Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY





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Dear Parents,

TERM 1 REFLECTION

I would like to firstly thank our 2023 Foundation parents who have supported their children through the first term of their primary schooling. The Foundation students have settled well overall, but yes there have been a few tears from time to time as the children adjust. In these situations, I know the teachers have appreciated the conversations and working together to manage these moments. Our Grade 6 buddy program has also assisted with the smooth transition into primary school, which has been quite pleasing. Our student leadership program is well underway and I am excited by the opportunities this will provide them throughout the rest of the year. The GRIP leadership program in term 2 should be a highlight! Our staff continue to work extremely hard to provide the academic and social and emotional support for all children, which I would like to acknowledge. To the entire school community have a safe, enjoyable and restful holiday period.

DE&T: NEW STATE-WIDE PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR SCHOOL ENROLMENT

The new statewide enrolment timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government school. The timeline seeks to make the enrolment process simpler, clearer and fairer for families. The timeline will apply for children starting Foundation (Prep) in 2024. All government primary schools, including P-9 and P-12 schools, will follow the new timeline.

Steps to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for the 2024 school year

To start primary school in 2024, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2024. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old.

If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2024, you will be able to apply to enrol your child from the start of Term 2, 2023 (Monday 24 April 2023). All documents can be accessed from our school website http://www.huntly-ps.vic.edu.au Due to Huntly Primary School being required to adhere to the Department of Education's *Enrolment Management Plan* the following applies:

Enrolment is restricted to:

- Students who live within the school zone
- Students with a sibling attending the school at the same time
- Students seeking enrolment on legitimate compassionate grounds.

All parents/carers are required to complete an enrolment application prior to completing the enrolment form. The application form is short and only requires information related to enrolment eligibility and is in line with the department's privacy policy.

What you need to do:

- 1. Download the 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers.'
- 2. Use <u>Find my School</u> to check that Huntly Primary School is your designated neighbourhood school (local school).
- 3."Application to Enrol in a Victorian Government School" form for 2024 Foundation (Prep) can be submitted to the school after 24th of April, 2023. Enrolment applications submitted after 28 July 2023 will be processed by the school as we receive them, in accordance with the Department of Education's Placement Policy.
- 4. You will be notified of the outcome of your application as soon as possible after submission. If you receive an offer of placement, you should contact our school to accept the offer and complete a school enrolment form.

Importantly, your child has a right to enrol at their local school. The local school is determined on the basis of their permanent residential address. Visit <u>Find my School</u> to locate your child's local school.

EASTER RAFFLE

A big thank you to our Parents' Group ("Community Connections") who organised our Easter raffle, these activities are impossible to run without the parent support. We had 16 prizes and we thank our school community members who were able to donate items. A large number of the prizes went to our Huntly Primary School families which was wonderful to see.

EASTER HAT PARADE

We had a bit of fun to end the term with the Easter Hat Parade held last Monday. Small hats, large hats, long hats, bright hats, colourful hats, innovative hats...it was awesome and well done to all who participated. A big thank you to the parents who coordinated the 'construction' of the hats over the past week and thanks to all who were able to come along and enjoy the morning. Importantly our Junior School Council organised the event and the money raised from the gold coin donation is going to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Well done to our JSC representatives

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Huntly Primary School will once again proudly take part in the ANZAC Day memorial service to be held at the Garden of Remembrance in the grounds of the Huntly Memorial Hall. Details of the service and student involvement can be found in today's newsletter.

DIARY DATES Monday 24th **April** Start of Term 2 Tuesday ANZAC Day Public Holiday - School Closed. 25th **April** Tuesday 25th **April** ANZAC Day Memorial Service 9.00am at Huntly Hall (more information to come) Wednesday 26th **April** Food Share Program - every Wednesday Thursday Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome. 27th April **School Lunch Order Day -** (orders close 10am Thursday 27th April) Friday 28th **April** Mon-Wed 1-3 May **Book Fair** (see newsletter article) Friday 12th May Mothers' Day Stall (see newsletter article)

BOOK FAIR

We have our first Book Fair for 2023 coming up in second week of term 2. All students will have the opportunity to view the Book Fair beforehand and they can complete a wish list that they will bring home for parents/carers to have a look at. Book Fair opening times are:

Monday 1st May- 8:30am-9:00am & 3:30pm-4:00pm **Tuesday 2nd May** - 8:30am-9:00am & 3:30pm-4:00pm **Wednesday 3rd May** - 8:30am-9:00am **only**

Thank you, Morgan Bamford.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to all the winners of our Easter Raffle that was drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Monday:



- 1. Mason E
- 2. Matilda E
- 3. Wes W
- 4. Raylene E
- 5. Ezra A

6 to 16: Sarah E, Ebony M, Kristy G, Willow P, Jaclyn M, Barry C, Maddi G, Lara Jane L, Coby A, Julie W and Pheobe K

Thank you to the school community for their generous donations which help to make the Easter Raffle fundraiser a great success. Also thank you to the parents who organised the raffle.

A big thank you also to the families for their efforts selling the raffle tickets. This has raised approximately \$1,333.00.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Our Mothers' Day Stall will be held on Friday 12th May, third week of term 2. Children are asked to bring a bag to take their gifts home in. Gifts will range in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00, please send money to school in a envelope clearly marked with child's name and what money is for. This helps prevent children from losing their stall

money.

<u>Helpers Needed</u> - If you are available to help out on the day please leave your name at the school office.

ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Tuesday, the 25th April, there will be an Anzac Day Ceremony held at the Huntly Memorial Hall and Garden of Remembrance next to the Huntly

Hall.

It is a tradition for Huntly Primary School to attend as a group so we would love to have as many kids as we



can to represent our school. We will meet out the front of the school at <u>8.40am sharp wearing school uniform</u>, we will then walk down to the ceremony as a group with the march.

Huntly is fortunate to have this as one of their community traditions. It is a wonderful way of showing some of our school values with respect for those who have gone before us and our appreciation for our community and all that we now have.

EASTER HAT PARADE & FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Easter Hat Parade on Monday morning.

A big thank you to the families who came along to support the students and watch the parade. Congratulations, we have raised \$141.15 for the Good Friday Appeal.



Thank you, JSC

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



COOKING PROGRAM

On Wednesday Bec from Stephine Alexander School Gardens came to work with a group of 5/6 students to help set up a cooking program for next term. Students brainstormed possible recipes to cook and what types of fresh vegetables are available at different times throughout the year. There was a focus on food handling hygiene as the group prepared some sushi sandwiches to try. More information about the program will follow early next term.





The HUNTLY MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE
Cordially invites everyone to the

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

To be held at <u>9.00</u> am sharp

Tuesday 25th April 2023

in the GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE HUNTLY HALL GROUNDS

& the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band will be in attendance

Morning Tea will be served following the Service

War service memorabillia will be on display in the former COURT HOUSE building — after morning tea

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