

Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY



Dear Parents,

STUDENT ABSENCE PROCESS

We use the Compass Student Management system to track student absences. This program allows us to send a notification to parents who have a child/children absent from school without an explanation.

The message notifies the parent that the child is absent and asks that they notify the school as to the reason why. Parents can log the absence reason on the Compass App or telephone the school on 544 88866 and leave a message on the absent line.

This Student Absence process will hopefully reduce the number of students with unexplained absences.

Days absent per semester (two terms)	
0-6 days	This is the normal range for school absence
7-10 days	This attendance is below average. This student could miss over one year of schooling from Prep to Year 10
11-20 days	This attendance rate is poor. This student could miss over two years of schooling from Prep to Year 10
20+ days	This attendance rate is very poor. This student could miss over two and a half years of schooling from Prep to Year 10

If you are aware in advance that your child is going to be absent, please add it to the Compass App, or phone the school and leave a message on the absent line. If the absence is unexpected the school should be advised either via a phone call on the morning of the absence or as soon as reasonably possible. In the case where your child has unexplained absences you will receive a letter asking for an explanation of the absences.

We ask you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, as it is very important that we work together to establish good attendance patterns for your children.

Please contact the school if you are having difficulty accessing the Compass App or require additional assistance.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

It was a pleasure last Friday to be able to present the leadership badges to our student leadership team. We continue to look at ways of providing students a voice in the school and this is an important step in promoting this. A number of school staff will take on mentoring roles and work with the different leadership groups throughout the year. I look forward to seeing the students grow into their roles.



Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL

1ST MARCH, 2024

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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

DIARY DATES

Tuesday	5th	March	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Wednesday	6th	March	Food Share Program - every Wednesday
Wednesday	6th	March	Zooper Dooper Day - during second lunch \$1.00 each (<i>see newsletter article</i>)
Thursday	7th	March	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Friday	8th	March	School Lunch Order Day (<i>orders close 10am on Thursday 22nd February</i>)
Monday	4th	March	Smile Squad will be at the school seeing students with completed consent forms.
Friday	8th	March	Curriculum Day - <i>students do not attend school on this day.</i>
Monday	11th	March	Labor Day Public Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday	13th	March	Book Club Orders Close 3.30pm (<i>please see newsletter article</i>)
Monday	18th	March	School Council Annual General Meeting & March General Meeting
Wednesday	20th	March	School Photos - whole school
Wednesday	20th	March	Easter Raffle tickets due back (<i>please see newsletter article</i>)
Thursday	21st	March	Harmony Day - Let's Wear Orange (<i>please see newsletter article</i>)
Monday	25th	March	Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle Draw 9.10am (<i>please see newsletter article</i>)
Thursday	28th	March	School Cross Country - whole school
Thursday	28th	March	End of Term 1. Students dismissed at 2.30pm



HARMONY DAY



It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Let's Wear Orange!

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Students at Huntly Primary School can choose to **wear something orange on Thursday the 21st of March** to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets for the annual Easter Raffle will be sent home with students next week.

Any Easter related DONATIONS will be gratefully accepted at the school office e.g. easter eggs, baskets, easter themed items, etc.

Tickets must be returned by Wednesday 20th March to be in the draw. Raffle will be drawn at the end of the Easter Hat Parade on Monday 25th March.



EASTER HAT PARADE & FUNDRAISER

On Monday 25th March, the JSC is running an Easter Hat Parade to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal.

The parade will be from 9:10am – 9:30am and family members are welcome to stay and watch.

Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin to donate to the cause.

*** Please note this is not an out of uniform day.**



Thank you, Miss Phegan & JSC

**DONATIONS
NEEDED**

WHIRRAKEE TEAM

The Whirrakee team are looking for donations for the Whirrakee trolley. This could be things such as: fidget toys, McDonalds toys, stickers and small tokens. **PLEASE NO FOOD**

OR LOLLIES.

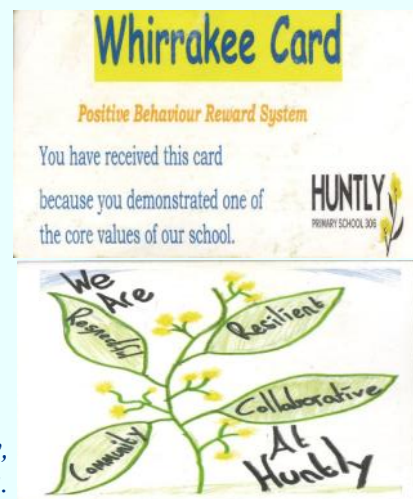
A Whirrakee card is a positive reward system that we have in place here at Huntly Primary School. Students collect cards by exhibiting our school values, and can then trade these in to get new things during second lunch on Fridays.

We have discovered that the trolley is very bland so we are asking for some new donations so students can enjoy the stuff they get.

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Yours sincerely,

Skyrah, Alyssa and our fellow Whirrakee team members.



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 15th March (due to Curriculum Day on 8th March) at 9.10am.

F/1C - **Lachlan Mc:** for a positive start to his Foundation year by showing resilience and determination.

F/1B - **Parker A:** for her consistent effort in writing and adding detail to her sentences.

F/1M - **Thomas B:** for being a kind and caring member of our class, by offering help to others

F/1A - **Henry D:** for bouncing back quickly after a small problem.

F/1D - **Isla H:** for always being a caring and helpful friend.

2H - **Nahla M:** for showing increased confidence in solving addition problems in Mathematics.

2R - **Jackson S:** for his dedication to his learning, always being ready to learn and displaying our classroom expectations.

3/4L - **Mason M:** for his application to his work and for always striving to do his best.

3/4BM - **Stevie G:** for approaching the new school year with confidence and resilience.

3/4GT - **Ker Ker M:** for the positive approach she has to all areas of her learning

3/4P - **Charlee:** for listening to feedback to improve her writing.

5/6L - **Austin M:** for showing excellent leadership skills in his role as House Captain.

5/6D - **Kass M:** for demonstrating great resilience by crafting a fantastic narrative, even after missing the first two days of the week.

5/6T - **Jed H:** for always participating in class and giving everything a go with a positive attitude.

BOOK CLUB

All orders from Issue 1 of Book Club have been sent home with students on Wednesday. If you feel you are missing anything, please reach out. Issue 2 of Book Club was sent home today with ALL students. Please place all of your orders by Wednesday 13th March at 3:30pm.

Thank you, Morgan Trahair.

SMILE SQUAD IS COMING

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school from Monday 4th March 2024. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school. All students should have received their free dental pack last week.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> Or collect a hard copy of consent form from the school office.



SCHOOL PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

The school photos will be taken on Wednesday 20th March by MPS Photography.

Ordering will be the same as last year with all orders being made online through COMPASS.

Families will receive an instruction sheet from MPS Photography via Compass email on 6th March.

Please note children will not receive an order envelope.

FAMILY PHOTOS – Must be ordered prior to photo day using the Compass Portal.

School Photos online orders close at midnight Tuesday 26th March.

Late Orders can be accepted after *Wednesday 27th March* through Compass or by contacting **03 5482 3190**. All late orders incur an extra fee for postage and handling.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK (presented last week and today)





'WELCOME TO 2024 PICNIC NIGHT'

Thank you to everyone who attended our picnic night on Tuesday 20th February. A fun evening was had by all.





ICONIC DRAGON MILE

MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE
USE THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PRICING AND AGE GROUPS
WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT
TIME: 10:30AM START



REGISTER HERE

Photograph Supported By The Bendigo Chinese Association and Golden Dragon Museum.



PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS

AGED 8 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?

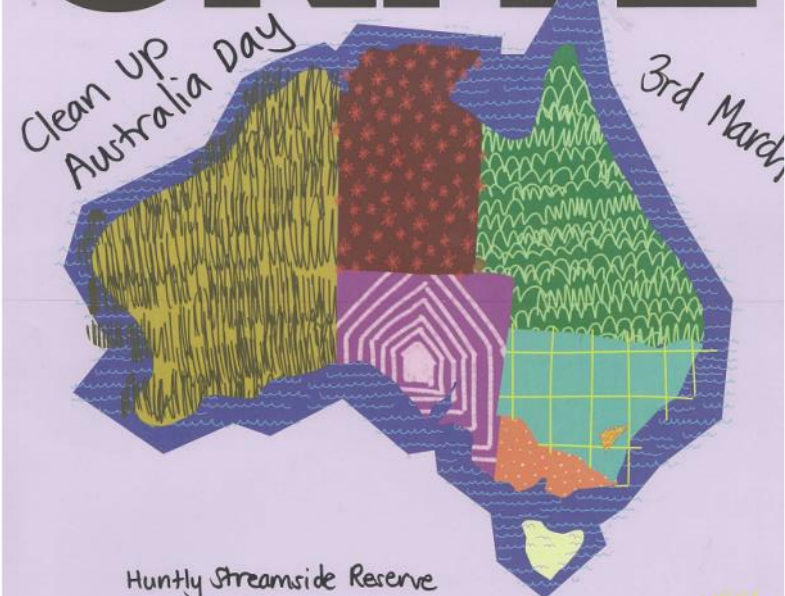


Pop in with your family and friends and see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday & Thursday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 2pm - 5pm until Easter to register!

STEP UP TO

2024

UNITE



LOCATION: Huntly Streamside Reserve
Meet at Leans Rd picnic area, Huntly
DATE: 3/3/24 TIME: 8-11 (or part thereof)
CONTACT: Nicole, Northern Bendigo Landcare
0413 974 074

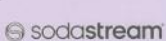
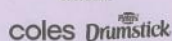
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"Buskers in the Borough 2024"



Saturday 16th March, 2024
at the
Dahlia & Arts Festival.

Calling all Buskers to perform on the
sidewalks of Eaglehawk

10am until 11am

Primary & Secondary students only.

Application form

Website: www.eaglehawkfestivals.com.au

Entries close on 13th March, 2024 @ 5pm.

More info....

Mary Preston 0434 769 862.

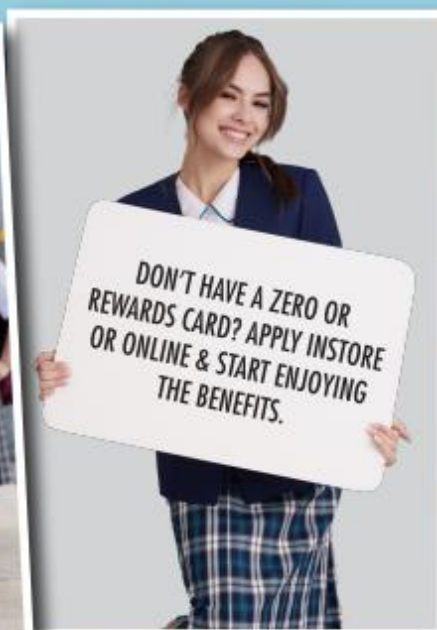


3 DAY VIP EVENT

20% OFF
EVERYTHING*



March 6th 7th & 8th



INSTORE & ONLINE

*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.



REGISTRATIONS OPEN



Play soccer with Epsom Football Club in 2024

Come & join us - learn new skills,
meet new people & have fun!



No experience necessary - we offer
both boys, girls & mixed teams.

Non-Competitive Juniors
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Competitive Juniors
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Senior Competitive
Youth, Women, Men's



Junior registrations close 8 March

Late registrations will only be accepted pending team availability

For enquiries contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au

Visit www.epsomfc.com.au or www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer



Junior Golf Clinics

Dates: Every Tuesday from 4pm
13th Feb - 26th Mar 2024
Bendigo Golf Club
Register online:
www.benpattengolf.com.au