

Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY



Dear Parents,

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY : MONDAY 27th November (Pupil Free Day)

A reminder to families that on Monday 27th November we will be having a Professional Practice Day. Teachers will use this day to complete end of year requirements and student reports.

STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

We are looking forward to the new basketball poles and backboards being installed next week. The reason we have been able to complete this important upgrade of our hardcourt area is because of the fundraising efforts of you, our school community. How have we got to this point? A combination of our Junior School Council raising money through various school run activities, our Parents Group (Community Connections) raising money through events such as the Mango Drive, Cookie Dough Fundraiser and most recently the Domino's fundraiser which raised just over \$600... thank you to everyone who had takeaway, last Friday and supported other fundraising activities during the year. As a way of acknowledging our school community and saying thank you, our Parents' Group (Community Connections) will be running some games with giveaway and lucky 'door' prizes plus free zooper doopers at our Family Christmas Carols and Picnic Tea evening being held on Monday 11th December.

BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Huntly Primary School is on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and is classified as Category 3. This requires the school to undertake a number of tasks in the lead up to and during the bushfire season. It also means on a day where the fire rating is classified as *Catastrophic* we will close. The following link has information developed to answer frequently asked questions regarding the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) schools and our school's closure on a Catastrophic fire danger day. [Bushfire Season Preparations \(huntly-ps.vic.edu.au\)](http://bushfire-season-preparations.huntly-ps.vic.edu.au).

COVID-19 REMINDER

Presently there has been an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria.

You can help us keep our school as safe as possible by taking 2 important steps:

- Ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date. Information on how and where to get vaccinated is available on the [Get vaccinated webpage](#).
- If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT). Free RATs are available from your local council where you can collect 2 packs of 5 RATs and an extra 2 packs for each person in your household. People with disability and their carers can get 4 packs of 5 RATs. You are not required to have a Medicare card and you can collect RATs as many times as you need. You can also buy RATs at supermarkets, pharmacies and other retailers. If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms. If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms.

Thank you for your support – these steps will help us all stay well.

2024 BOOKLIST INFORMATION

The Booklist Information & Voluntary Contributions Letter for 2024 has been sent home. **Online orders close on Friday 8th December.** No money is required to be paid prior to the 2024 school year. If you are unable to complete your order online or have any queries on the information you have received, please contact Sharon at the school office.

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24TH NOVEMBER, 2023

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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

DIARY DATES

Monday	27th	November	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY - <i>students do not attend school on this day</i>
Tuesday	28th	November	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Wednesday	29th	November	Food Share Program - every Wednesday
Thursday	30th	November	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Thursday	30th	November	Foundation 2024 Transition Program - 9.15am to 10.15am
Thursday	30th	November	Zooper Dooper Day - available second lunch \$1.00 each
Friday	1st	December	School Lunch Order Day - <i>Orders close on Thursday 30th November at 10.00am</i>
Saturday	2nd	December	Huntly PS Choir Perform at Community Christmas Festival <i>(see newsletter article)</i>
Thursday	7th	December	Foundation 2024 Transition Program - 9.15am to 10.15am
Friday	8th	December	Booklist Online Orders close
Friday	8th	December	Donations close for Salvation Army Christmas Appeal <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Tuesday	12th	December	Whole State Transition Day - Grades Foundation to 5 visit their 2024 classrooms. - 2024 Foundation students visit the school 9.15am to 12.30pm <i>(bring lunch, drink & hat)</i> - 2024 Year 7 students visit their Secondary College.
Wednesday	11th	December	Family Christmas Carols & Picnic Tea at school <i>(please see flyer attached to newsletter)</i>
Thursday	14th	December	Grade 6 End of Year Celebration Movie Day <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Thursday	14th	December	Grade 6 Graduation Evening
Friday	15th	December	Grades 3 to 6 End of Year Celebrations Pool Day <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Friday	15th	December	Grade Foundation/2 End of Year Celebration <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Wednesday	20th	December	End of Term 4. Students dismissed at 1.30pm

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2024 TERM 1, WEEK 1

At the beginning of the 2024 school year, 'Welcome to 2024' start up meetings will occur on Tuesday 30th January for all grades. The 'Welcome to 2024' meetings will be of significant value, providing clear communication around classroom programs, expectations and an opportunity for parents to talk about their child. Previously we handed out a number of school documents/forms, this will be kept to a minimum, your child is the focus.

Meeting times are required for the day. Parents will be notified when they will be able to log into Compass and select from the times available. Please note the Foundation Literacy & Numeracy Entry Assessment appointment times will be sent home to new students with their 2024 grade letter, this is **NOT** booked through Compass.

Note: It is possible meeting times requested will not be able to be met due to clashes. If this occurs please contact your child's 2024 class teacher to determine alternative arrangements. The following arrangements have been approved by school council.

Thursday	25th January, 2024	* Book Collection Day - pay and collect books from Education Plus at School Multi Purpose Room 11.00am to 3.00pm * 2024 Parent Payment Charges paid at school office
Monday	29th January, 2024	State-wide Student Free Day (teachers return to school)
Tuesday	30th January, 2024	Grades Foundation to 6 'Welcome to 2024' - Start Up Meeting Parent/ Student/ Teacher meeting (by appointment through Compass)
Wednesday	31st January, 2024	Grades 1 to 6 students start school at 9.00am Foundation - Literacy & Numeracy Entry Assessment (by appointment)
Thursday	1st February, 2024	Foundation ('rest day') - Literacy & Numeracy Entry Assessment (by appointment)
Friday	2nd February, 2024	Foundation grades start school at 9.00am

2024 GRADE NOTIFICATION LETTERS

Personal letters, which confirms your child's class teacher and learning community for 2024, will be sent home with each child on Friday 15th December. Included will be information on how to book your appointment for "Welcome to 2024" start-up meetings, a 2024 grade and staffing list, a map of the school (to help with room allocations) and term dates for 2024.

STEP UP DAY: WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION - **TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

On Tuesday 12th December students in years Foundation to 5 will have their 'Step-Up to 2024' day as traditionally undertaken. This will take place from 9.00am until 2:30pm. Students will then return to their 2023 classrooms. Foundation 2024 students will attend school from 9.15 to 12.30, please bring lunch, drink, snacks and hat and Grade 6 students will transition to their 2024 secondary college.

IF YOUR CHILD IS AWAY

Reminder to families to please ensure you notify the school if your child is absent. This can either be done by calling the school and leaving a message or via Compass on your phone as follows. Compass absences can be accessed either by clicking the 'shortcuts' button at the bottom of the screen, or tapping onto the image of your child and accessing the attendance icon.

Jason Lee, **PRINCIPAL**

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PICNIC TEA

Monday 11th December



5.30pm: BYO Picnic Tea

Enjoy a chance to win
with some fun Games and Lucky Door Prizes
plus free zooper doopers run by
Community Connections (Parent's Group)

6.15pm: Christmas carols by grades from

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Please see flyer attached.

GRADE F/2 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

F-2 students will be celebrating the 2023 year with a day at the movies then lunch and a play at the Crook Street Park on Friday 15th December.

We will be seeing the movie "Trolls Band Together", so please refrain from seeing it!

Permission notes have been sent home.

This event must be paid in cash, please place correct money in named envelope and return to school.



SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Huntly PS will be participating in the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal this year. If you are able, we ask for donations of non-perishable food items. These will then be donated to families in need for this Christmas. There will be a box in the front office foyer for donations to be placed.

**This will be running until
December 8th.**

See the attached flyer that provides suggestions and guidelines.

*Thank you,
JSC & Mrs. Trahair.*



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK (presented this week)



LIBRARY

Last week was our final week of library borrowing. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their library books. Please look around at home and return any borrowed books as soon as possible.

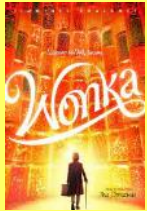
Thank you, Mrs. Strauch and Mrs. Trahair.



SENIOR SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 14th December – Grade 6 Movie Day

Grade 6 students will travel by bus to the Bendigo Cinemas to see the new PG rated movie "Wonka" to celebrate the end of their Primary School years. Students will receive a small drink and popcorn to enjoy whilst watching the movie. Departing school at 9.00am and returning at 1.00pm. Cost \$22.00 (Cash Payment Only) *Students are to be in school uniform and will need to bring with them a hat.*



Friday 15th December—Grades 3 to 6 Pool Day

Grade 3 to 6 students will travel by bus to the Bendigo East Swimming Pool for a fun day swimming to celebrate the end of the school year. Departing school at 9.00am and returning at 3.00pm. Cost \$8.00 (Cash Payment Only) *Students are to be in school uniform and will need to bring with them a hat, sunscreen, drink bottle, lunch and a top to wear in the water that covers their shoulders. The canteen will be open at the pool but do not rely on this for lunch.*



Permission notes will go home next week. This event must be paid in cash, please place correct money in named envelope and return to school.

ZOOOPER DOOPERS

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

HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR

NEXT PERFORMANCE

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

**at Garden for the Future
5.00pm to 8.00pm**

*Market, Games, Food from
5.00pm*

Christmas Carols from 6.30pm

The Huntly Primary School Choir
will be performing two songs -
Ngarra Burra and Little Drummer
Boy.



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.

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



POSITIVE GENDER RELATIONS

This week F/1M explored sharing our play space and equipment. We practiced ways to organise and share our school play spaces. We looked at what effects it can have when someone won't let you play in that area. Then we proposed some actions to take, to ensure that both boys and girls can play safely and happily in the same play space.



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 1st December at 9.05pm.

F/1A - **Royden C:** *for making positive choices and staying on task during learning times.*

F/1M -

F/1C - **Jazmine S:** *for focussing on tasks and completing her work with a positive attitude.*

F/1Mac - **Tex H:** *for always being a kind, friendly and cooperative classmate.*

2H - **Bray W:** *for his persistence in Mathematics.*

2T - **Danny C:** *for being a consistent and helpful member of the class.*

3/4 GT - **Caryn:** *for her ability when determining the outcome of chance events.*

3/4 D - **Kass M:** *for his dedication to improving his handwriting.*

3/4 L - **Harvey F:** *for his application to his work and his desire and effort to better himself.*

5/6 BP - **Jordan R:** *for being a responsible and trustworthy representative of Huntly PS throughout our city trip.*

5/6 L - **Ethan R:** *for his positive attitude on camp.*

5/6 R - **Hayley:** *for being a responsible and respectful member of our school whilst on camp.*



**HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
FOR OUR**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PICNIC TEA

**PRIZES TO BE WON - GAMES AND LUCKY DRAW
FREE ZOOPER DOOPERS**

BYO: PICNIC TEA, CHAIRS OR PICNIC RUG

WHEN: 11TH OF DECEMBER

**TIME: 5:30 PICNIC TEA
CAROLS COMMENCING AT 6:15**



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

GROCERY *suggestions*

Listed below are some items you might like to donate this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS

- Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread
- Long-life cream, custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
- Table décor (bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins)

TINNED FOODS

- (Please ensure they are ring-pull tins only)
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Meats or fish

MEAL BASES

- Pasta sauces
- Pre-prepared rice meals
- Curry and stir-fry sauces
- Meal kits (Mexican, Asian, Indian)

OTHER

- Breakfast cereal
- Spreads and jams
- Savoury biscuits
- Packet of jelly
- Liquid gravy
- Sugar
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food
- Gluten, Dairy and Nut free options

CLEANING AND HYGIENE ITEMS

- Personal toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush or toilet paper
- Cleaning products like multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent or washing powder
- Baby care items like nappies or baby wipes



GUIDELINES

- Please donate all items as early as possible – November or early December, to help us ensure that all food hampers and gifts are delivered to families by Christmas
- Consider donating a supermarket gift vouchers (Coles, Woolworths, IGA etc.), as they allow the recipient the flexibility to purchase their choice of fresh produce or meat
- Please make sure all items being donated are new/unused unopened
- Please ensure items have long expiry dates and are non-perishable
- Since these will be received as gift, consider adding brand name products and some special items to help the recipient celebrate on Christmas Day
- Try packing the food into a washingbasket or shopping bag that can be reused by the recipient (it's sustainable too!)
- Consider providing food that will suit families with young children, people with allergies, the elderly and new Australians

For further information please get in touch with your regional Salvos representative

Nobody should struggle alone at Christmas

Community Christmas Festival ✨

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE

5 PM - 8 PM



**HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHOIR WILL BE
PERFORMING**

MARKET · GAMES · FOOD FROM 5 PM

CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM 6:30 PM



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