

## Our School Values:

**RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY**



### GRADE 5/6 URBAN CAMP

The Grade 5/6 students had a wonderful experience at their Melbourne Urban Camp. Lots of walking and city sites to take in. All the staff reflected on how well the students displayed our school values over the 3 days. A massive thank you to the staff who attended camp and supported the students.



**1ST DECEMBER, 2023**

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## DIARY DATES

Saturday	2nd	December	<b>Huntly PS Choir Perform at Community Christmas Festival</b> <i>(see newsletter article)</i>
Tuesday	5th	December	<b>Breakfast Program</b> - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Wednesday	6th	December	<b>Food Share Program</b> - every Wednesday
Thursday	7th	December	<b>Breakfast Program</b> - 8.10am to 8.30am. <b>LAST BREAKFAST FOR THE YEAR</b>
Thursday	7th	December	<b>Zooper Dooper Day</b> - available second lunch \$1.00 each
Thursday	7th	December	<b>Foundation 2024 Transition Program</b> - 9.15am to 10.15am
Friday	8th	December	<b>School Lunch Order Day</b> - <i>Orders close on Thursday 7th December at 10.00am</i>
Friday	8th	December	<b>Booklist Online Orders close</b>
Friday	8th	December	<b>Donations close for Salvation Army Christmas Appeal</b> <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Monday	11th	December	<b>Family Christmas Carols &amp; Picnic Tea at school</b> <i>(please see flyer attached to newsletter)</i>
Tuesday	12th	December	<b>Whole State Transition Day</b> - Grades Foundation to 5 visit their 2024 classrooms. - 2024 Foundation students visit the school 9.15am to 12.30pm <i>(bring lunch, drink &amp; hat)</i> - 2024 Year 7 students visit their Secondary College.
Thursday	14th	December	<b>Grade 6 End of Year Celebration Movie Day</b> <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Thursday	14th	December	<b>Grade 6 Graduation Evening</b>
Friday	15th	December	<b>Grades 3 to 6 End of Year Celebrations Pool Day</b> <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Friday	15th	December	<b>Grade Foundation/2 End of Year Celebration</b> <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Wednesday	20th	December	<b>End of Term 4. Students dismissed at 1.30pm</b>

Dear Parents,

### **BASKETBALL RINGS/POLES INSTALLED**

It was pleasing to see the new basketball poles and backboards installed at the start of this week. The students have really enjoyed the upgraded equipment. Thanks again to all the fundraising efforts of our school community. A special mention to Farm and Diesel whose significant donation of \$2,000, was earmarked for this project and has assisted in funding its completion.

As mentioned last week, as a way of acknowledging our school community and saying thank you, our Parents' Group (Community Connections) will be running some games with giveaways and lucky 'door' prizes plus free Zooper-Doopers at our Family Christmas Carols and Picnic Tea evening being held on Monday 11th December.

### **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.

### **2024 TERM 1, WEEK 1**

At the beginning of the 2024 school year, 'Welcome to 2024' start up meetings will occur on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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



Jason Lee, **PRINCIPAL**

## SAVE THE DATE!!!!

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PICNIC TEA**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

### CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

The JSC are running a Christmas Colouring Competition for the whole school.

F-2 students can do a colouring in sheet and 3-6 students can design a bauble on the template.

All students who participate will receive 10 house points and 4 lucky winners will receive a prize!

All entries must be placed in the office trays by Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



## FINAL WEEK OF BREAKFAST CLUB

Week 10 will be the final week for Breakfast Club this year.

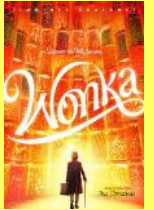
We would like to thank the students who attended the program and look forward to seeing you again next year.



## SENIOR SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*



### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Gr 6 Graduation Evening**

The Grade 6 Graduation will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Omari (located inside Gardens for the Future at White Hills), balloons will show entrance. Arrival time for students and families is 4.45pm to allow presentations to begin at 5.00pm. Dinner for students and school representatives will follow from 6.00pm. Evening will conclude at approx. 7.00pm. Cost is \$30 (Cash Payment Only) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.



### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 have been sent home. These events must be paid in cash, please place correct money in named envelope and return to school.*

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK (presented this week)



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>.**

See the attached flyer that provides suggestions and guidelines.

*Thank you, JSC & Mrs. Trahair.*





## 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.

Our RRRR topic 'Positive Gender Relations' had F/1A exploring the purpose of clothing. We came up with a great list of reasons people wear clothing including; comfort, to make us look smart, to help us play well in active games or sports, to protect us from the sun and from the cold and rain and to protect our privacy. In today's lesson students identified that clothes are used to cover parts of the body in order to meet the standards of modesty and decency that apply in different settings.



## 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 December at 9.05pm.

**F/1A - Evie O:** *for her persistence and focus with fine motor skill activities.*

**F/1M - Hamish C:** *for always being a kind and caring member of our class.*

**F/1C - Alice H:** *for applying herself to tasks when working independently.*

**F/1Mac - Noah Mc:** *for working hard on forming his numbers correctly.*

**2H - Kelsey E:** *for her valuable contributions to class discussions.*

**2T - Ashley H:** *for working on her writing goal with effort and dedication.*

**3/4 GT - Mason M:** *for the pride and effort he put into the presentation of his poetry booklet.*

**3/4 D - Jaxon T:** *for his improvement in demonstrating our school values.*

**3/4 L - Skye Mc:** *for her application to her work and her desire and effort to better herself.*

**5/6 BP - Hollie G:** *for showing resilience while on our city trip.*

**5/6 L - Keira-Lee H:** *for her bright and positive attitude in class.*

**5/6 R - Amber M:** *for being an inclusive member of our classroom and school community.*





**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**



**FIND US ON FACEBOOK**



**Ho Ho Ho! Hi Everyone!**

**Santa will be visiting the Huntly Hall on his way to the North Pole!**

**Join us for a free Family Event on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December between 2 and 4pm. Santa will be arriving at 2.30pm (Don't be late!).**

**Come along, say Hello and get a photo with Santa. Help decorate the Xmas tree! There will be Facepainting, Balloon twisting, Lollies and Zooper Doopers for the kids. And free entry in the draw to win the Xmas door prize for all Adults.**



# CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

**4th - 20th of DECEMBER**

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO BRING JOY  
TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

All donations will be passed onto Bendigo  
Foodshare and Anglicare Victoria - Bendigo

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CENTRE

**BENDIGO**  
**Foodshare**  
HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

**Anglicare**  
Victoria

# CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

**YOU CAN DROP OFF AT RECEPTION AT  
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VENUES**

Curri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre  
Faith Leech Aquatic Centre  
Brennan Park Swimming Pool  
Marong Swimming Pool  
Heathcote Swimming Pool

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**BENDIGO**  
**Foodshare**  
HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

# FOOD DRIVE

*supporting Bendigo Foodshare*

You can HELP by donating:

- Canned fruit and veg
- Tea/coffee
- Rice and pasta
- Long-life milk
- Spreads (jam, peanut butter)
- Packet and bottled sauces
- Biscuits
- Puddings
- Tinned fish
- Breakfast cereals
- Non refrigerated Christmas food items
- Toilet paper

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# TOY DRIVE

- Arts and crafts
- Board games
- Dolls
- Bikes
- Toy cars
- Gift vouchers
- Sports equipment
- Musical instruments
- Kids jewellery
- Play dough
- Puzzles
- Baby toys
- Colouring books
- Kids books
- Dress ups
- Soft toys
- Hampers

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