activities join the Huntly PS 306



SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

On the last day of Term 1, Friday 8th April we will host our annual school cross country event. The whole school participates in this extra curricula activity. Students can attend school on this day dressed in their sports team colours (see below). New students will be informed of their team before the day.

CAMPASPE - Blue

EPPALOCK - Green

LAANECOORE - Yellow

LODDON - Red

All families are welcome to come along and support the runners. The event will be held in the afternoon with starting times to be announced. The running will begin with the Foundation students and consecutive grades will follow. We look forward to seeing you there.



ZOOPER DOOPER DAY

Thursday 24th March

Zooper Dooper @ \$1.00

For sale second lunch at the canteen.
Every Thursday until end of Term 1



BOOK CLUB

Thank you for everyone who made a purchase from Issue 2 of Book Club!

All orders have been processed and should arrive by the end of next week or early the week after.

For Term 1, all of your orders have helped our school obtain \$315 of new books for our Library!



Thank you!
Morgan Bamford.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

*These awards reflect our school values of: **Respect, Resilience, Community and Collaboration.***

Congratulations to the following students, Mr Lee will present them with their Student Recognition Award at assembly on Monday afternoon.

F/1A - **Amelia A:** *for always applying herself to her learning.*

- **Memphis P:** *for being a caring and helpful class member.*

F/1M - **Zachary P:** *for showing resilience when starting school at Huntly Primary School.*

F/1C - **Sebastian W:** *for persisting with his writing and taking on feedback to make his writing better.*

F/1H - **Oliver D:** *for taking on feedback to make improvements to his descriptive writing.*

2/3H - **Mitchell F:** *for his enthusiasm in his persuasive writing and willingness to go back and edit his work.*

2/3LD - **Hannah M:** *for consistently contributing to class discussions to demonstrate her understanding of learning tasks.*

2/3B - **Xavier Y:** *for his active participation during gymnastics and for giving everything a go.*

4/5BT - **Blake M:** *for consistently making strong choices in the classroom.*

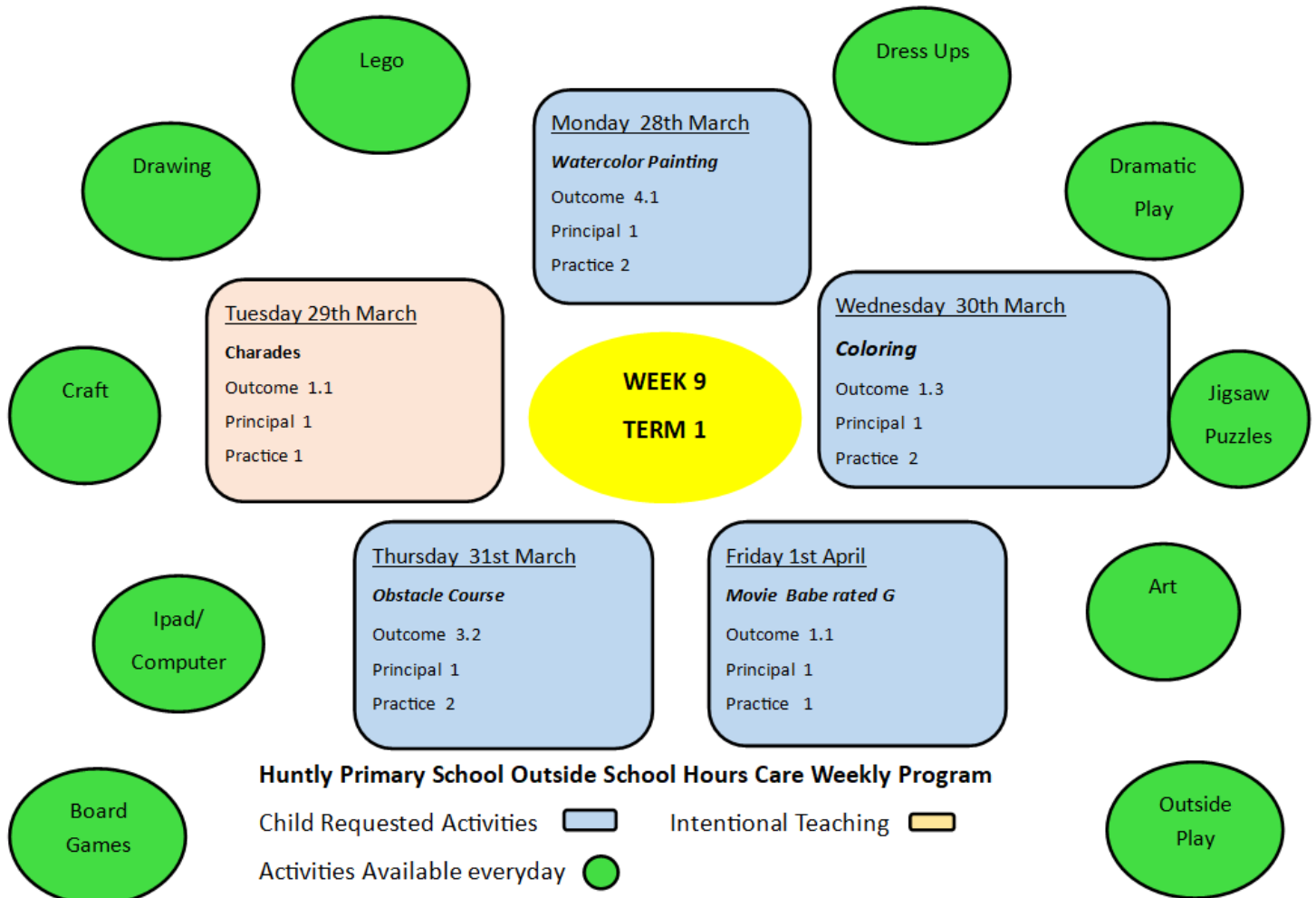
4/5G - **Sophie R:** *for the wonderful effort she made to include all the important sections into her narrative.*

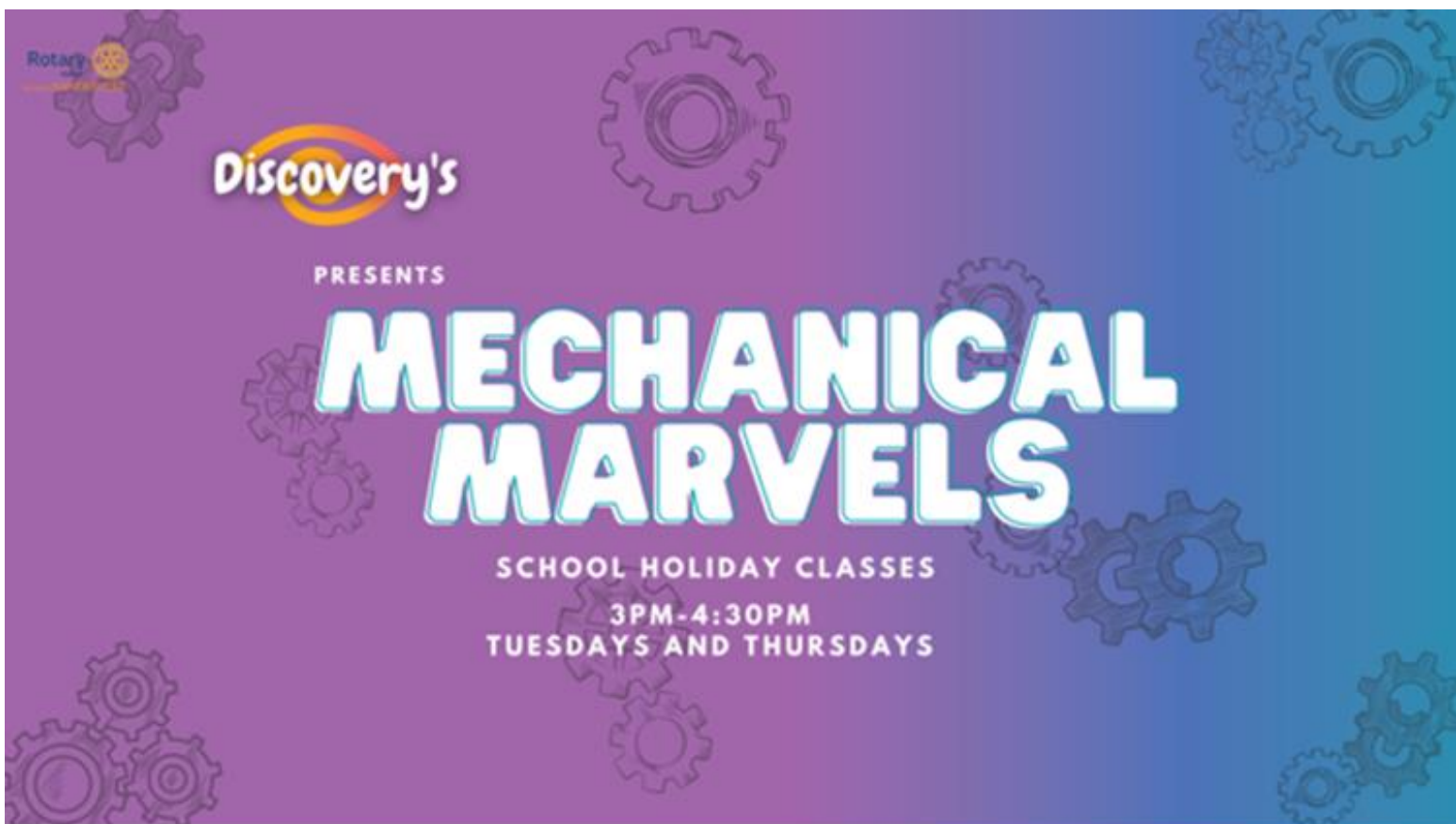
5/6M - **Caden W:** *for always being a kind and helpful member of our classroom.*

5/6L - **Aiden D:** *for always considering others and their feelings.*

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Next week's program.....





Explore the technology behind some of the iconic designs of Da Vinci, currently on display in the Discovery Centre in this workshop.

Students will get hands-on to create interactive moving masterpieces. Turn cogs, spin wheels and move levers to create a customised machine. Take them home to show off to friends! These machines will introduce students to the function of cams, an important part of many common mechanisms used in our everyday life. We will explore how simple shapes can turn into elaborate movements to make incredible interactive art pieces that rotate, wave, or even dance.

Workshop sessions run for 90 minutes for high-ability students and those seeking extension in Grades 3-6. Participation is FREE for Victorian Government school students and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (3pm to 4:30pm) through the Term 1 school holidays at Discovery. Bookings via Eventbrite are essential <https://tinyurl.com/2p8tw8z7>. Use your child's teachers' email address to secure a spot.

Parents are welcome to stay for the class.