

Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY



1ST SEPTEMBER, 2023

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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

Dear Parents,

MRS JOHNSON - RETIREMENT

On Wednesday 30th September Flic Johnson officially retired. On behalf of the school community I'd like to express our deepest gratitude to Flic and her years of service at Huntly Primary School, which started back in 2008.

Over the 15 year period Flic has supported the academic, emotional and social needs of many of our students, helping them to achieve their best.

Flic's highlight reel goes back to the early years of her time at Huntly Primary School where she assisted in obtaining many grants and awards due to her passion for the environment and sustainability.

Some of the highlights included (but not limited to!):

- *A key member of the Green Team, River Detective Program, Clean up days, Bendigo Creek - School Field Days.*
- *Working with Landcare to highlight the importance of looking after the environment with the students.*
- *Leading the sustainability team at school.*
- *Finalist and eventual winner of the Victorian Schools Excellence Awards in 2012.*
- *Securing the Resource Smart School of the Year award over a number of consecutive years.*
- *Numerous successful grants that supported achieving the above awards but also a major reason why the school was able to continually improve its grounds & facilities.*

I would like to thank Flic for her dedication, acknowledge her achievements, and wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life. Congratulations and thank you.

SURPRISE ARRIVAL - "IT'S A BOY"

Congratulations to Bec Magee and Jack on the surprise early arrival of their baby boy. Mum and baby are doing well and they are thrilled with their early Fathers' Day surprise. On behalf of the students, staff and community we wish them every happiness for the future.

BUILDING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR SCHOOLS

Last week I provided an overview of the Victorian Curriculum F-10 Respectful Relationship program.

Students develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to strengthen their sense of self, and build and manage safe and respectful relationships. Students also learn to recognise and regulate emotions, develop empathy for others and establish and build a framework for positive relationships.

There are eight topics of Social and Emotional Learning across all levels of primary education. During term 4 the focus will be on *Gender identity and Positive gender relationships*. Content is always age appropriate. The curriculum focus aims to:

- Topic 7: 'Gender & Identity' - *assist students to challenge stereotypes, learn about issues relating to human rights and gender identity; and promote respect for diversity and difference.*
- Topic 8: 'Positive gender relations' - *assist students to problem-solve, set boundaries within relationships, understand and prevent gender-based bias.*

FATHERS' DAY/SPECIAL FRIEND BREAKFAST

On Tuesday we held our Fathers' Day/special persons' breakfast. It was fantastic that so many dads, grandfathers, special friends and children enjoying each others company with an egg and bacon roll breakfast. A huge thank you to our school team, who assisted with cooking and serving. A special mention to Mrs Bowles for coordinating the special event. We wish all our dads/special persons a Happy Fathers' Day on Sunday, 3rd September. *Please see photos on front page of this newsletter.*

FATHERS' DAY STALL

Huge thank you to our Parents' Group for organising the Fathers' Day stall. It is always a huge hit with the students and I am sure all the fathers and special people who receive a gift on Sunday will be delighted with their keepsake.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY – CLOSING SOON

A reminder that the Parent Opinion Survey closes Friday 8 September 2023. All families were invited to participate in the survey, with emails sent to all families. As it stands, out of the 203 invitations distributed, we have had 11 responses at a response rate of 5%. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey, if you could do so prior to the cut off date it would be greatly appreciated.

TODAY'S ASSEMBLY

School assembly did not take place this morning. Student of the Week awards will be handed out next week. Apologies to those parents who may have planned to attend this morning.

Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL

DIARY DATES

Monday	4th	September	Smile Squad visit school (see newsletter article)
Tuesday	5th	September	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Tuesday	5th	September	Grade 6 Scavenger Hunt at Weeroona College 12.45pm to 2.15pm
Wednesday	6th	September	Fathers' Day Scavenger Hunt 9am to 10am - Grade Foundation/1 families
Wednesday	6th	September	Food Share Program - every Wednesday
Thursday	7th	September	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Thursday	7th	September	Grade 2 Sleepover at Discovery Centre
Friday	8th	September	School Lunch Order Day (lunch orders close Thursday 7th Sept 10.00am)
Friday	8th	September	Parent Opinion Survey closes
Monday	11th	September	School Council Meeting
Thurs-Fri	14-15	September	Art Show
Friday	15th	September	Footy Colours Day
Friday	15th	September	School Magazine Cover - Art Competition closes
Friday	15th	September	End of Term 3. Students dismissed at 2.30pm

TERM 4: Monday 2nd October First Day of Term 4



GRADE FOUNDATION/1

INVITATION TO DAD OR A SPECIAL FRIEND

Come and join your child in a Scavenger Hunt
On Wednesday 6th September
9.00am to 10.00am

See flyer attached for further information.



FOOTY COLOURS DAY



FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER



We will be celebrating Footy Colours Day on the last day of Term 3 - Friday 15th September. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite footy (or other sports) teams' colours and bring a gold coin donation to raise money for the Fight Cancer Foundation.

There will also be the option to order a hotdog or pie through the lunch orders for the last day of term! Simply place your lunch order as per usual.

JSC & Mrs. Trahair.

SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS!



SMILE SQUAD six month fluoride varnish visit

The Bendigo Health Smile Squad team are heading back to our school on Monday 4th September to complete six-monthly fluoride varnish applications for those students who have provided consent. Fluoride varnish applications help make sure students have the best chance of preventing tooth decay, so we're excited Smile Squad are coming back.



Consent for this fluoride varnish application was provided when students' initial consent forms were returned. However, if anyone has changed their mind and do not wish to receive a fluoride varnish application, they can contact Bendigo Health directly to let them know. Please contact the Smile Squad team via:

Ph. 0460 419 200

Email. dental@bendigohealth.org.au

The Smile Squad team look forward to returning to your school.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 6 of Book Club is now closed. Thank you to everyone who placed an order. All orders will be distributed to students hope. Issue 7 will be available early next term!



Thank you and happy reading, *Morgan Trahair.*

ART ROOM NEWS

2023 SCHOOL MAGAZINE - FRONT COVER COMPETITION

This competition has been extended to the end of Term 3. Calling all young artists at Huntly PS we need your help to design a front cover for our 2023 school magazine. Inspire your inner artist and let the creativity begin.



Mr O'Toole, Art Teacher.

GRADES FOUNDATION/1 FAMILIES

JOIN US FOR A
FATHERS DAY ACTIVITY!

LOOK FOR CLUES!

DAD OR A SPECIAL PERSON ARE INVITED!

COME AND JOIN YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN A
SCAVENGER HUNT

FOLLOW THE PATH

JOIN THE FUN

A TREASURE AWAITS

GO EXPLORING

**6TH SEPTEMBER
9AM-10AM**

MEET AT YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM





SUSTAINABILITY TEAM NEWS

Over the last couple of weeks the team has been busy building two scarecrows and a native bee (stingless) hotel. A special thank you to Hugh from grade 6 for his leadership during the scarecrow project.

I would like to thank Hugh and Keira-Lee for their great leadership and to the whole team for their incredible efforts. A big thank you to staff, Matt F and Sam for their help in the garden too and to Mr Lord for organising compost bins.

I was so surprised to be given a lovely present from the sustainability team for my retirement this week.

Mrs Johnson, Sustainability.



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.

Grade F/1 Mac

This week in Respectful Relationships, we have been working on:

Who am I? Different Things to Know About Me.

We are learning about our likes and dislikes and recognising that sometimes we like different things, and that's okay.



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 Friday 8th September at 9.05pm.

F/1A - **Harper P:** *for being a caring friend and thinking of others.*

F/1M - **Maddy G:** *for confidently sharing her thoughts and ideas during class discussions.*

F/1C - **Lachlan P:** *for persisting with his writing to make it more detailed.*

F/1Mac - **Jamie L:** *for the hard work he put into his m&m sorting graph in Maths.*

2H - **Mason GC:** *for confidently sharing his ideas during Mathematics and assisting others.*

2T - **Tilly H:** *for using her time well in class to produce a very good information report.*

3/4 GT - **Hunter H:** *for his focus when deciding whether an angle is acute, obtuse or a right angle.*

3/4 D - **Xander Mc:** *for his focus while learning about angles in Maths.*

3/4 L - **Ezra J:** *for the detail he included in his product reviews.*

5/6 BP - **Hunter C:** *for his wonderful leadership skills, particularly when working with younger grades.*

5/6 L - **Ella R:** *for being actively involved across all of the areas of our learning.*

5/6 M - **Lachlan N:** *for making strong choices.*

**HUNTLY NORTH CRICKET
CLUB**
**ARE SEEKING PLAYERS FOR THE
UPCOMING SEASON**
**IN BLASTER, JUNIOR
AND SENIOR LEVELS**

For more information call
Jason (Junior and Blasters)

0447 717 020

John (Seniors)

0418 296 215





HUNTLY
CRAFTERNOOON



Saturday 2nd. September 2023

1pm – 4pm or any part of this time

Inside and Outside St Clements Church, 629 Midland Highway Huntly

You're welcome to bring any craft project, or join in the workshop to create a scene in a dish as photographed below, (costing you \$8.00) or help to create one for a plants stall at the Parish Fair, 492 Napier St. White Hills, 9-1pm Sept. 23rd.

Anyone under 16 needs to be accompanied by an adult. All need to sign in & out.



For enquiries: huntlyCrafternoon@gmail.com

Kind regards Darci, Sharon, Leonie

HUNTLY MAIL DELIVERY POLL

Saturday 12th August 2023

Australia Post will be delivering voting papers to residences in Huntly for you to have your say on a street delivery mail service being implemented.

If you're not home when they attempt to deliver your ballot, it will be taken to the Huntly Post Office for you to collect with your normal mail.

Please make sure you fill out and return your voting slip by the due date so that your vote is counted properly.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Non-returned voting slips are counted as a 'NO' vote!!!

**If you need any help completing or returning your voting slip, or you don't receive one when you believe you should have,
PLEASE CONTACT US - WE CAN HELP!**

A Facebook group has been set up for updates regarding the poll and our communication efforts with Australia Post.



**Facebook:
'Huntly Mail Delivery'**

**For help completing or
returning your vote:**

Kaitlin – 0431 590 965

Junior Track Training

Starts 8th October
8-10am @TomFlood

Join us for the
2023/24 Track
Season



Current Junior AusCycling Members



Improve Your Skills

U/9 to U/17

Learn from accredited coaches.

Hone bike handling skills.

Learn track racing skills.

Learn different race formats.

Meet new friends.

Race on Thursday nights under lights
in a fun, friendly atmosphere!



How to Register:

Noel Sens, Junior Track Coach

0488 435 130

Shane Freer, BDCC Junior Coordinator

0417 315 852

Email:

bendigocyclingclub@gmail.com



J-Cycle Track Novice

Starts 15th October
9:30am @TomFlood

Join us for the
2023/24 Track
Season



4 Week FREE Trial Membership!



Learn to Ride

U/9 to U/17

Learn from accredited coaches.

Hone bike handling skills.

Meet new friends.

Learn to ride and race on a velodrome
in a safe environment.

Get the use of a Club Track Bike for the
entire summer season!

RIDE & RACE UNDER LIGHTS



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