Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY

HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL 306

DIARY DATES — TERM 1 2026

Monday	2nd	February	**Foundation students start school at 9.00am**
Wednesday	4th	February	**Food Share Program** - every Wednesday. All welcome!!
Wednesday	4th	February	**No School for Foundation Students** - on Wednesday's for the month on February
Friday	6th	February	**School Lunch Order Day** - *orders close 10am Thursday 5th February (see newsletter article)* **Don't forget to change details to new grade.**
Tuesday	10th	February	**Breakfast Program begins** - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome Tues & Thurs
Monday	16th	February	**School Council Meeting** 7.00pm
Wednesday	20th	February	**No School for Foundation Students**
Wednesday	27th	February	**No School for Foundation Students**
Wed & Thurs	4th & 5th	March	**Gymnastics Program - Grades Foundation to 2**
Monday	9th	March	**LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY** - school closed
Wed & Thurs	11th &12th	March	**Gymnastics Program - Grades Foundation to 2**
Wed - Fri	11th - 13th	March	**National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) - Grades 3 and 5**
Mon– Thurs	16th– 19th	March	**National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) - Grades 3 and 5**
Wednesday	12th	March	**Conveyance Allowance Application Close** *(see newsletter article)*
Monday	16th	March	**School Council Meeting** 7.00pm
Friday	20th	March	**Whole School photos** *(see newsletter article)*
Tues & Wed	24th & 25th	March	**Gymnastics Program - Grades 3 to 6**
Thursday	26th	March	**School Cross Country**
Friday	27th	March	**CURRICULUM DAY** - students do not attend school on this day
Tue & Wed	31st & 1st	March, April	**Gymnastics Program - Grades 3 to 6**
Friday	3rd	April	**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications Close** *(see article)*
Thursday	2nd	April	**End of Term 1. Students dismissed at 2.30pm**

30TH JANUARY, 2026

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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

Dear Parents,

WELCOME TO THE 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

I would like to welcome our school community back for the 2026 school year. I extend a very warm welcome to all our new students and families and trust you will enjoy being a part of the Huntly Primary School community. Our current enrolment stands at 332 students.
Our teachers are well prepared to ensure a smooth start to the year for all students. If you were unable to attend the 2026 Start-Up meeting held on Wednesday 28th January, I encourage you to speak to your child's classroom teacher at the earliest convenience to organise a time to meet.

2026 STAFFING

I would like to welcome Miss McMillan who joins the grade 5/6 teaching team, Miss Laffy who joins the F/1 team and Mr. Qiang who joins our Chinese language team. Miss Anglin for Term 1 has taken up a position as acting campus principal at Parkville and will return from Term 2.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our whole-school school assembly will take place on Friday morning in week's 5 & 9 of the term.
All other weeks will see the 4 teaching units run their own assemblies, acknowledging student achievement, promoting positive behaviour and discussing upcoming school activities and events.
As it is the start of the school year, we will run a whole-school assembly next Friday 6th February at 9.05am

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S RISK

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Therefore, bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school is discouraged.

REMINDER: ALL STUDENT MOBILE PHONES MUST BE HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL AND CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE OFFICE AFTER SCHOOL.

SUNSMART

Term 1 requires all students to wear a broad-brimmed hat or bucket hat during breaks in the yard. Students not wearing hats will be required to play in shaded areas.

STUDENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

It is important that any student medical issues are reported to both the classroom teacher and the school office for the student's personal wellbeing. This is especially important if your child has a new medical condition, that we are not aware of eg: they have an asthma management plan that has been updated. A copy of the new medical management plan will need to be left at the school office with Mrs. Van Riet. Please note the Asthma Management Plans are only valid for a 12 month period and need updating annually. If we need to follow up for any additional information or to clarify a medical situation, Mrs. Van Riet (who coordinates First Aid) will contact you.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' privacy policy | vic.gov.au and the Privacy_Collection_Notice.pdf which are available on our school website.

Our HPS-Photographing-filming-recording-students-policy.pdf describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

All families upon enrolment are provided a photographing, filming and recording student consent form, which must be returned to school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents. This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CODE RED DAYS

Our school is listed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register. Schools, kindergartens and licensed child care centres that have been identified as being high fire risk on the Department's Bushfire At-Risk Register will close on days determined a catastrophic fire danger rating day by the Emergency Management Commissioner. As soon as the school has information regarding closures it will be forwarded to parents by letter, via Compass or phone call. Please note it is Department of Education Policy that no staff are allowed to remain on site on these days. For further information please our School Preparations for Bushfire Season document below:
HPS Preparation Bushfire Season

Jason Lee, **PRINCIPAL**

HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club starts week 3, Tuesday 10th Feb.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS

8:10-8:30

AT THE MPR

ALL WELCOME!

FOCUS EXPECTATION THIS WEEK:

"Understanding Our Routines"

SCHOOL PHOTOS *(SAVE THE DATE)* FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

This year school photos will be taken on Friday 20th March by MPS Photography. Families order directly from MPS Photography via the school Compass App. An email will be sent to families in a later newsletter reminding them to place orders.

FOODSHARE PROGRAM EVERY WEDNESDAY

The Food Share Program distributes excess food stock to families in need. Items will vary from week to week and include pantry items, fridge essentials, frozen goods, fruit and vegetables. This is open to our school families, every Wednesday in the school library. Enter via the school library gate. Please bring your own bag to put goods in.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Welcome to all of the new students and welcome back to our existing students for 2026. Grades will be borrowing books from the library each week. When these days are confirmed class teachers will notify their students.

What Can I Borrow: Grades Prep, 1 & 2 - 2 books, Grades 3 & 4 - 4 books, Grades 5 & 6 - 5 books

BUT… If you have one overdue book - borrow one. If you have more overdue books, please return them before you can borrow again.

Need a new Library Bag?? A great selection of fabric bags are available from the front office. They cost $5.00 each and all profit goes towards buying books for the Library from the students wish list.

Thank-you, Leonie Strauch

Youth Myki

From the 1st of January 2026, public transport is now free for children aged between 5 and 17 years. To access free travel, all young people need to carry a Youth Myki card and tap on and off each time they travel.

Youth Myki can be purchased for $5 online vis Transport Victoria website or from a staffed station or the PTV Hub.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Huntly Primary School have partnered up with Goldfield Catering again this year to supply lunch orders to school students. Orders can be placed using School Lunches Online an online ordering platform. Lunch orders will be available on a weekly basis with lunches delivered every Friday.

This will begin next week on Friday 6th February.
Orders will need to be placed via the website http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au/ and close at 10.00am Thursday 5th February.

Please read the attached flyer for information on how to register and order your child's lunch. Please make sure you select the correct Learning Centre (LC) for your child to ensure delivery to correct room.

REMINDER: If you registered and ordered lunches last year please update your child's details with their new 2026 Learning Centre so their lunch order is delivered to the correct room. See Learning Centre list below.

LC1 - 5/6K - Mrs Kingsley
LC2 - 5/6D - Mr Dunstan
LC3 - 5/6M - Miss McMillan & Miss Magee
LC4 - 2R - Mrs Riches
LC6 - F/1C - Mrs Clohesy
LC7 - F/1L - Miss Laffy
LC8 - F/1M - Mrs McGrath
LC9 - F/1D - Miss Dolphin
L10 - 2H - Mrs Harrison
L11 - 2G - Mr Grace
L12- 3/4T - Mrs Threlfall
L13- 3/4L - Mr Lord
L14 - 3/4M - Mrs Trahair
LC16 - F/1B - Miss Bibby

SUN SMART HATS MUST BE WORN WHEN OUTSIDE.
PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR SUN SMART HAT AT SCHOOL.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

IF YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD YOU CAN APPLY…. *DON'T MISS OUT*

CSEF is again this year provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Please note the CSEF payments cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, nor towards books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, etc.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $150 for primary school students
- $250 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. Please note: If you successfully applied in 2025 you will have an automatic application for 2026. New applications must be retuned to school by Friday 4th April, 2026.

ALLERGIES

We have a number of children attending the school who have food allergies, particularly to nuts. Please make sure your child's lunch box is free of peanuts/nut products. We ask for your support in this due to the serious nature of anaphylaxis. All staff will be retrained in Anaphylaxis this year. Thank you for your support in making our school a safe environment for everyone.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Applications for Conveyance Allowance should be lodged at the school no later than the Wednesday 12th March, 2026. To be eligible for this allowance, a student must live more than 4.8 km, by the shortest practicable route, from Huntly Primary School (being the closest government school) or their nearest bus stop be more than 4.8 km from their home. Parents who applied last year will not need to apply again, unless claiming for extra students. Further information can be found on the Victorian Education Website. Application forms are available from the school

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is published each Friday on the school website www.huntly-ps.vic.edu.au
Please make sure you read this important newsletter as it is our main communication channel with parents. A reminder with the link to the newsletter will be sent to parents via Compass (the school app) and also on the schools facebook page.

If you do not have access to the web a hard copy of the newsletter is available at the school office.

SCHOOL INFORMATION - REMINDERS

Over the next few school newsletters we will be including some important information regarding school operations and policies. Most families will have seen this information before, but some details may have changed. Please take the time to have a look and refresh your memory.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Families are asked to note that the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.
This includes mobile phones, toys, electronic games, sporting equipment, bikes, cars parked on premises, scooters, skateboards, etc. The Department will not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

MOBILE PHONES:

Parents are reminded that mobile phones are not permitted in the classroom. If your child needs to bring a phone to school it needs to be handed in to the school office during school hours. It can then be collected at the end of the school day.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Parents please note that all medication, except Ventolin, must be handed in at the school office so that Mrs. Van Riet or Jess Armstrong can administer it. It will need to be in its original container and a medication request form filled out - these are available from the school office and also on our school website for you to print off at your convenience.

CHILDREN MUST NOT HAVE MEDICATION IN THEIR BAGS

ABSENCES & LATENESS

When children are **ABSENT** from school parents must enter the absence onto Compass (our school app) or call the school and leave a message on the absent line. Classroom rolls are marked at the beginning of the first lesson, children who are **LATE** must report to the school office with their parent/guardian to sign the late book and receive a late pass. If your child is absent and no reason has been given, parents will receive an SMS message at 10.00am alerting them of the absence on that day.

schoollunch ONLINE

As easy as 1,2,3 (well, 1,2,3,4 really)

1. Go to www.schoollunchonline.com.au to register your family
2. Choose from your school supplier's healthy lunch selection
3. Order your kids' lunches ahead or on the day
4. Pay as you go or top up your account regularly

Relax knowing your kids will receive the lunch they want with the ingredients you want.

How to end the school morning kitchen chaos

Mums and Dads,

Hands up if you're often running late on school mornings before you've even got the kids' lunches started. Then you dig through the fridge for something remotely fresh and edible, and find nothing. Finally, you decide to order lunch instead, then scramble around to find that elusive paper bag and the right change to put inside?

Now there's a hassle-free way to feed the hungry hordes at school - School Lunch Online.

A flexible and secure web based service that makes planning, tracking and placing lunch orders as quick as a click of a button.

Not only do kids eat well, but it gives time-poor parents a bit of breathing space in the mornings and lets hard-working teachers focus on doing what they do best – teaching.

Bliss!

Why you'll be a happy parent

- No more paper bags or finding the correct change ever again
- Relax knowing your kids will receive the lunch they want with the ingredients you want
- Have input into the menu via an initial online survey, so your school can get options right from the outset
- Cost-effective healthy meals
- Order online in advance, anywhere, anytime
- No minimum order or long term commitment
- Order ahead up to any time within the current term
- Pay per order or keep account topped up

schoollunchonline.com.au

The easy way to order school lunch

BOOK A TOUR TODAY

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