

Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY



Easter Hat Parade

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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

Dear Parents,

TERM 1 REFLECTION

I would like to firstly thank our 2024 Foundation parents who have supported their children through the first term of their primary schooling. The Foundation students have, overall, settled, but yes there have been a few tears from time to time as children adjust. In these situations, I know the teachers have appreciated the conversations and working together to manage these moments and build your child's independence.

Our Grade 6 buddy program has also assisted with the smooth transition into primary school, which has been quite pleasing. Our student leadership program is well underway and I am excited by the opportunities this will provide them throughout the rest of the year. Our staff continue to work extremely hard to provide the academic and social and emotional support for all children which I would like to acknowledge. To the entire school community have a safe, enjoyable and restful holiday period.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CHANGE

We are going to trial a new approach in the way we deliver information through our newsletter and Compass. Every second week will be our main newsletter with all school community and wider community news being communicated. The alternate week the newsletter will be reduced to key dates, students of the week, whole-school activities and any priority information. If any important information needs to be shared between fortnightly newsletters, it will be forwarded to all families via Compass.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are still 2 parent members short of our full parent contingent for school council. There are different ways parents can support school council and its governance, these include:

- *assisting with the review of policies*
- *supporting fundraising activities and bringing the school community together*
- *assisting with facilities development*
- *being provided an insight into the both the academic and wellbeing programs at HPS and providing feedback*

I urge anyone who is interested in supporting the ongoing enhancements to our school's facilities, programs and overall governance to please contact me for further information.

EASTER RAFFLE

Big thank you to our Parents' Group who organised our Easter raffle. We had 20 prizes and we thank the school community members who were able to donate items. A large number of the prizes went to our Huntly Primary School families which was wonderful to see.

EASTER HAT PARADE

We had a bit of fun to end the term with the Easter Hat Parade. Small hats, large hats, long hats, bright hats, colourful hats, innovative hats...it was awesome and well done to all who participated. A big thank you to the parents who coordinated the 'construction' of the hats over the past week and thanks to all who were able to come along and enjoy the morning. Importantly well done to our Junior School Council Representatives who organised and ran the event.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Huntly Primary School will once again proudly take part in the ANZAC Day memorial service to be held at the Garden of Remembrance in the grounds of the Huntly Memorial Hall. Please see newsletter article for further information.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CHANGE OF PROVIDER - FINAL REMINDER

We believe with the OSHC program growing so rapidly, an external provider will in the longer term provide our school community with an exceptional service. Yes, there will be changes that our families will need to adjust to, but this is a small inconvenience for greater benefits. After the Bell will take over the running of the OSHC program from term 2, 2024. I have attached After the Bells welcome letter and flyer (further in this newsletter) which will provide all of the information required to understand how their program operates and the steps required to register for term 2. Respectfully, please do not refer your questions to the school, as we are unable to speak on behalf of After the Bell and will direct your questions back to them. Please contact After the Bell should you have any questions. You can register your child through their secure online registration system. This is a requirement to provide care. <https://parent-portal.kidsoft.com.au/enrolment-form?URLCode=AfterTheBellAus>

Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL

DIARY DATES

Monday	15th April	Start of Term 2
Tuesday	16th April	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Wednesday	17th April	Food Share Program - every Wednesday
Thursday	18th April	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Friday	19th April	School Lunch Order Day (<i>orders close 10am on Thursday 18th April</i>)
Thursday	25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday - School Closed.
Tuesday	25th April	ANZAC Day Memorial Service 9.00am at Huntly Hall (<i>more information to come</i>)
Tue-Thu	30 Apr-2 May	Book Fair (<i>see newsletter article</i>)
Thursday	9th May	Mothers' Day Breakfast
Monday	27th May	Curriculum Day

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to all the winners of our Easter Raffle that was drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Monday:

1. Hunter K
2. Kerrie C
3. Willow C
- 4 to 20: Shirley P, Patrick M, Wes W, Kim, Amelia P, Wheels, John W, Skyrah, Jada N, Joanne T, Wes W, Sowerby F, Sylvie E, Taryn C, Sahri A, Selena V and Ava F



Thank you to the school community for their generous donations which help to make the Easter Raffle fundraiser a great success. Also big thank you to the parents who helped organise the raffle and prizes.

A big thank you also to the families for their efforts selling the raffle tickets. This has raised approximately \$1,563.00.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL—EARLY REMINDER

Our Mothers' Day Stall will be held in week 4 of term 2, date to be confirmed. Children are asked to bring a bag to take their gifts home in. Gifts will range in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00, please send money to school in a envelope clearly marked with child's name and what money is for. This helps prevent children from losing their stall money.



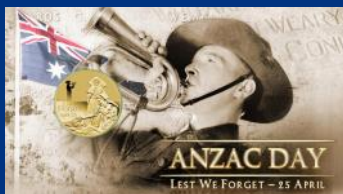
Helpers Needed - *If you are available to help out on the day please leave your name at the school office.*

ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Thursday, the 25th April, there will be an Anzac Day Ceremony held at the Huntly Memorial Hall and Garden of Remembrance next to the Huntly Hall.

It is a tradition for Huntly Primary School to attend as a group so we would love to have as many kids as we can to represent our school. We will meet out the front of the school at 8.40am sharp wearing school uniform, we will then walk down to the ceremony as a group with the march.

Huntly is fortunate to have this as one of their community traditions. It is a wonderful way of showing some of our school values with respect for those who have gone before us and our appreciation for our community and all that we now have.



STATEWIDE TIMELINE TO MANAGE FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS FOR THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Each year, the department releases the statewide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline to Victorian government primary schools. The timeline includes key dates to help schools to plan for their Foundation enrolments. This also follows the release of 2025 zones on the department's [Find my School](#) website.

Before you get started please check if you are currently living in our school zone.

Due to Huntly Primary School being required to adhere to the Department of Education's *Enrolment Management Plan* our student enrolment is restricted to: Students who live within the school zone, Students with a sibling attending the school at the same time or Students seeking enrolment on legitimate compassionate grounds.

Foundation (Prep) Enrolment 2025 timeline include the following:

- Schools can receive enrolment forms from parents and carers who are currently living in our school zone from the start of Term 2, 2024.
- In some circumstances, where families are not currently living in our school zone an application to enrol form will need to be submitted for approval by Friday 26th July, 2024.
 - ⇒ Schools will then notify parents and carers of the outcome of their application to enrol between Monday 29th July and Friday 9th August, 2024.
 - ⇒ Written appeals from parents and carers are to be lodged with schools by Friday 23 August, 2024.
 - ⇒ Schools will notify parents and carers in writing of the outcome of appeals by Friday 6 September, 2024.

BOOK FAIR

We have our first Book Fair for 2024 coming up in third week of term 2. All students will have the opportunity to view the Book Fair beforehand and they can complete a wish list that they will bring home for parents/carers to have a look at. Book Fair opening times are:



Tuesday 30th April: 8:30am–9:00am & 3:30pm–4:00pm
Wednesday 1st May: 8:30am–9:00am & 3:30pm–4:00pm
Thursday 2nd May: 8:30am–9:00am

Cash and card payments accepted.

Thank you, Morgan Trahair.

Coming Soon!



after the
BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

NEW PROVIDER

HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOMES
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
AFTER SCHOOL CARE &
VACATION CARE PROGRAM



Art & Craft



Nutritional Foods



Fun Activities

OPERATING HOURS:

- ✓ Before School Care- 7.00am till 8.45am
- ✓ After School Care- 3.30pm till 6.00pm
- ✓ Vacation Care- 7.30am till 6.00pm

**Proposed
Commencement Date**

15th April 2024

Call Us 
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Email Us 
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For More Information 
www.afterthebell.com.au

REGISTER NOW

<https://afterthebell.com.au/>

Dear Huntly Primary School families,

After The Bell Aus are honoured to be chosen as the New OSHC Service Provider for Huntly Primary School OSHC program with the support of the School Council Representatives.

We will commence working in partnership in April 2024, Term Two. After The Bell Aus will be providing Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care. The commencement date is proposed to commence the 15th of April 2024, pending The Department of Education commencement transfer approval date.

As part of the Transfer of service we have licenced the service for 45 places, this will support the care needs of families who are currently on the After School Care waiting list.

How To Register

We understand that filling in forms is not the highlight of everyone's day, but as a licensed Child Care provider, we require all guardians child (ren) accessing our services to complete the mandatory registration form prior to their child attending the service. Even if one was already filled with Huntly PS.

This registration is a legal requirement for ATB to accept children into our care and gives After The Bell Aus staff all the necessary information so we can provide the best care for each child entering our doors. Registration is vital when accessing Child Care Subsidy to support the cost of the care to you.

Registering your child through our secure online registration system is required to provide care.

<https://parent-portal.kidsoft.com.au/enrolment-form?URLCode=AfterTheBellAus>

We ask families to not wait to the last minute to register. As the first stage of the registration process can take up to 3 business days to process. Once this step had been actioned by the guardian After The Bell Aus can approve your child's registration form and booking into care can commence. Please note any registration that required more consideration such as medical conditions, requires additional processing time.

Program Delivery

After The Bell Aus believes every child has a curious growing mind that should be nurtured and empowered. Through our programs we aspire to provide opportunities for children to be part of an exciting, fun and engaging care program environment. Our cultivated team harnesses all our personal and educational experience so that every child that walks through our doors enters a safe "home away from home" care environment.

Nutrition

We value the importance of children's healthy eating choices. At After The Bell Aus children are provided with healthy afternoon options each session, that is packed with variety and substance. The children will experience our Cooking Club program once a week as well. Children have input into the program menu, whilst learning the value of good healthy choices.

Educators

Each day is an adventure and creating new memories. This is led by our dedicated, trained, qualified Educators that have the skills and abilities to ensure your child's time at the program is rewarding as well as memorable, but foremost making sure your child is always having a fun time. After The Bell Aus will be commencing our recruitment and retention of staff process to support the staffing needs and continuity of the service.

We look forward to meeting you and being a part of the Huntly Primary School community in 2024.

Kind Regards

After The Bell Aus

Véronique Rayeroux-Flack

Management Team