Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY

HUNTLY
PRIMARY SCHOOL 306

Foundation - 2 Gymnastics week 2

13TH MARCH, 2025

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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

Dear Parents,

HPS CAPITAL WORKS- PROJECT UPDATE

Construction is about to begin on our school upgrade project, which received $13.18 million in the 2023–24 State Budget.

- ***What we're building***

The project includes a new 2-storey learning hub, refurbishment of the existing administration building and landscaping works.
These upgrades will give students broader learning opportunities and create places for an additional 100 local children.
Construction is forecast for completion by Term 1, 2027.

- ***Upcoming construction work***

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) has appointed H. Troon Pty Ltd to bring this project to life.
In the next few months, the work site will be established and construction of the new 2-storey learning hub building will begin.
Where possible, the builders will minimise disruption to usual school days. We will work closely with them to manage disruptions when they are unavoidable.

- ***Tree removal***

To support upcoming works, an arborist has identified several trees that will need to be removed. The condition of the trees and safety requirements informed this decision.
The VSBA has worked with the arborist to keep as many trees as is safely possible. At least 2 trees of a comparable species will be planted for every tree removed, in line with their tree removal and replacement policy.

- ***Asbestos removal***

Asbestos removal works may take place as part of this project. The health and safety of the school and local community is our priority. Any identified asbestos will be removed in strict accordance with occupational health and safety regulations. WorkSafe Victoria will also be notified. No asbestos will be scheduled for removal while students or staff are on site.
I thank you for your ongoing support. Please contact the VSBA if you have specific questions about the construction works. They are more than happy to answer any queries you may have – their details are below.

MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the works at our school, you can contact the VSBA by calling **1800 896 950**, emailing **vsba@education.vic.gov.au** or visiting **schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/huntly-primary-school**

SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

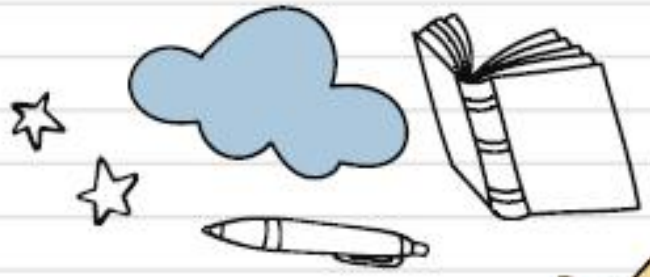
Parents and carers, students and staff all share responsibility for ensuring that Huntly Primary School is a positive, respectful and safe school environment.
I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contribute to the positivity of our school community. Though I cannot thank each of you individually, I wish to assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed.
This is also an opportune time for me to emphasise that my door is always open to discuss any range of school matters- simply contact the front office to schedule an appointment. If there is something you are concerned about or unsure about regarding your child, whether major or minor, it is best dealt with sooner rather than later. While it may be convenient to catch a teacher before or after the school day, this can be problematic with teachers preparing for instruction for the school day or attending school meetings at the end of the day. I would encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher to ensure an in-depth discussion about your child can take place.
I want to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and effort put forth by the parents and carers at Huntly Primary School.

Jason Lee, **PRINCIPAL**

FOCUS EXPECTATION NEXT WEEK:

"Making Good Choices about My Learning."

What's on for week 8:



Monday 16th

- Naplan - Language conventions - Grade 3 & Grade 5

Tuesday 17th

- Breakfast program - 8.10am to 8.30am
- Naplan - Numeracy - Grade 3 & Grade 5

Wednesday 18th

- Food Share Program - every Wednesday.
- Naplan - catch up day - Grade 3 & 5
- Family Fun Night - See flyer attched

Thursday 19th

- Naplan - Catch up day - Grade 3 & Grade 5
- Neurodiversity Day - See flyer attached

Friday 20th

- School Lunch Order Day (orders close 10am Thursday 19th March)
- School Photos - Whole School

AFTER THE BELL

Good afternoon, After The Bell Aus Huntly PS families,
We have been advised that Huntly PS is having a **Student Free Day Friday 27/03/2026,** and After The Bell Aus is hoping to run a student free day in the OSHC room from **7.30am 6.00pm**
To book this day, please email your bookings to bookings@afterthebell.com.au by **5.00pm Thursday 19/03/2026** We will advise all families via email **Friday 20/03/2026** if we have reached the required numbers to operate.
The cost of the day could be as little as $ 15.50 (per child) with Childcare Subsidy. (Full rate $ 80.00 per day).
Please note that the After The Bell Student Free Day can only be run with 15 children or more attending, and therefore, once the day has been confirmed as operating, there can be no refunds, cancellations, and medical certificates do not apply.

EASTER HAT PARADE & FUNDRAISER

On Thursday 2rd April, 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 Magee & JSC

BOOKCLUB

Just a reminder that Book Club will close on Monday 16th at 3:30pm.
Please ensure all orders are submitted via LOOP to ensure they arrive before the end of term.

SCHOOL PHOTOS FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

The school photos will be taken next Friday 20th March by MPS Photography. ***Students must be in school uniform on this day.***

Ordering will be the same as last year with all orders being made online through COMPASS. Families should have already received an instruction sheet from MPS Photography via Compass email.
Please note children will not receive an order envelope.

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

CROSS COUNTRY

We will host our annual school cross country event on **Thursday 26th March.** This years event will look very different due to our building works at school. Our Cross Country will start and finish at Strauch Reserve. Students will attend school as normal and teachers will walk the students down to Strauch Reserve and sit with their class until it is time for their event. The cross country will begin with Foundation students at **9:30am** and then the other age groups to follow. The whole school participates in this event. Students can attend school on this day dressed in their sports team colours (see below) and will earn points for their house (even extra if their families come dressed up too!)
Please ensure students are dressed in clothing and foot wear suitable for running. We can't wait to see you all there cheering on all the runners.

CAMPASPE - Blue
EPPALOCK - Green
LAANECOORIE - Yellow
LODDON - Red

All families are welcome to come along and support the runners. Please note: Parents are more than welcome to come watch however, please note there will be **no parking** available at Strauch Reserve as we will have students running in, out and around the venue therefore we cannot have cars moving around the area.

GYNMASTICS - REMINDER

Our Gymnastics program for Grades 3 to 6 will begin Tuesday 24th March with students travelling by bus to Jets Gymnastics in Hattam Street Golden Square.

Gymnastics Program will run on the following days:

Session times will be:
- Tuesday 24th March & Wednesday 25th March
- Tuesday 30th March & Wednesday 1st April

Classes	Leave School	Lesson time
5/6D, 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 have now been posted through Compass and the cost per student is $58.00. Please contact the school office if you require a printed permission form for your child.
If you are 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.

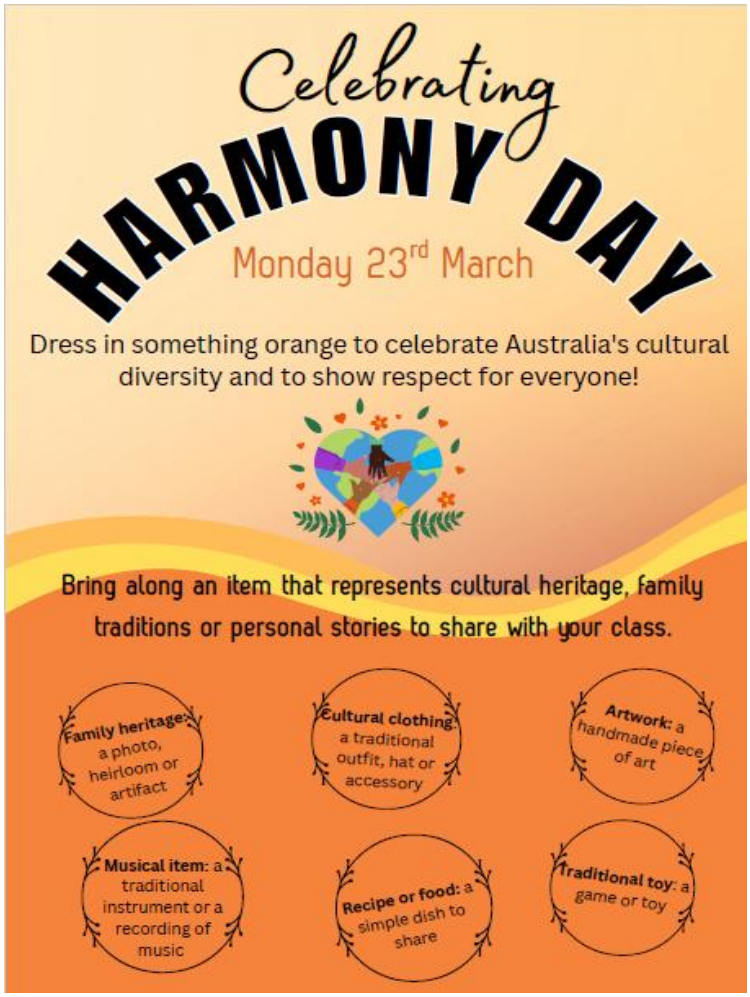
Skye Bennett, Physical Education Teacher

WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

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

Congratulations to the following students:

F/1C	**Jaxon E**	*For making good choices. Jaxon makes great learning choices in the classroom and at gymnastics by listening and focusing on tasks.*
F/1B	**Alex S**	*Well done on being ready to learn each morning and following our classroom routines with calm and safe transitions.*
F/1M	**Keenan B**	*For displaying great courage and teamwork during gymnastics program.*
F/1D	**Tristan B**	*For being a kind and caring member of our class.*
F/1L	**Bianca L**	*For trying her best in all learning tasks and helping her peers when they need help. Well done Bianca!*
2H	**Heidi A**	*For participating enthusiastically at gymnastics, giving every activity her best effort and showing a positive attitude.*
2G	**Hazel Y**	*For completing all her learning tasks with care and joining in class activities with enthusiasm and kindness.*
2R	**Maddison P**	*For making positive choices in her learning, seeking clarification on tasks, and showing a growth mindset by continuing to try.*
3/4L	**Lincoln Y**	*For his positive attitude and willingness to attempt all tasks.*
3/4G	**Tysh M**	*For the enthusiasm she brings to her writing and for displaying positive friendship qualities.*
3/4M	**Amiya S**	*For actively participating in classroom discussions by contributing her thoughts and ideas with her peers.*
3/4T	**Henley E S**	*This award is proudly presented to Henley, a great leader and helper to others. She listens carefully to instructions and completes her work with care and responsibility.*
5/6K	**Jordyn L**	*For demonstrating persistence in solving challenging mathematical problems.*
5/6D	**Hailiyer P**	*For her commitment to completing NAPLAN to the best of her ability and showing a positive attitude throughout.*
5/6M	**Katie B**	*For showing kindness and care towards her friends. She always checks in with them and makes sure they are okay.*



EASTER Raffle

DRAWN 2ND APRIL

Any Easter related donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office

Thank You

Easter Raffle tickets will be coming home soon. Tickets are $1 each and will be drawn on 2nd April.
Please return tickets by Wednesday 1st of April. Any Easter related donations for the raffle will be greatly appreciated e.g Easter eggs, baskets, Easter themed items ect. Donation can be left at the school office.
Thank You

New date, same time!

Stay for a picnic dinner and a play!

All families are invited to our annual

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

4:30pm–6:30pm, March 18th

@ Huntly Primary School

Free Zooper Doopers!

KELLY SPORTS

4:30-5:30

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.

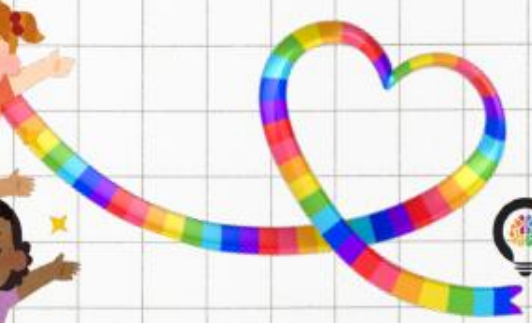
HOW

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

SHOW UP!

TEAM UP!

PURPLE UP!

RAISE AWARENESS FOR EPILEPSY!

WEAR PURPLE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

BENDIGO CHINESE ASSOCIATION
大金山中华公会

PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS

AGED 7 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?

Come see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1pm - 5pm until Easter to register!
Please email - secretary@bendigochinese.org.au for more information!

JOIN THE DRAGON CHALLENGE

DAI GUM LOONG NEEDS YOUR LEGS!

AGE 16+

MEN AND WOMEN WELCOME

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