

## Our School Values:

**RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY**



**Dear Parents,**

### SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Thank you to the school community for your support of our school production last week. It was pleasing to see so many families finally being able to come enjoy such as a wonderful event. The performance format was a little different than previous ones, however I have received positive feedback which is appreciated.

The children were fantastic, it was a big day and they showed great energy, enthusiasm and stamina as they sung and danced from beginning to end. Thanks again to the Boite music: Mishael Gyabeng, Stella Savy, Kofi Kunkpe, Kwame Tosuma and Mrs E for her coordination of the performance, behind the scenes work and preparing the students for the show.

**BENDIGO CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
**- School Closed**

### SUCCESSFUL INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS GRANT

I am excited to let our school community know we were successful in obtaining one of the Department of Educations Inclusive Schools Grant applied for back in April of this year. The grant will provide over \$150,000 in funding to build onto our existing junior playground with an all-abilities section. There is a process required to get to the construction phase so there will be some wait time, however knowing we have the funding is significant.

### SCHOOL HARDCOURT SHELTER

Construction works will begin in late November. The work site which will encompass our staff car park, will be fenced off from November 7<sup>th</sup>. As a result, temporary parking for school staff will be required. We will look at our options and try not to encroach on the already limited parking for our school community. This is particularly important at pick up time. This also means parents who currently use the car park to drop off or pick up their children will need to consider alternative arrangements. The construction company have indicated the shelter will be ready for the start of the 2023 school year.

### MOBILE PHONES & SMART WATCHES

All schools are required to have a mobile phone policy (which encompasses devices which provide the same functions). Other devices are those which can be used to make personal phone calls or receive phone calls or take photos etc.

**Currently all students hand their mobile phones into the office, which is the expectation. I am aware some students have smart watches and in a small number of cases these watches have been used to receive messages or calls. This is not an appropriate method of communication at primary school and causes significant disruption to classroom programs and student learning.**

If a smart watch has the functional capacity of a mobile phone it must be handed in to the school office until the end of the school day. For clarification please refer to the Mobile Phone policy provided via this link: [HPS-Mobile-Phone-Policy.pdf \(huntly-ps.vic.edu.au\)](https://www.huntly-ps.vic.edu.au/HPS-Mobile-Phone-Policy.pdf) Should you wish to clarify anything related to mobile phones or smart watches please contact the me at your convenience.



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**21ST OCTOBER, 2022**

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## DIARY DATES

Tuesday	25th	October	<b>Breakfast Program</b> - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Tuesday	25th	October	<b>Road to Foundation (2023 students)</b> - every Tuesday ( <i>last date 15th November</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday - School Closed</b>
Wednesday	26th	October	<del><b>Food Share Program in the school Library</b></del> - every Wednesday
Thursday	27th	October	<b>Breakfast Program</b> - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Thursday	27th	October	<b>Grade 6 Graduation Photo</b> - will be taken
Thursday	27th	October	<b>Zooper Doopers</b> on sale @ \$1.00 - second lunch
Friday	28th	October	<b>School Lunch Order Day</b> ( <i>orders close 10am Thursday 27th October</i> )
Friday	28th	October	<b>Melbourne Zoo Excursion - Grades Foundation and 1 students.</b>
Monday	31st	October	<b>Preparation for Puberty Information 5.00pm to 6.00pm</b> - Grade 6 parents.
Tuesday	1st	November	<b>Road to Foundation (2023 students)</b> - every Tuesday ( <i>last date 15th November</i> )
Mon-Wed	14-16	November	<b>Book Fair</b>
Friday	18th	November	<b>Curriculum Day</b> - <i>students are not required at school on this day.</i>

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### WEATHER

The Loddon Campaspe Area has had heavy rain over the past few weeks which resulted in the school closing last Friday due to concerns access to Huntly would be severely affected. There was also significant damage to a number of roads. More heavy rainfall is forecast next week, which has the potential to repeat these dangerous and challenging conditions. Should the school be impacted as it was last week I will communicate any changes as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on the Compass notifications and Class Dojo for any updates.

### 2023 FRIENDSHIP REQUESTS (REPEAT MESSAGE)

We understand friendship groups are important and they are always considered when planning classroom groupings for the following year. However, it is equally important to recognise the need to establish productive environments that support learning, as well as maintaining or building new friendship groups. For this reason, students will not complete friendship group lists for 2023. Each year this causes significant difficulties when we attempt to create a balance of social, emotional and academic need (for all students) across our classrooms. Teachers and Education Support Staff are best placed to determine the 'classroom balance' which will support your child.

That said, we acknowledge as parents / carers, you may (for a variety of reasons) like to make a request in relation to friendship placements for your child in 2023. I invite you to let me know **in writing by 5pm today, Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**October**. Please forward the letter in person to the office or email to [huntly.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:huntly.ps@education.vic.gov.au) ensuring the subject line reads 2023 Friendship Request. (This is the same process we have used for the past 2 years).

Whilst we will take all requests into consideration, we do not guarantee that these can be implemented for the reasons mentioned above.

**Please note that it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers.** Classroom groups will be formed and then teachers will be matched with a classroom.

### 2023 ENROLMENTS – REPEAT MESSAGES

If you have a child due to commence school next year and have not picked up an enrolment pack or accessed one from our school website <http://www.huntly-ps.vic.edu.au/wordpress/> it would be appreciated if this could be undertaken as soon as possible. Grade structures will be determined based on our current enrolment figures. Please spread the word and encourage anyone that you know who has school age children, to contact the school office to complete the enrolment process.

**Note: If your child will not be attending Huntly Primary School next year could you please advise the office as soon as possible.**

Jason Lee, **PRINCIPAL**

### ZOOPER DOOPERS

As of **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**, Zooper Doopers will be back on sale for \$1 at second lunch!



Maximum of 3 per person please.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Trahair & JSC.

## MELBOURNE ZOO excursion

We are all getting very excited for our bus trip to the Melbourne Zoo next **Friday**. Some important notes...

- Students need to meet in their classroom at 7:20am.
- The bus can not wait for late arrivals.
- Please place your child's lunch and snacks in their named lunch boxes - add extra snacks!
- All children need a named drink bottle with water.
- Children do not need any spending money.
- Please see your child's teacher with any medication for the day.
- We will see you at approximately 5:00pm!



## 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 at 3.10pm.

F/1A - **Judd W:** for showing persistence during learning times, particularly reading.

F/1M - **Zachary P:** for trying hard to ensure he has the correct letter placement when writing.

F/1C - **Amelia P:** for showing resilience during the production.

F/1H - **Lan PS:** for being confident when contributing to classroom discussions.

2/3H - **Nikolaos D:** for taking on feedback and improving his writing.

2/3LD -

2/3T - **Harvey F:** for his excellent performance skills and commitment during the production.

4/5BT - **Evan T:** for attempting all set activities independently.

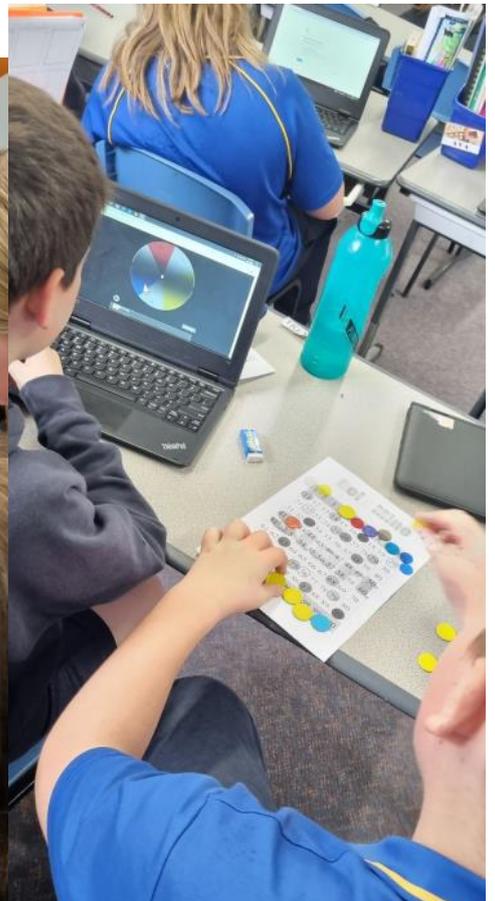
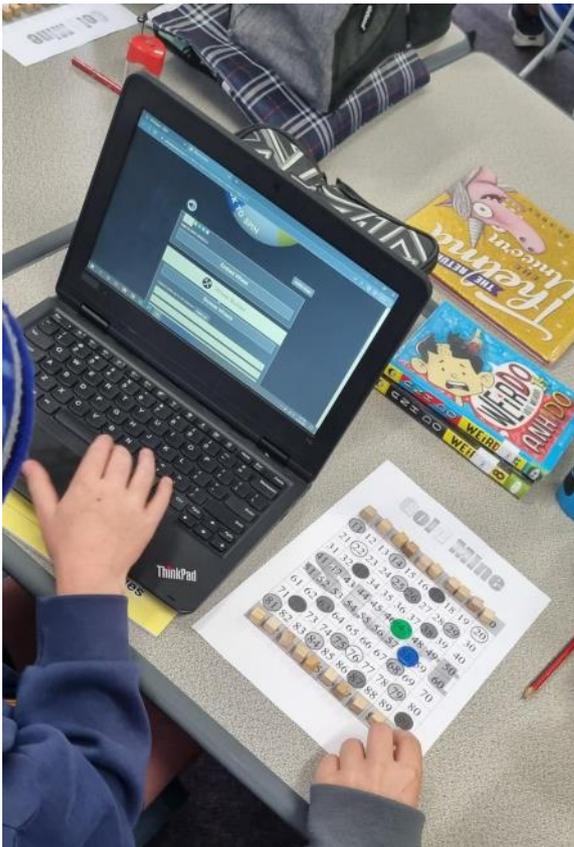
4/5G - **Hope D:** for tackling all tasks with enthusiasm and being a caring camper.

5/6M - **Amelia S:** for the effort she put into improving her understand of order of operations in Maths.

5/6L - **Logan R:** for applying himself when analysing reading tests utilising prior knowledge and working out inferences.

# MAKING MATHS COUNT!

This game is called Gold Mine, as the 5/6s recently went to Sovereign Hill we decided to play some maths games of the same theme. With Gold Mine, the aim of the game is to be the one with the most amount of Gold at the end of the time. Students practiced adding and subtracting 9,10 and 11 to and from numbers to 100 as well as developing strategies to ensure they avoid other players.





# Grade 3/4 Grampians Camp



## Sovereign Hill Camp 2022 (back to the 1850s)

For the first 3 days of term 4 we went to Sovereign Hill school camp in Ballarat. There were 65 kids and 7 staff that went to the camp. The bus ride took about 2 hours. We stopped at Lake Wendouree playground about 11am on the way and had some lunch. We arrived at Sovereign Hill at 12pm, we got our luggage off and were sorted into our cabins.

In our groups we went to some demonstrations including candle making and gold panning. Next, we went to the lolly making demonstration and watched how they were made. They make 7000260 lollies in a year. After that we went gold panning in the creek. I found 4 specs of gold in my pan. We spent a little bit of time at the creek then we went on a mine tour underground and they showed us some of the gold the miners found back then. After that we went back to the cabins and had some down time. At 6:30pm we went down to the cafe and had chicken schnitzel for dinner. We also got dessert, it was pavlova. That night we watched Chicken Run. It took about 1 and a half hours, after that we went back to the cabin and brushed our teeth and had a shower and went to bed.

The next morning, we woke up at 7.00am and brushed our teeth and had a shower and went to the cafe to have breakfast, we got toast then we went back to our cabins and started the Costume School part of the camp where we got dressed-up as school students from the 1850s. In our groups we followed our 1850s teacher to the school and participated in a school situation as kids in the 1850s.

They taught us how they did work back then and we also went on a mine tour underground. We took this electric tram to get underground. We went 60 feet down, she told us all about the miners in the 1850s. She talked about the rocks, the equipment they used and how they lived there. Next we went gold panning in our school and they taught us how to gold pan properly, after I got shown I found a lot more gold than the first time. Late that night we went on the Aura Light Show which told the story of the Eureka Stockade. This story was told in three different spots. The first one was a 3D movie, we had to put glasses on for it, it was about the aboriginals and how gold was formed. Next, we went to an open-air cinema on a hill that was also about aboriginals and really detailed story about the gold fields.

The next day we packed up and moved all our belongings into the hallway. We dressed up again as the 1850s people and attended school. The vicar came and tried to fire the teacher, it was funny. After the vicar left, we returned to ourselves and left the 1850s behind. We had lunch in the cafe before we left. We left at 1:15 and drove about 2 hours back to Huntly, when we got there we got our luggage and went home.

Overall, I really liked Sovereign Hill because I liked the history and how they mined back then. I also like watching the lolly demonstration and wandering around the town. If you get a chance I recommend you should go there if you can.

*By James 10/10/22*

Over the first 3 days of term 4 we had our camp to Sovereign Hill. The camp was for the grade 5/6 students (65 kids) and 7 staff. We went to Sovereign Hill to support the learnings in class about the gold fields and the Eureka Stockade. On the way there we had 2 breaks and it took 2 hours. Sovereign Hill was based on the 1850s gold rush times. When we arrived at Sovereign Hill, we unpacked and set-up our rooms. We pretty much got straight into the activities and for the next 3 days this was our itinerary (in order).

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Day 3</b>
Candle Dipping Demonstration	1850 School Roleplay (for most	School Roleplay.
Confectionary Making Demonstration	of the day)	Gold Pour Demonstration
Gold Panning	3D Aura Light show.	
Red Hill Mine Tour		
Movie Night.		

### Highlights

On the first day (in the bus) was one of my highlights because it was refreshing to talk to my friends again after 2 weeks. When we arrived at Sovereign Hill the biggest highlight was how realistic and how much hard work undertaken to resemble how it looked back then. But then it couldn't get any better. The food at the last camp was not good but at this camp it was great.

On the 2nd day we had an 1850s roleplay. The teachers were such good actors and how it really felt like I was in the 1850s took a lot of planning and work on their parts. At night we had this 3D animation with glasses showing how gold was first made, then we rode these electric trams that dropped us off at this outside theatre with a projector showing a story from the perspective of the indigenous Australians. Then the trams dropped us off at another theatre that showed us how the gold rush started and the Eureka Stockade in a unique way. We were watching in a theatre then it split open and we were all of a sudden in an outdoor cinema.

The 3rd day wasn't bad, no highlights until we got to go home and tell my parents what happened.

In general, Sovereign Hill was amazing and I would love to go back there and if you ever have the chance to go there you should.

*By Aiden D, 2022*



## Pre Christmas Summer Hockey

Up to 10  
divisions  
(subject to  
participants)

### 7 Rounds Social & Competitive Competitions

Starting 31  
October  
2022

From 5.30  
Monday,  
Thursday &  
Friday

Individual Registrations  
\$40.00 per person per  
competition  
(\$30.00 Masters Women  
– 5 rounds)

- SOCIAL COMPETITIONS
- Under 10 & Under 12 Mixed
- Masters Men and Women
- Open Mixed (Family)
- Womens

- COMPETITIVE COMPETITIONS
- Under 14 & Under 16 Mixed
  - Open Women
  - Open Mixed

Junior Hockey (Social & Competitive) will be played on a Monday night from 5:30

Senior Competitive Hockey will be played on a Thursday night from 6:00

Senior Social Hockey will be played on a Friday night from 6:00

*Registrations close Wednesday 26 October 2022*

COMPETITION RULES AND REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND AT:  
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/hockeycentralv/events/>

