

Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY



Dear Parents,

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This week our students had an opportunity to run for various leadership positions. I would like to congratulate all of our senior students who nominated for positions.

The teachers and I were very impressed with the thought that went into the speeches and how each student (although nervous) confidently expressed themselves. Some students will be disappointed in not obtaining one of the leadership positions but in saying that they should be proud of themselves. It is very pleasing to know we have so many senior students wanting to make a difference at our school. It's also a great learning opportunity, working through the student election process.

At Huntly Primary School we have purposefully created a number of leadership roles beyond School Captains and House Captains. Our aim is to try to cater for the different skills and passions of our students. The expectation is, all students in leadership roles will voice their views (considering the views of all students) regarding how we can continue to enhance the school programs, expand our extra-curricular activities and improve the school environment overall. I look forward to listening to and working with all of our school leaders.

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted into leadership roles by their peers.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL:

5/6 L – Athena J and Lara D

5/6 S – Ellie B and Kobin M

5/6 M – Thomas S and Savvy C

ART: Ella R and Ava C

CULTURAL: Liam K and Hayley M

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Trystan W and Erin M

TECH LEADERS: Lachlan N and Blake E

SUSTAINABILITY: Keira-Lee H and Hugh A

MUSIC: Jessica D and William C

LIBRARY: Alyssa L and Emily W

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Eppalock – Jimmy S and Sahrii A

Loddon – Elle G and James C

Laanecoorie – Ruby H and Manix K

Campaspe – Jacob R and Harrison K

WHIRRAKEE:

Hope D

Amber M

Serenity H

Latoya W

Frankie A

Elle G

Ava C

WELCOME TO 2023 PICNIC NIGHT - School Community Gathering

Our first gathering for the year as a school community was held last Wednesday night. It was wonderful to see so many families attending, visiting their child/children's classrooms to see their work and enjoying a picnic tea together. The staff enjoyed walking around and chatting to families in this casual environment. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. Creating connections and building relationships within the school community is an important part of enhancing our students learning experience. *More photos on next page....*



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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

School Councils have three main responsibilities:

- **Finance** – *overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation.*
- **Strategic Planning** – *participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan.*
- **Policy Development and Review** – *developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.*

In 2023 school council elections **must be completed by March 31st**.

This year there will be SIX parent and TWO DET employee (Department of Education and Training) vacancies.

School Council Nominations

The following timetable outlines our school election procedure. **Nomination forms can be collected at the school office from Monday 20th February at 4.00pm**

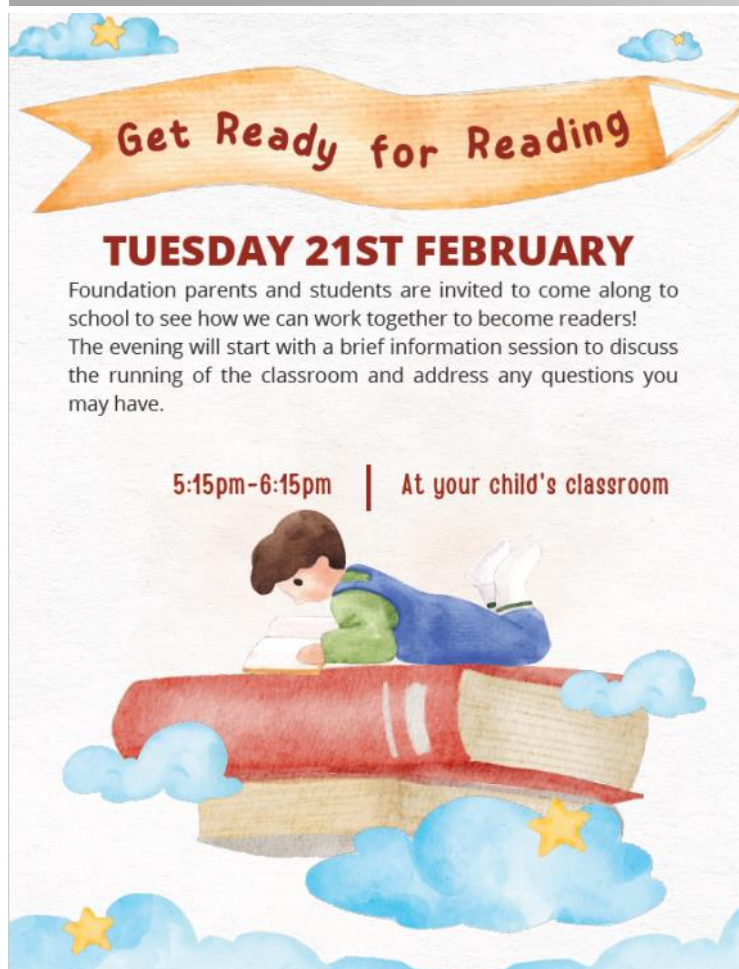
<u>SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE</u>	
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday 13th February, 2023
b) Closing date for nominations & deciding if a ballot is required.	Monday 20th February, 2023
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 15th February, 2023
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed.	Monday 27th February, 2023
e) Close of ballot	Monday 6th March, 2023
f) March School Council Meeting First council meeting to elect office bearers	Monday 20th March, 2023



Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL

DIARY DATES

Monday	20th	February	Gymnastics Program 5/6S, 3/4D, 5/6M, 3/4L, 5/6L & 3/4GT (see newsletter article)
Monday	20th	February	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Monday	20th	February	Smile Squad Dental Check-ups begin (see newsletter article)
Monday	20th	February	School Council Nominations close 4.00pm
Tuesday	21st	February	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Tuesday	21st	February	Gymnastics Program F/1M, F/1A, F/1Mac & F/1C (see newsletter article)
Tuesday	21st	February	"Get Ready for Reading" Foundation Information Session 5.15pm to 6.15pm
Wednesday	22nd	February	Food Share Program - every Wednesday
Wednesday	22nd	February	No School for Foundation Students - on Wednesday's for the month on February
Thursday	23rd	February	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Thursday	23rd	February	Gymnastics Program 2T & 2H (see newsletter article)
Thursday	23rd	February	School Lunch Orders close 10.00am
Friday	24th	February	School Lunch Order Day - Please make sure you child's classroom is correct.
Wednesday	1st	March	Foundation Students attend their first Wednesday at school.
Friday	3rd	March	Conveyancing Allowance applications close
Friday	3rd	March	Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Application Forms due back



Get Ready for Reading

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Foundation parents and students are invited to come along to school to see how we can work together to become readers! The evening will start with a brief information session to discuss the running of the classroom and address any questions you may have.

5:15pm-6:15pm | At your child's classroom



ABSENCE LETTER

Student Absence Letters will be sent home next week.

Only those children who have an unexplained absence will receive a letter. Please complete this

form, sign and return to the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any queries regarding your child's absence letter please contact the school office. This is a Department of Education requirement and any unexplained absences are reported to them.

SMILE SQUAD

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to Huntly PS in February 2023.

Check-ups will begin the week of Monday, February 20th.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.



Further Information sent home via Compass last week.
Link to online consent form:

[SDP Consent Form \(snapforms.com.au\)](https://snapforms.com.au)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS GROUP

Join on the "HPS 306 Community Connections" on facebook to be part of the school fundraising and to be connected as a parent group.

HEADLICE

Parents are reminded to be vigilant regarding checking their child's hair regularly for head lice, particularly in the warm weather.



If head lice are found, please report it to the school office and treat hair before your child returns to school.

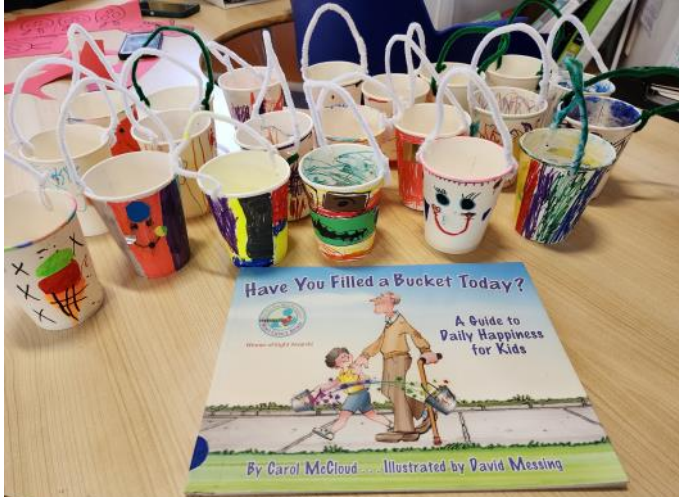
RANDOME ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

Today we are celebrating Random Acts of Kindness. Studies have shown, acts of kindness bring joy to the receiver, but they spread positive reactions to the giver, too! We encourage you to share some Random Acts of Kindness.



HOW TO OBSERVE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

- *Pay for the coffee or meal of the person in front of you in line.*
- *Leave a kind note for someone, no explanation is needed.*
- *Share words of encouragement. You never know who might need them.*
- *Put your skills to work for someone in need.*
- *Drop off a load of groceries at the local food share.*
- *Mail a "thinking of you" card to someone you've not got to talk to in a while.*
- *Just smile.*
- *Share your random acts of kindness using #RandomActsOfKindnessDay to post on social media.*



Today F/1M learnt how to fill someone's bucket with kindness.

Grade 3/4D



The students in 2T celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Day by writing compliments to each other and putting them in the Compliments Box. At the end of the day, students received their complement card and could enjoy the kind words others had to say about them.





BOOK CLUB

Thank you to those who ordered from our first issue of Book Club for 2023!

Orders are now closed and are being processed.

Orders typically take 1-2 weeks to arrive and will be distributed to students to take home (unless you ticked 'gift order' then you will receive a call to collect your order from the office).

If you have any questions, please reach out!

Morgan Trahair

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK (presented this week)



SPORTS NEWS

GYMNASTICS

Our Gymnastics program will **this Monday 20th February** with students travelling by bus to Jets Gymnastics in Hattam Street Golden Square. Classes will be attending a gym session on either Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays for 4 weeks leaving school at the following times:

	9.00am to 11.00am	10.00am to 12noon	11.00am to 1.00pm	12noon to 2.00pm	1.00pm to 3.00pm
Mondays 20/2, 27/2, 6/3 & 27/3	5/6S & 3/4D	5/6M & 3/4L,	5/6L & 3/4GT		
Tuesday 21/2, 28/2, 7/3 & 14/3				F/1M & F/1A	F/1Mac & F/1C
Thursday 23/2, 2/3, 9/3 & 16/3			2T & 2H		

Students are required to wear school uniform. Please no dresses on these days as it makes it difficult for your child to move freely and get the most out of the program. School T-shirt and shorts are highly recommended.

Permission forms have been sent home with students and were due back today. Cost per student is \$42.00. If you have applied for CSEF (see newsletter article) please let Pam in the school office know you wish to use the fund to pay for your child's gym program. We are looking forward to an exciting program again this year.

AFL COMMUNITY CAMP - MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

On Monday students from grade 3-6 had the opportunity to meet AFL players from the North Melbourne Football Club. They were able to ask them questions including "what it was like to be an AFL player", "the highlights of their career", "other interests they have outside football" and many more. Students were then able to get signed autographs from the players. Mr Salmon and Mr Lee particularly enjoyed the experience.



Jess Monteath
Physical Education and Sports Coordinator

RESILIENCE, RIGHTS AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS (RRRR)

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) learning materials have been designed for teachers to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills.

Efforts to promote social and emotional skills and positive gender norms in children and young people has been shown to improve health related outcomes and subjective wellbeing. It also reduces antisocial behaviours including engagement in gender related violence.

Students will participate in weekly sessions throughout the year, covering 8 topics.

This term our first focus will be around Emotional Literacy.

To understand ourselves and other people. Express and manage our own emotions, build empathy and respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Building vocabulary for emotions to increase emotional literacy and build self-awareness and empathy for others.

Each week a class will share an activity via the newsletter.

This week in 5/6L we learnt about our emotions.

We played a charades game where people had to act out different emotions.

We also spoke about the different scenarios and the emotions we experience in those situations.

Finally we spoke about positive and negative emotions and comfortable and uncomfortable emotions.

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 - **Sammy J:** *for being brave and making new friends within our classroom.*

- **Jackson S:** *for being a confident leader in our classroom.*

F/1M - **Parker M:** *for being a good role model for our Foundation students, assisting them to complete tasks.*

F/1C - **Zaara B:** *for being focussed and applying effort on all learning tasks.*

F/1Mac - **Lexie K:** *for her excellent contributions to our discussions about plants in Science.*

2H - **Kaina M:** *for being ready to learn and having a positive attitude towards her learning*

2T - **Delph H:** *for being resilient and proudly learning from her mistakes.*

3/4 GT - **Henry A:** *for the enthusiastic way he participates in our class discussions, sharing his understandings.*

3/4 D - **Sally M:** *for her outstanding work in Maths this week.*

3/4 L - **Jada N:** *for her great start to the year and the caring attitude she is showing to her classmates.*

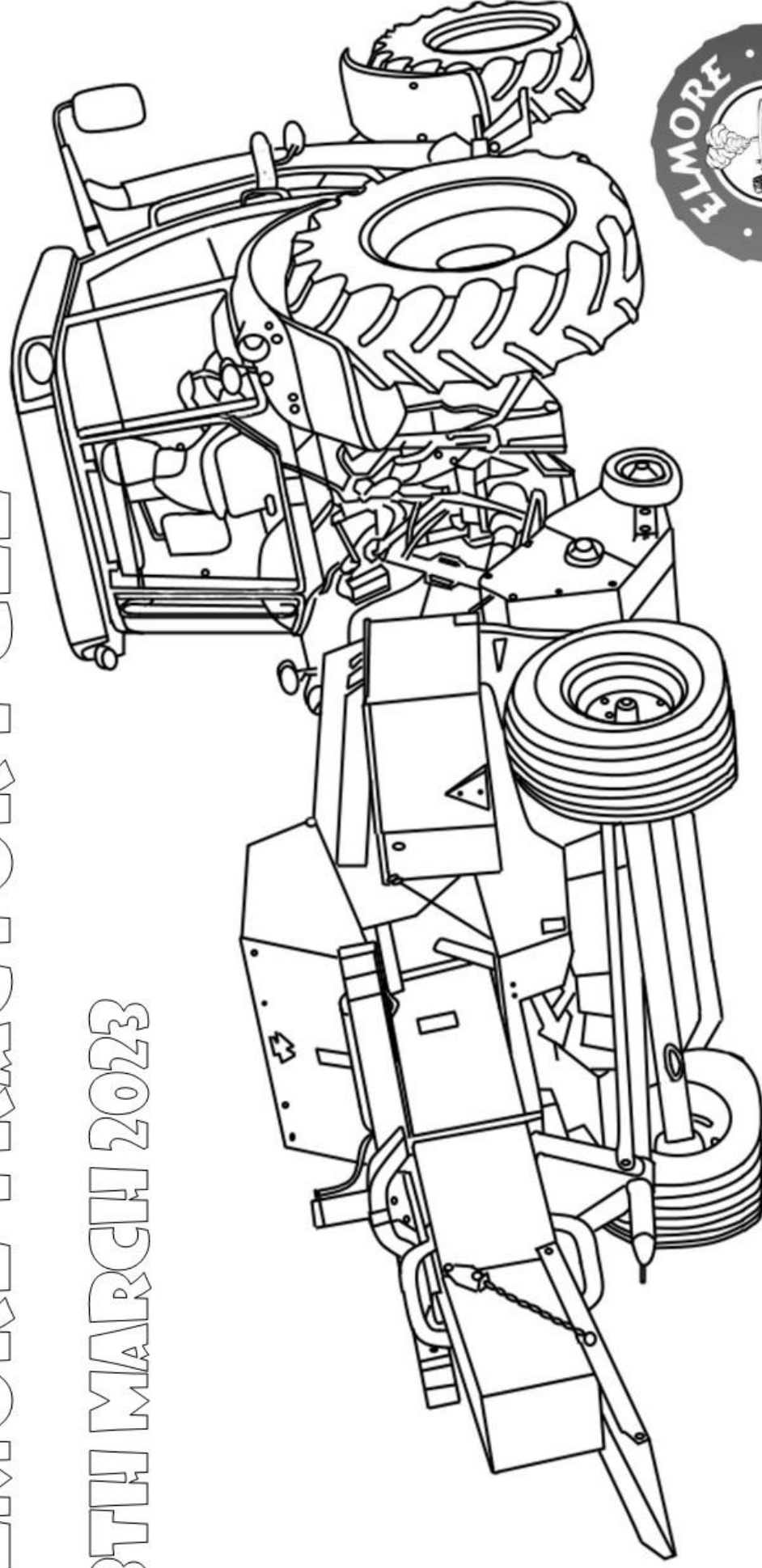
5/6 S - **Devlin W:** *for always being willing to participate in class discussions and an improved effort at staying on task.*

5/6 L - **Athena J:** *for always challenging herself in Maths.*

5/6 M - **Harrison K:** *for his creative approach to our persuasive writing task.*

ELMORE TRACTOR PULL

18TH MARCH 2023



PRIZES FOR WINNERS: FAMILY PASSES AND CHILDREN'S PASSES! ENTRIES CLOSE 10TH MARCH 2023.

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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PO Box 27, Elmore VIC 3558

Or scan to:

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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Huntly Family Fun Day

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Sunday March 5, 2023



- Climbing Wall
- Inflatable Water Slide
- Face painting
- S.A.F.E Archery
- Animal Farm & Pony Rides
- Live Music and Dance
- Water Fun with Huntly CFA
- Coliban Water refill units – PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR DRINK BOTTLE
- Woodwork with Northern District Community Enterprise
- Airbrush tattoos



BBQ
Sausages, chicken
and veggie burgers
all \$2 each

Drinks \$2 each &
FREE fresh fruit

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Sunday March 5, 2023
10am – 1pm

Strauch Recreation Reserve

14 Gungurru Road, Huntly

**Remember to BYO towel and change of clothes
for the water slide!**



Bendigo Northern District
Community Enterprise



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