Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY



Dear Parents,

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Justine Russell to our school community. Justine will be teaching in grade 5/6 M for the remainder of the year. Justine comes to us from Lightning Reef Primary School and is excited to join our team and get to know the students.

ROAD TO FOUNDATION PROGRAM BEGINS - Foundation (Preparatory) 2024

Our Road to Foundation Program began last week and it was wonderful to see so many of our 2024 Foundation students participating in this important program. Sessions are held for every Thursday with students attending in two groups and continue until 16th November. Please see newsletter article for further transition dates.

<u>CURRICULUM DAY: FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER — PUPIL FREE DAY</u> (Repeat Reminder)
Just a reminder that our Term 4 Curriculum Day will be held on Friday 27th October. Students do not attend school on this day. Outside School Hours Care will run a full day program for the day, if enough families require it. *Please see* newsletter article

BENDIGO CUP PUBLIC HOLDIAY- Wednesday 1st November - School Closed

2024 FRIENDSHIP REQUESTS (Repeat Reminder)

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 2024. 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 vour 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 2024. I invite you to let me know in writing by Friday 20th October. Please forward the letter in person to the office or email to huntly.ps@education.vic.gov.au ensuring the subject line reads 2024 Friendship Request. (This is the same process we have used for the past 3 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, it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers. Classroom groups will be formed and then teachers will be matched with a classroom.

SUN SMART REMINDER- 'IT'S HAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN' (Repeat Reminder)

In line with our Sun Smart Policy students are required to wear their broad brimmed/bucket school hats when outdoors at lunchtimes or for Physical Education during Term 4. Hats can be purchased from Lowes at the Bendigo Marketplace \$15.95 or we have a small number available from the school office.

Matt Lehane, ACTING PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL MR JASON LEE

DIARY DATES

Monday 16th October School Nursing Program begins - Foundation students
Tuesday 17th October Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.

Wednesday 18th October Food Share Program - every Wednesday

Thursday 19th October **Breakfast Program** - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.

Thursday 19th October Road to Foundation - enrolled Foundation 2024 students Group 1 9.15am Group 2 10.15am

Thursday 19th October **Zooper Dooper Day** - available second lunch \$1.00 each

Friday 20th October School Lunch Order Day (lunch orders close Thursday 19th Oct 10.00am)

Friday 20th October Book Club Orders Close for Issue 7

Friday 20th October 2024 Grade Placement Friendship Requests due back in writing

Monday 23rd October School Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th October Grade 5/6 Cricket Tournament - selected students participating

Wednesday 25th October OSHC Bookings Close for Curriculum Day Program

Thursday 26th October Road to Foundation - enrolled Foundation 2024 students Group 1 9.15am Group 2 10.15am

Friday 27th October CURRICULUM DAY - students do not attend school on this day
Monday 30th October Orders Close for Early Bird Offer - School Magazine Sales

Wednesday 1st November Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday - School Closed

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM

The School Nursing Program Questionnaire given to Foundation students should have been returned to school this week.

Denise the school nurse will be visiting with students next week beginning Monday, October 16th.



ZOOPER DOOPERS

Zooper Doopers are back! Every Thursday at second lunch, until the end of term, students can purchase a Zooper Dooper for just \$1.00 Limited to 3 Zooper Doopers per student.

Regards, The JSC and Mrs. Trahair

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders for Issue 7 close at 3:30pm on Friday 20th October. Please make sure you have placed your orders via LOOP and if you wish for them to be a surprise for your child, press the 'Gift' button when ordering and we will personally call you to collect your order.



Thank you, Mrs. Trahair.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be back this term in the MPR! This is a great opportunity to pick up some Christmas gifts.

• Monday 13th November:

8:30am - 9:00am & 3:30pm - 4:00pm

• Tuesday 14th November:

8:30am - 9:00am & 3:30pm - 4:00pm

• Wednesday 15th November: 8:30am - 9:00am

There will be a guess the pages competition when a purchase is made (1 guess per student) and the closest guess will win the books!

Happy Reading, Mrs. Trahair.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CURRICULUM DAY—FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Outside School Hours Care will be operating a full day program of fun activities.

If you wish to book your child/children into the program (they do not have to be attending the whole day) please make booking online using OSHC booking system Xplor. Booking close 9.00am Wednesday 25th October. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Please note that if we do not get enough bookings for the day the program will not run. Parents will be notified before hand so they can make other arrangements. Cancellations on the day will have to be charged.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE EARLY BIRD PRICE of \$15!!

Order forms were sent home last week with students to order the inaugural Huntly Primary School Magazine at the special early bird price of \$15.00. Don't miss out on this amazing magazine contributed to by staff and students that will be an amazing keepsake of your child's primary school memories for the year. The magazine will feature images and recounts of dozens of school activities undertaken during 2023. Orders will increase after October 30th to \$20, and can not be guaranteed afterwards, so get in now to secure your copy.

NUDE FOOD DAY

On the 13th of November, the JSC will be running a Nude Food Day. Students are asked to bring a lunchbox containing no wrappers. If their lunchbox is wrapper free, their name will go in a draw to win 1 of 4 prizes. The winners will be announced at assembly on Friday 17th November.

Thank you, The JSC & Mrs. Trahair.

TRANSITION FOR FOUNDATION 2024

ROAD TO FOUNDATION TRANSITION DATES:

Every Thursday beginning October 12th and concluding on Thursday 16th November.

*Group 2 - 10.15am to 11.00am *Group 1 - 9:15am to 10:15am

FOUNDATION ORIENTATION PROGRAM DATES:

- Thursday 23rd November 9:15am-10:15am
- Thursday 30th November 9:15am-10:15am
- Thursday 7th December 9:15am-10:15am Tuesday 12th December 9:15 am-12:30 pm (whole state transition) Lunch, snack, drink and hat required

PLEASE NOTE: UPDATED DATES

If you require any further information please contact the school office.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK (presented this 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 Friday 20th October at 9.05pm.

- F/1A **Xavier F:** for being ready to learn and focused on the task at hand.
- F/1M Willow W: for always being a kind, caring member of our classroom and including others in the games she
- F/1C **Elliot T:** *for showing the qualities of a good friend to his peers.*
- F/1Mac Mason R: for always working hard and doing his best.
- 2H Marley Mc: for contributing valuable ideas to discussions during reading.
- 2T Arlie A: for her excellent transition to Huntly PS and displaying the school values at all times.
- 3/4 GT **Kyran W:** for working well at all classroom activities.
- 3/4 D Sally M: for always putting in 100%
- 3/4 L Annabelle H: for her resilience and maturity when dealing with friendships.
- 5/6 BP **Jimmy S:** for persisting with writing tasks.
- 5/6 L William B: for his positive start at Huntly Primary School
- 5/6 M Alby H: for his beautiful Ode writing



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