

Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY



Grade 6 Graduation



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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

Dear Parents,

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PICNIC TEA

It was wonderful to see so many families attend our Family Christmas Carols and Picnic Tea, held for the first time in 3 years. Thank you to our Parents' Group for again supporting the event and making it a festive night for all. I am sure everyone enjoyed the carols, games and coming together as a community.

GRADUATION

Congratulations to our 2023 Year 6 cohort of students who graduated last night. A wonderful evening was had by all, the students looked the part as they accepted their graduating photos and keepsake. With the completion of the formal ceremony students and staff enjoyed a wonderful meal at Omari in the Gardens for the Future at White Hills. A special mention to Aimee Phegan for the coordination of the graduation, which included a wonderful video presentation of the student's school journey which concluded the evening.

Student Awards

The awards ceremony also took place during the evening and the following students have been acknowledged in recognition of their personal achievements and commitment to:

<i>School Values Awards:</i>	Frankie A	Alby H	Manix K
<i>Literacy Awards:</i>	Devlin W	Lara D	
<i>Numeracy Awards:</i>	Athena J	Thomas S	
<i>Physical Education Awards:</i>	Elle G	James C	
<i>Sustainability Award:</i>	Hugh A		
<i>The Arts Awards:</i>	Ava D	Ella R	

DEPARTING FAMILIES

There are 14 families that will be ending their association with us when the Year 6 students move on to secondary school next year. Many of the families have been with the school for a significant number of years with other siblings having already passed through the school. I would like to thank all of the families for their support over the years.

END OF TERM - WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER:
STUDENT'S DISSMISSED AT 1:30PM

2024 GRADE NOTIFICATION LETTERS (REMINDER)

Personal letters, which confirms your child's class teacher and learning community for 2024, have been sent home with each child today, **Monday 18th December**. Included with the letter is a 2024 grade and staffing list, a map of the school (to help with room allocations) and term dates for 2024. Please

'WELCOME TO 2024' START UP MEETINGS - BOOKINGS (REMINDER)

At the beginning of the 2024 school year, 'Welcome to 2024' start up meetings will occur on Tuesday 30th January for all year levels. Meeting times are required for the day. Parents will be able to log onto Compass from 4pm, on Monday 18th December and select from the times available. The Compass booking system will remain open during January, 2024. Note: It is possible meeting times you would like to request 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. If you need assistance making a booking please contact Pam at the school office.

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.

Please see diary dates above for important start of year dates.

SEMESTER 2 STUDENT REPORTS (REMINDER)

Reports will be released electronically via Compass **from Monday 18th December at 3.30pm**. Download speeds may vary depending on the time of day you are attempting to download your child's report due to the many other schools releasing reports at similar times. Please note: hard copies of the reports are not sent home with students. If you are unable to access your child's details on Compass please contact the school office. Reports will only be printed upon request.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This is our final newsletter for the year, may I wish our school community a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work undertaken throughout the course of this school year. We have a dedicated staff who worked extremely hard to support not only the students' academic progress but also their wellbeing. I have valued the support of the school community throughout the year. Finally, we have a great group of children who deserve a well-earned rest.

'It takes a community to raise a child'.



Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL

DIARY DATES

Monday 18th December 2024 Grade Placement Letters sent home with students.
Monday 18th December Bookings open on Compass 4.00pm for "Welcome to 2024" Start Up Meetings
Monday 18th December Student Reports available on Compass from 3.00pm
Wednesday 20th December **End of Term 4. Students dismissed at 1.30pm**

2024 DIARY DATES

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 - Literacy & Numeracy Entry Assessment (by appointment)
Friday	2nd February, 2024	Foundation grades start school at 9.00am

JSC COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to our winners of the JSC colouring competition!

Grade F/1 Abigail
Grade 2 Bili
Grade 3/4 Heidi
Grade 5/6 Lesley



SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

Thank you everyone who donated something to the Salvation Army Food Drive. The donations were collected last week and will go to helping many families in need.

Junior School Council & Mrs Trahair

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

There is only a few magazines/yearbooks left.

DON'T MISS OUT!
Cost \$20 each

The office would prefer payment by card, but will still take cash if it's the only option.



HUNTLY FIRE BRIGADE SANTA RUN

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

Starting at Community Playgrounds, from 6pm until late.



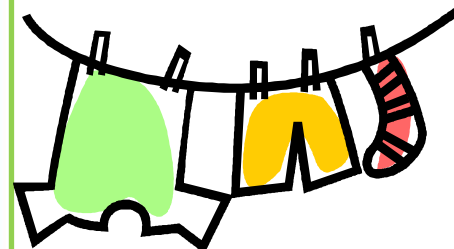
Maps of runs and information will be placed on the Woolworths community board and Epsom and Huntly Post Offices closer to the date.



'Like' Huntly Fire Brigade—CFA
Facebook page for full details and updates.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property bins are overflowing with misplaced clothing and items. Please take the time next week to come in and have a look. Any clothing or items left at the end of the year will be given to charity.





**PRE - XMAS
SHOP 'N' DROP
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
DAILY SPORTS SCHEDULE**

	Monday 18th Dec	Tuesday 19th Dec	Wednesday 20th Dec	Thursday 21st Dec	Friday 22nd Dec
8:30 - 9:00	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games
9:00 - 10:00	Soccer	AFL	Mini Olympics	Inflatable Volleyball	Coach vs Kids Games
SNACK BREAK					
10:30 - 11:30	Dodgeball Showdown	Basketball Bonanza	Futsal Frenzy	Inflatable Soccer	Crazy Christmas Games
11:30 - 12:00	Team Building Games	Volleyball	Netball	Hockey	Christmas Scavenger Hunt
12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH TIME	Coach vs Kids Dodgeball	3 Point Shootout	Water Sports & Soccer Shootout	Lego Competition	Mystery Christmas Movie
1:30 - 2:30	Scavenger Hunt	Mini Golf Madness	Pickleball Tournament	Tennis	Water Wars
2:30 - 3:30	Cricket	Amazing Race	Water Wars	Crazy Inflatable Games	Parachute Games
SNACK BREAK					
4:00 - 5:00	Parachute Games	Inflatable Soccer	Team Building Games	Circus	Kids Choice



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**Please note: Our Pre-Christmas Holiday
Program will run from Dec 18 - 22. We will then
take a short break, with our January Holiday
Program running from January 3- 31.**



Festive fun in Hargreaves Mall!

Hargreaves Mall will be a hive of activity over the school holidays with an exciting range of FREE entertainment and activities for families to enjoy, kicking off with plenty of festive fun.

December 2023

Music in the Mall featuring a local artist
11am to 2pm

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Moonlight Market
3pm to 8pm

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Music in the Mall featuring a local artist
11am to 2pm

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Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Pals: A Reindeer Show
10.30am to 12.30pm
Children of all ages will love the interactive musical activities.

Music in the Mall with a local artist
11am to 2pm

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Christmas Colouring and Live Art Demo with Sarah The Painter
11am to 2pm

Movie in the Mall on the big screen: Santa Claus The Movie
2pm

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Christmas Colouring and Live Art Demo with Sarah The Painter
11am to 2pm

Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Year Without A Santa Claus
2pm

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Christmas Elves in the Mall
11am to 2pm
The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer.

Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Grinch
2pm
Enjoy a Christmas movie on the big screen and then bush music by The Topsy Trio. 5pm to 6pm.

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Christmas Elves in the Mall
11am to 2pm
The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer.

Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Polar Express
2pm

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Christmas Elves in the Mall
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Music in the Mall featuring a local artist
11am to 2pm

Movie in the Mall on the big screen: Elf
2pm

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Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Pals: A Reindeer Show
10.30am to 12.30pm

Music in the Mall featuring local artists
12noon to 3pm

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January 2024

Activities in the Mall continue in the New Year, so save the dates!

Thursday January 4, – Saturday January 6

Bush Music in the Mall with The Topsy Trio
11am to 2pm

January 10

Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus
11am to 2pm

January 12

Safe Archery with The Zone
11am to 3pm

January 17

Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus
11am to 2pm

January 19

Slot Car Racing with The Zone
11am to 3pm

January 20

Roller Disco with the Dragon City Roller Derby
5pm to 8pm

January 24

Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus
11am to 2pm

January 25

Zorb Balls with The Zone
11am to 3pm

January 27

International LEGO Day
10am to 3pm
Pop up exhibition and build with Bendigo LEGO User Groups

Moonlight Market
3pm to 8pm

To keep up to date with Hargreaves Mall activities, visit:
www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/whatson/hive-of-activity-in-hargreaves-mall