Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY

HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL 306

Our 2026 Leaders:

House Captains		
Eppalock	*Sally M*	*Seth C*
Laanecoorie	*Caryn L*	*Kyah L*
Loddon	*Tyler S*	*Miriam N*
Campaspe	*Levi M*	*Ezra A*

OTHER LEADERSHIP ROLES		
STEM	*Jackson O*	*Harrison S*
ART	*Ava J*	*Gurkirpa K*
LITERACY	*Bili A*	*Ivy F*
CULTURAL	*Jacob L*	*Alannah H*
GEM	*Lara-Jane L*	*Ker Ker M*
SUSTAINABILITY	*Gianni D*	*Jada N*

Junior School Council Representatives		
3/4 L	*Nahla M*	*Tyler*
3/4 G	*Sam M*	*Harper P*
3/4 BT	*Henley E*	*Judd W*
3/4 T	*Sara L*	*Linc P*
5/6 K	*Ezra J*	*Kalani R*
5/6 D	*Alannah H*	*Shelbi D*
5/6 M	*Marley M*	*Evie M*

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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

27TH FEBRUARY, 2025

Dear Parents,

2026 SCHOOL COUNCIL POSITIONS

Nominations for all vacant school council positions have now closed. Our 2026 school councilors are:
Parent representatives: **Jackie Mountjoy, Maria Willman, Amy Lawry, Tannah Anthony, Allyson Shelton, Ebony Collin, Amanda Hodge, Jenna Wheelhouse**
Staff representatives: **Amy McMillan, Courtney Threlfall, Ebony Anglin,**
Executive officer: **Jason Lee**
The school council AGM will take place on 23rd March at 6.45pm. The general meeting will follow directly thereafter.
I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the following retiring School Council members, Lisa Clohesy and Alicia McGrath for their valuable contributions to our school. Their work and commitment have been greatly appreciated.
Note: we still have one parent vacancy. If you are interested in taking on this role or would like further information, please contact the school on 54488866

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We are always looking at ways to provide students a voice and our student leadership program is one important way. Today our 2026 school leaders were presented with their leadership badges. The badges symbolise their roles, however their actions are what is most important. I look forward to seeing the students grow into their roles as the year progresses. A number of school staff will take on mentoring roles and work with the different leadership groups throughout the year. Please see photos on the front page of this newsletter.

MOBILE PHONE/SMART WATCH USE AT SCHOOL

The Mobile Phones – Student Use policy. This policy requires students to switch their phones off and securely store them during the school day.
The policy is designed to support teaching and learning, promoting learning environments that are free from unnecessary distractions. The Department of Education has also published a parent/carer support page on mobile phones in schools on its website. This website includes links to supports for parents/carers on safe and responsible technology use at home.
Our school has its own, local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context. A copy of our policy is available at HPS-Mobile-phone-Policy-2026.pdf I encourage members of our school community to read our policy, as it outlines the school's expectations of staff, parents/carers, and students regarding the use of mobile phones by students at school. I ask for your support in the implementation of our local mobile phone policy. If you have further questions about our local policy, please contact the office.

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 aims to 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.

Jason Lee, **PRINCIPAL**

WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

These awards reflect our school values of : ***Respect, Resilience, Community and Collaboration.***

Congratulations to the following students:

F/1C	**Isabella M**	*For taking on the teachers feedback and applying it to her work confidently.*
F/1B	**Tasmin G**	*For showing bravery by getting up in front of others and sharing in class.*
F/1M	**Violet M**	*For following the rules of the game.*
F/1D	**Levi R**	*For using taught strategies to make improvements to his writing.*
F/1L	**Sydney T**	*For always trying her best in writing tasks and remembering to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters at the start of her sentences. Well done Sydney!*
2H	**Hudson R**	*For becoming more confident in sharing his thoughts and ideas during class discussions.*
2G	**Amelia M**	*For going out of her way to make everyone feel included.*
2R	**Jake C**	*For creating descriptive sentences using adjectives about a given picture and extending himself to include compound sentences.*
3/4L	**Isaiah P**	*For his commitment to his work and the effort he applies to it.*
3/4G	**Jakoby B**	*For trialling and explaining the strategies he uses when solving math problems.*
3/4M	**Avlyn K**	*For consistently making positive choices that maximise her learning time and contribute to a productive classroom environment.*
3/4T	**Skyler S**	*For demonstrating a high standard of work during learning times. It has been great to see you be so inclusive and welcoming to your peers.*
5/6K	**Ezra J**	*For demonstrating focus and initiative both in and out of the classroom.*
5/6D	**Zach P**	*For his positive attitude and strong self-regulation skills, allowing him to stay focused and produce excellent quality work across all areas of learning.*
5/6M	**Jacob L**	*For demonstrating outstanding focus in class and consistently work to the best of his ability.*

DIARY DATES

Monday	2nd	March	**Family Fun Night @ H.P.S** - *See flyer for more information.*
Tuesday	3rd	March	**Breakfast Program** - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Wednesday	4th	March	**Food Share Program** - every Wednesday
Wed/Thur	4-5	March	**Gymnastics Program begins for Grades Foundation to 2** *(see newsletter article)*
Thursday	5th	March	**Breakfast Program** - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Friday	6th	March	**School Lunch Order Day** *(orders close 10am on Thursday 5th March)*
Monday	9th	March	**Labor Day Public Holiday - *School Closed***
Wednesday	11th	March	**Conveyancing Allowance** applications close *(see previous newsletter article)*
Wednesday	11th	March	**Naplan - Writing** - *Grade 3 & Garde 5*
Wed/Thur	11-12	March	**Gymnastics Program for Grades Foundation to 2**
Thursday	12th	March	**Naplan -Reading** - Grade 3 & Grade 5
Friday	13th	March	**Naplan Catch up day** - *Grade 3 & Grade 5*
Monday	16th	March	**Naplan - Language conventions** - *Grade 3 & Grade 5*
Tuesday	17th	March	**Naplan - Numeracy** - *Grade 3 & Grade 5*
Wednesday	18th	March	**Naplan - Catch up day** - *Grade 3 & Grade 5*
Thursday	19th	March	**Naplan - Catch up day** - *Grade 3 & Grade 5*
Thursday	19th	March	**Neurodiversity Day**– *see flyer attached*
Friday	20th	March	**School Photos - whole school**
Monday	23rd	March	**Harmony Day**
Tues/Wed	24-25	March	**Gymnastics Program begins for Grade 3 to 6** (*see newsletter article)*
Thursday	26th	March	**School Cross Country**
Friday	27th	March	**3/4 Camp deposit due**
Friday	27th	March	**Curriculum Day** - *students do not attend school on this day.*
Tues/Wed	31-1	March-April	**Gymnastics Program for Grade 3 to 6**
Friday	4th	April	**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** Application Forms due back *(see article)*

FOCUS EXPECTATION NEXT WEEK:

"Being Kind in the Yard."

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Orders will need to be placed via the website http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au/ and close at 10.00am Thursday 5th March.

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
L15- 3/4G Mr Gillies
LC16 - F/1B - Miss Bibby

SPORTS NEWS – GYNMASTICS

Our Gymnastics program will begin on Wednesday 4th March with students travelling by bus to Jets Gymnastics in Hattam Street Golden Square.

Gymnastics Program will run on the following days:

Grades Foundation to 2:
Wednesday 4th March & Thursday 5th March
Wednesday 11th March & Thursday 12th March

Session times will be:

Classes	Leave School	Lesson time
F/1B, F/1 L	9:10 am	9:40 - 10:40 am
2G, 2R	10:10 am	10:40 - 11:40am
F/1C, F/1D	11:10 am	11:40 -12:40
F/1M, 2H	12:10 pm	12:40 –1:40pm

Grades 3 to 6:
Tuesday 25th March & Wednesday 26th March
Tuesday 31st March & Wednesday 1st April

Classes	Leave School	Lesson time
5/5D, 5/6K	9:10 am	9:40 - 10:40 am
3/4G, 3/4T	10:10 am	10:40 - 11:40am
3/4M, 3/4L	11:10 am	11:40 -12:40
5/6M	12:10 pm	12:40 –1:40pm

Students are required to wear school uniform. Please, no dresses on these days as it makes it difficult for your child to move freely and get the most out of the program. School T-shirt and shorts are highly recommended.

Consent and Payment options will be posted through Compass shortly as cost per student is to be confirmed. Please contact the school office if you require a printed permission form for your child.
If you have eligible for CSEF (see newsletter article) and wish to use this fund to pay for your child's gym program please select the CSEF option on Compass.

Skye Bennet, Physical Education Teachers

Zooper Dooper Sales – JSC

The 2026 Junior School Council will be selling Zooper Doopers every Friday in Terms 1 and 4. They will be **$1 each.**

To help this to run smoothly and avoid interruptions to learning time, we are following this process:

- Students will give their money to their classroom teacher in the morning.
- Orders will be collected by JSC members just before first lunch.

Zooper Doopers will be delivered to students at the beginning of second lunch by JSC members.
If you forget to send money with your child, you can drop it at the office before 11am.

All families are invited to our annual

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

4:30pm–6:30pm, March 2nd

@ Huntly Primary School

Free Zooper Doopers!

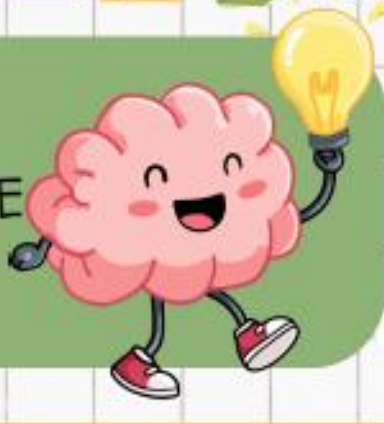
KELLY SPORTS

4:30-5:30

Stay for a picnic dinner and a play!

CELEBRATING Neurodiversity

WE ALL THINK DIFFERENTLY...LET'S CELEBRATE THOSE DIFFERENCES!



WHEN

Thursday
19th March

Come to school dressed in a way to show your support of Neurodiversity.

HOW

A HAT:
to celebrate magnificent minds

PJS OR SOMETHING COMFY:
to celebrate different sensory needs

RAINBOW OR TIE-DYE:
to celebrate the diverse spectrum

SUPERHERO COSTUME:
to celebrate personal strengths

Neurodiversity Celebration Week
March 16th-20th

Supporting Families Through Challenging Times

At Huntly Primary School, we have a strong sense of community and care for all our students and their families. Recently, one of our Grade 2 students has been diagnosed with leukemia and will be receiving treatment at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne. For the next several months, the family will be staying at Ronald McDonald House, a charity that provides families with a "home away from home" while their children undergo medical care.
Ronald McDonald House offers safe, comfortable accommodation and a supportive environment for families during difficult times, allowing parents and siblings to stay close to their child.

When we asked the child's siblings who they would like our community to support, they chose Ronald McDonald House, reflecting their appreciation for the vital role it plays for families like theirs.

In the coming months, we will be holding 2 school-wide fundraisers to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House. This will allow our school community to contribute to the care and comfort of families, helping children and their loved ones focus on what really matters: their health and wellbeing.

We thank our families for their generosity and support as we come together to make a positive impact on the lives of families who rely on this incredible service.

Upcoming fundraisers...

Guess the easter eggs in the jar
Last week of Term 1
More details to come!

Silly Sock Day!
Tuesday 28th April
More details to come!

Ronald McDonald House Charities® Australia

2026 Elmore Tractor Pull

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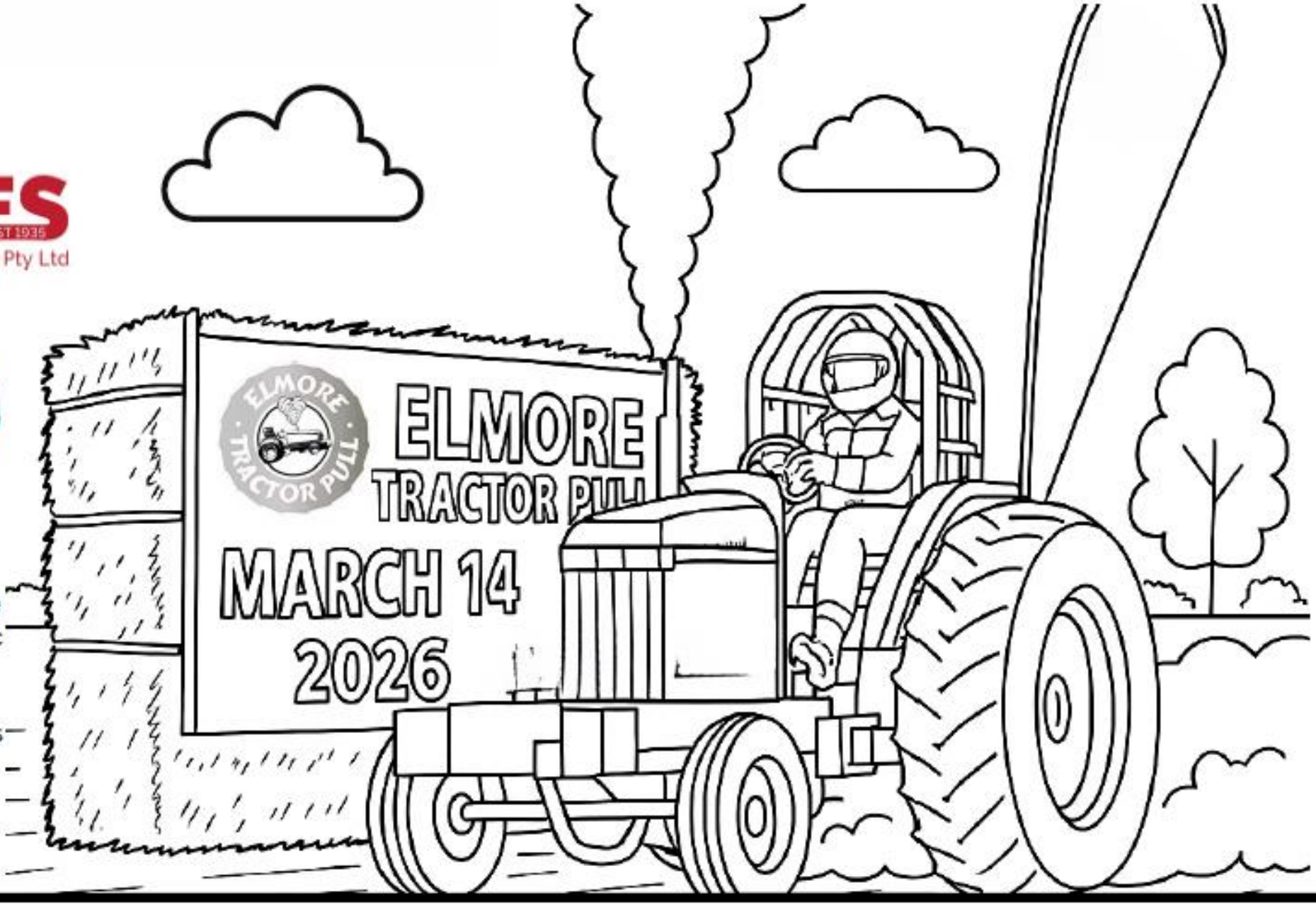

Please post to:
Elmore Events Centre
PO BOX 27, Elmore Vic 3558
Or Scan to:
info@elmorefielddays.com.au
Entries Close 8th March

Name: **Age:** **Phone:** **Email:**

WALK OR RUN FOR BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH

MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY 10 MAY, 2026

REGISTER ONLINE: MOTHERSDAYCLASSIC.COM.AU

Celebrating HARMONY DAY

Monday 23rd March

Dress in something orange to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and to show respect for everyone!

Bring along an item that represents cultural heritage, family traditions or personal stories to share with your class.

- **Family heritage:** a photo, heirloom or artifact
- **Cultural clothing:** a traditional outfit, hat or accessory
- **Artwork:** a handmade piece of art
- **Musical item:** a traditional instrument or a recording of music
- **Recipe or food:** a simple dish to share
- **Traditional toy:** a game or toy