



Hughesdale HAPPENINGS

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Principal's Report

Week 3 Term 4 2019 Issue 16

Always an exciting moment in the school calendar, we welcomed our 2020 Foundation students to school last week for their first Transition session. While there are many children joining us that have older siblings already at school, we have this opportunity to warmly welcome the many families that are joining our community for the first time. A second session is scheduled for next Wednesday 30th October, and the third on Tuesday 12th November.

Our school continues to draw increasing interest for new enrolments, which requires very careful management. In 2020, we will grow from a school of 26 classes, to one of 27. I take this opportunity to thank parents for keeping me informed of new enrolments (siblings, relatives or neighbors) as well as any movement out of our area, and encourage anyone who has not yet done so to contact me as soon as possible if you are anticipating any changes to your child's enrolment status for 2020. It is a very great privilege to be the school of choice for so many families.

Uniform

Mrs Tania Patterson has voluntarily run our Uniform Shop for longer than I have been at the school, and on behalf of us all I thank you Tania. For your dedication, we thank you. For your time, we thank you. For your welcoming demeanor, we thank you.

School Council has reflected upon the service we can offer by continuing to run the Uniform Shop from the school, comparing it to the service offered by Uniform Suppliers, making the decision to move to off-site provision from 2020.

Some of the key considerations for this change include;

- Shortage of volunteers (understandably) to take over from Tania.
- Increasing size of the school.
- The number of families where both parents work, or are unable to visit the uniform shop within the window of time it is open on Mondays.
- The school's investment in stock (which is increasing as the school does).
- Storage space.
- Online purchasing options.

We will shortly be publishing shop details, opening dates, trading hours and online purchasing information to all families so that you can take advantage of the more flexible purchasing options. In the meantime, as we prepare for the transition, we are holding a **Uniform Sale** at the beginning of November to reduce stock holdings. Please see the School Council report (in this issue) for further details about how you can take advantage of these reduced prices.

Acting Assistant Principal

For the observant, you may have noticed that Mrs Breeden-Walton is currently not at HPS. I am proud to congratulate Mrs Breeden-Walton on being accepted for a four week internship at a school in Noble Park, which

Term 4

Friday 25th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Myuna Farm Excursion • L3 Werribee Zoo Excursion • L2 Sleepover
Tuesday 29th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L2 MCG & Shrine Excursion
Friday 1st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior School Assembly
Tuesday 5th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
Friday 8th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Assembly
Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L3 Camp- Arribri Lodge
Friday 15th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE GREATEST CARNIVAL
Monday 18th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Meeting
Friday 22nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior School Assembly
Monday 28th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L6 Biological Science Incursion
Wednesday 27th-Friday 29th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L4 Camp—Camp Weekaway
Friday 29th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior School Assembly



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was made available to high performing Principal class educators.

I am also very proud to welcome Ms Mandy Schmidt as Acting Assistant Principal during this time, until Mrs Breeden-Walton returns to us on the 11th November. Ms Schmidt is an ongoing member of staff who has been our Level 6 leader and Learning Specialist until stepping in to this temporary role. I thank them both for their support of our school, and for modelling their passion for lifelong learning.

Carnival

Carnival preparation continues to thrive, and I am inspired by the dedication and passion with which the committee is approaching the event. Our Carnival is our most significant contribution to the school's fundraising efforts, but equally important are the opportunities and atmosphere provided for

students and their families. I know that so many of you are happily supporting the committee with the donations they request, and the skills that you have, to ensure the Carnival is a successful celebration of our school and community.

Learning Shared With Me This Week

- Please see the article in Ms Schmidt's article about Leia's achievements.
- Our 2020 Foundation students successfully engaged in their 'taste' of school.
- Sophia from 4B shared the achieved of her reading goal.

Warmest Regards,
Lisa Gough

Acting Assistant Principal's Report

I am delighted to have the opportunity to be the Acting Assistant Principal at Hughesdale Primary School. I am currently the Year 6 Leader, Learning Specialist for Assessment and Reporting and the classroom teacher for 6C.

My education philosophy is to teach at the point of need, a student's zone of proximal development. I believe it is important to find out what the students know before a unit begins in order to build on their knowledge rather than teaching them what they already know.

Each student is different, they enter the classroom with their own personality, way of learning and experiences. It is important to embrace their differences and allow all students to learn from one other.

Teaching is constantly evolving and it is important that the students see teachers on a learning journey as well. When the students see others learning and trying new things they are motivated to do the same.

5 Tips for learning

- Make mistakes
- Ask questions
- Partake in discussions as a speaker and listener
- Have fun, laugh a little or a lot
- Show gratitude and empathy

World Teacher Appreciation Day 2019

World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the 25th October, a day that we acknowledge the professionalism, dedication and expertise of those responsible for educating our students at Hughesdale Primary School.

Teachers are central to learning, and, while there are other important factors, including the quality of the curriculum, school environment and student ability and commitment, it is teachers that breathe life into what is being taught and who engage and motivate students.

Each one of us, if asked, could most likely name one or two special teachers that made what was being studied engaging, lively and relevant and who sparked an interest and passion for learning that was life changing. I encourage you to take the time to personally thank your child's teacher on World Teachers Day.

Gratitude

Gratitude is one of Hughesdale Primary School's values. It is important to acknowledge and appreciate the good things that happen in life, it is an essential part of building our happiness. Rather than focussing on what you don't have or what you want, the focus shifts to all that you have. Everyone has times when they are aware of being thankful for a person or a situation. These moments give us a good feeling, it is this that we call gratitude. According to the Resilience Project, they state that:

- In 21 days of practising gratitude, you rewire your brain to start scanning the world for the positives. You become three times more likely to notice a positive.
- In 42 days you;
 - Are less likely to get sick.
 - Have higher levels of energy.
 - Feel happier.
 - Are more enthusiastic.
 - Are more focussed.
 - Are more determined.
 - Are more optimistic.
 - Have a better quality of sleep.

Have lower levels of depression and anxiety.

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How to Practice Gratitude:

Expressing and experiencing gratitude doesn't need to take up a lot of time:

- **Keep a gratitude journal.** Take five minutes each day or once a week to think of three things that have happened to you since the previous day or week that you're happy you experienced.
- **Take pictures.** Take a photo little things in your everyday life that make you smile.
- **Tell someone you're grateful to have them in your life.** Whether it's someone you look up to, or someone who just makes you happy, take the time to tell them you're glad they're around.

Jump Rope for Heart

Friday 18th October, Hughesdale Primary school came together to participate in Jump Rope for Heart activities. The students were placed in house groups, and mixed ages, they practiced their skipping skills both independently and for group skipping tasks. It was fantastic to see the whole community bring active and showing a positive attitude towards exercise.

Student Achievement:

It is with great excitement that I share with you the success of Leia Marwick from 5C and the Wurringga Scout Troop. She has earned the Grey Wolf. To attain this award Leia has focussed

on five different sections which reflect initiative in tackling this challenge, sustained effort over many months and years, self discipline, teamwork and leadership. Well done Leia on achieving this award and showing your Personal Best.



Amanda Schmidt

Acting Assistant Principal

School Council President's Report

Dear All,

The eighth meeting of School Council was held on Monday 21st October with a number of agenda items discussed.

Uniform Shop News

School Council unanimously passed a motion to move the supply and management of the uniform shop to **PSW (Primary School Wear)**. As communicated in Council's August report, the reasons for the move are two-fold:

- the significant growth of the school over the last 4 years has put strains on the limited volunteers and space available in the school;
- it was recognised that the varied working hours of parents within the school community can make it difficult to attend the shop on the designated time and day. The move to PSW will provide greater flexibility and more options for parents.

Please note that the last date to purchase items at the school uniform shop will be between 9 am and 10 am on Monday, 11 November.

Please be understanding as we run out of certain items over the next few weeks. Also, please note that any non-logo items that we run out of are available at PSW now, whilst items with our school logo will be available from 27 November 2019.

PSW offers both a physical shop and on-line ordering. The shop is located at Unit 1, 596 North Road, Ormond and is open Tuesday to Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. On-line ordering direct from PSW is also available.

School hats will continue to be available for purchase directly from the school office.

We are excited that this will become available to the school community!

Thank you

Tania Patterson

Thank you Tania Patterson

The HPS uniform shop has been run by volunteers since its initial opening a number of years ago. The task of running the shop is a very large one and for the last 4 years has been undertaken by Tania Patterson. School Council formally and sincerely thanked Tania for all of her hard work, extensive time and dedication to this role.

Hughesdale Primary School Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023

The previous meeting gave Councillors an understanding of the school review process that informed development of the Strategic Plan for 2019 – 2023. Discussions in October focussed on the contents and the basis for inclusion of the three key goals and associated strategies in the strategic plan:

- To maximise each student's learning growth
- To enhance student agency and voice in their learning
- To build student resilience and confidence

Development of the strategic plan is a very extensive process that incorporates findings of the school review and data analytics to inform the school's priorities and focus for the next four years. Councillors were very impressed with the depth of analysis that informs the plan and the care and time taken by the leadership team to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. The way forward is exciting!

Child Safety Standards

Consideration and understanding of child safety standards is an essential governance requirement for School Council. Councillors discussed the actions and obligations articulated in Child Safety Standard #4 and Child Safety Standard #5.

Religious Tuition

A community member approached Council to consider a proposal that introduces the availability of externally provided religious tuition for families that seek this for their children. Councillors deliberated the potential for such instruction at Hughesdale Primary School and discussed a number of key factors including:

- The need to be equitable across all faiths in our community
- The need to be consistent with the school's key values
- The availability of physical resources to accommodate external service providers
- The potential timing for delivery of tuition

Following careful consideration, Councillors agreed to revisit the topic at a future meeting.

Financial Obligations of School Council

A letter from The Department of Education and Training was shared and Councillors were reminded that the school council is responsible for overseeing the school's financial performance. It is a legal and Department of Education and Training requirement that council endorse funds coming into the school are being properly spent and authorised.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN reports outlining growth data for HPS in 2019 were presented and strong reading and writing growth with Hughesdale Primary School the second highest school in the data. Our numeracy results showing growth in the middle band was consistent with the leadership team's expectations and inclusion as a target area in the Strategic Plan for 2019 – 2023.

Buildings and Grounds – final working bee for the carnival

The carnival subcommittee of parents and friends are busily preparing for the upcoming event, The Greatest Carnival. Buildings and Grounds noted that the final working bee for the year that will be to prepare and decorate the grounds for what is expected to be a wonderful night.

Finance

The Council considered and endorsed the Treasurer's reports which are a standing agenda item. Full details were provided from August and September with no significant issues identified.

Proposed essential item fees were presented for 2020 with School Council endorsing an increase in fees to reflect the rising costs of supporting students. The 2020 fees are developed on an equitable basis that more accurately reflects consumption by year level. Council noted that fees have not increased for a number of years.

Mobile Phones (Policy)

The mobile phone policy was presented and endorsed by Council.

The Education (Policy) sub-committee is always very busy and I thank them for their ongoing efforts.

Kind regards,

Rozelle

Grade 4 Reading Challenge

Week 1:

Total pages read:

4A: 79,362 **4B:** 74,634 **4C:** 85,164 **4D:** 80,848

Honourable Mentions:

4B:

- Amber for reading 14 chapter books over the school holidays.
- Myra for submitting a detailed book summary.

4C:

- Lefteris and Aditya for completing numerous summaries over the holidays.
- Sarah for reading over 1500 pages this week!
- Joshua for handing in a great reading summary!

4D:

- Kiki for reading a total of 7 books! Go Kiki!
- Stella for reading almost 5,000 pages! Wow!
- Reuben for reading 10 books over the holidays and bringing in all of his summary sheets this week!

Week 2:

Total pages read:

4A: 82722 **4B:** 78220 **4C:** 86,086 **4D:** 81,762

Honourable Mentions:

4A:

- Neel has read over 750 pages since last update!
- Zadie has completed three slips.
- Christian has read nearly 1000 pages!

4B:

- Archie for reading a total of 20 books for the Reading Challenge.
- Palak for submitting 5 book reviews this week.

4C:

- Lefteris for submitting multiple slips in one week.

4D:

- Yuvaan for reading almost 14,000 pages!!
- Kiki for reading almost 3,000 pages!
- Belle for reading almost 8,000 pages!

Week 1 - Senior Hughesdale Hero

Class	Name of Student	For Showing (Values)	Reasons
3A	Roy Shen	Teamwork Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For being an encouraging group member during maths activities. For his persistent attitude to learning
3B	Annabel Armstrong	Respect Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For showing care to her peers and for always trying her best
3C	Aarav Chaudhary	Personal Best Respect Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For being a kind and considerate student who is a positive role model.
3D	Avyana Girotra	Personal Best Respect Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For always trying your best in everything you do whilst respecting your classmates and working well as a team member.
4A	Sienna Wang	Teamwork Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bravely throwing yourself headfirst into learning at a new school and bouncing back from challenges
4B	Amber Thexton	Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For applying yourself to learning tasks, and trying your best.
4C	Mia Oppenheim	Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For being kind and respectful to all of her teachers and peers.
4D	Annabelle Marlow	Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For always including others in tasks and games.
5A	Eva Hunter	Teamwork Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For always giving your personal best and helping other students.
5B	Vyom Lodhia	Personal Best Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vyom has demonstrated his personal best on working without distraction this week. Vyom is a willing student and likes to contribute to class discussions. Vyom has been helping around the class and has also been kind to others.
5C	River Zielinski	Personal Best Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For always giving your personal best in learning and pushing yourself to learn more.
5D	James Antoniou	Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For putting in his best effort and being a self-motivated learner.
6A	Jackson Robins	Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For always being a polite and respectful member of Level 6.
6B	Will Malota	Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For trying his hardest during a tricky maths session this week
6C	Oscar Newman	Personal Best Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When he speaks to teachers and peers around the school.

Week 2 - Senior Hughesdale Hero

Class	Name of Student	For Showing (Values)	Reasons
3A	Ethan Kim	Respect Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For being kind and caring to others For trying his best in all tasks
3B	Jessica Allica	Respect Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For always being kind to others and working well in groups.
3C	Eva Van Der Geer	Teamwork Resilience Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For showing amazing resilience at CERES and for consistently showing compassion and empathy towards her peers.
3D	Sophie Nation	Resilience Teamwork Personal Best Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For working hard to do your best in every learning activity and for your willingness to assist others and to always play and work cooperatively with them.
4A	Alex Green	Personal Best Teamwork Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For helping her peers and constantly setting a high standard for personal best
4B	Marshall Ruka	Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For bouncing back when things didn't go as planned.
4C	Jack Hughes	Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For trying his best to concentrate during class.
4D	Baylee Bowyer	Teamwork Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For being a good friend to all and demonstrating her personal best in all areas of her learning.
5A	Oscar McCallum	Personal Best Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For being a friendly and mature member of 5A and showing respect for your fellow students and teachers.
5B	Simon Huang	Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon has been working hard and using his personal best in class. Simon has been very focused on his work and is always trying his best.
5C	Juliet Lake	Personal Best Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For showing persistence in your learning, especially during Maths when we do problem solving.
5D	Penny Katrakazas	Respect Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For using problem solving strategies to respectfully solves disagreements. For always being a reliable and responsible member of our class.
6A	Zoe West	Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For adopting such a mature and independent attitude toward all of her school endeavours.
6B	Lachie Amiet	Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working politely and efficiently in his CBL group.
6C	Georgia Vardavakis	Teamwork Respect Personal Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal best, as she always applies herself to all tasks and asks questions when she is unsure.

Parents + Friends News

FATHERS' DAY GIFTS

I hope that all the dads enjoyed their Fathers' Day and their gifts.

P&F would like to thank Thomasina Troumbalos and Kirsten Williams for organising the gifts this year and distributing them.

Special mention also to Jessica Edquist who helped to pack the gifts.

FATHERS' DAY BBQ

The Fathers' Day BBQ this was held on a perfect, sunny afternoon. Much fun was had by everyone. It was wonderful to see the kids showing their dads around the school and co-opting them into playing games and sports. I hope everyone who attended had a fabulous time!

P&F would like to thank Thomasina Troumbalos and Kirsten Williams for organising this wonderful event.

P&F would also like to thank all our many helpers. This event could not take place with our community's support and assistance. We had volunteers who helped set up sporting equipment, helped prepare in the kitchen, our amazing BBQ chefs, volunteers who helped to serve and provide drinks, volunteers to run the stall and our volunteers who ran between all of these activities. We also had fantastic help to pack up. There were too many volunteers to individually name here; however, I would like to personally thank each and every person who helped us put together a very successful event. Thank-you.

TERM 4 EVENTS

- **THE GREATEST CARNIVAL** will be held on **15th November, 3.30 – Twilight**. Please follow the Carnival News for all details related to the Carnival.
- The **Community Night** will be held on **Thursday 12th December**. Please save the date.

NEXT P&F MEETING

Our next meeting is **Friday 25th October**, 9.05am in the staffroom. Please come and join us.





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Division Athletics

On Wednesday 9th October, these students competed in the Kingston division athletics.

Everyone had a great day and there were 8 Hughesdale students who came in the top 4 of their event. They are, Percy B. for 9/10 100 sprint, James B. came third in the 9/10 triple jump, James R came third in the 11 year old 200m sprint. Felicity C. came 4th in the 9/10 high jump, Charlie T. came 4th in the 10 and under long jump and the 10 and under boys relay team came third which consisted of Harley L, Ben M, Charlie T and Percy B. There were two people who made it to regionals from HPS they are Oscar N. for 12/13 high jump and Mikayla C. for 12/13 discus.

Overall it was a fantastic day and we wish Oscar and Mikayla the best of luck at Regions.



School Banking Rewards

If you want to receive your rewards this year redeem your tokens by Thursday 28th November. Anything ordered after this date will be delivered in 2020.