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The Week Ahead	
Monday	Education Week commences School Council 6:00pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	Open School Afternoon 2:30-3:30pm
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Club 8:15-8:45am
Dates for the calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 21st May, Daylesford College visit (5/6) Monday 27th May Curriculum Day (student free) Monday 10th June, King's Birthday Public Holiday Friday 26th June, Last Day Term 2 2:30pm dismissal

the community . If you missed it, here is the link <https://tlnews.com.au/edition/may-6-2024/>

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the assembly survey monkey. As a result we will host assemblies on a Friday afternoon and publish the newsletter on a Friday moving forward.

Chat soon,
Matt

Foundation enrolments 2025

Enrolment forms can now be submitted for 2025. Forms are due by Friday 26th July 2024. If you know someone who would like to take a tour, please encourage them to call the school to arrange a time.

Hepburn Springs Community Playgroup

An outstanding turn out this morning for our playgroup session. A number of families and children attended and enjoyed time to play and chat. There were a number of positive comments, particularly about our facilities and grounds which was wonderful to hear. Each Monday morning 10:15-11:15am in the school hall.

Principal Report

Another excellent fortnight of learning and experiences at our wonderful school. We certainly jammed a lot into last week with Earth Ed, Environmental Immersion Day, Athletics and District Cross Country for some of our students as well as the Mother's/Special person breakfast. I attended the Central Highlands Principal Forum on Friday which was timely with all that is happening in education. It was a full day of collaboration and professional learning with the Mathematics 2.0 curriculum, violence against women, instructional models and attendance being some of the main topics. As always a lot to bring back and share with the staff. I am incredibly excited for Thursday as we open the doors and invite everyone in to our beautiful school for a hands-on taste of what we have to offer. We featured in the Local last week, celebrating our wonderful connection to



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Wellbeing Resources

Headspace - There are many ways we can support you in your mental health and wellbeing, and to help you navigate life's challenges. <https://headspace.org.au/>

Beyond Blue - We provide information and support for anxiety, depression and suicide prevention for everyone in Australia. <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Kids Helpline – Anytime.Any Reason, Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Dolly's Dream— is committed to changing the culture of bullying by addressing the impact of bullying, anxiety, depression, and youth suicide, through education and direct support to young people and families. For further information <https://dollysdream.org.au/>

eSmart— an initiative of the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation helps schools maintain a supportive and connected community to reduce online bullying, and increase wellbeing. <https://www.esmart.org.au/>

13Yarn - 13YARN provides free and confidential crisis support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. You can contact 13YARN from any mobile or pay phone anywhere in Australia 24/7 to talk to a crisis supporter.

enquiries@13yarn.org.au
[13 92 76](tel:139276)

Mother's/Special person Day

'It was great for the parents. They **laughed a lot** and it was my last year.' Damon

The community was happy together. There were lots of smiles and the grownups were very chatty. It was not just mums, there was also special people like nannas and guardians. I think they really liked the fruit platter with passionfruit, raisin toast, egg and bacon sandwiches and coffee. The kids really enjoyed creating the wings with all the bright colours. At the end, the kids went out to play and the grownups stayed, laughing and having the best time of their life, maybe – Jed



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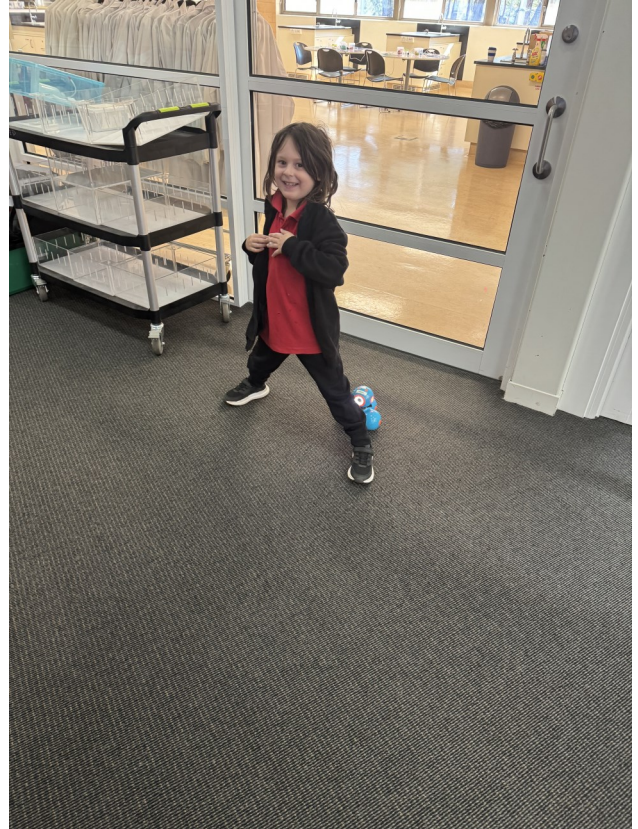
Student of the fortnight

Mrs Smart—Taner, for his consistent focused and inquisitive attitude towards all of our learning opportunities. You can also be counted on to be a role-model and to meet our classroom expectations, and are a kind and inclusive friend. Keep it up, Taner!

Mr Jackson— Heath, for displaying our school value of Curiosity in the thoughtful and considered way he approaches his learning. Heath can always be relied upon to provide insight during class discussions. Great work, Heath!

Mrs Graham—Lexi and Willem, for being wonderful role models and leaders of the school. You are amazing representatives of HPS. Thank you for your efforts. Congratulations!

Mr Beechey— Honey, Rhyce and Skylah, for demonstrating our value of Kindness. You have the funniest jokes and always bring a smile to my face when you share them. Congratulations!



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Athletics 2024

Our annual **athletics** day was on Thursday. There were lots of events like running races, long jump, triple jump (tricky to do), shot put, discus and javelin. Our students in Grade 1 and 2 competed in a tabloid sports day. Their activities looked like a lot of fun. My favourite events were the 200 metres and discus. I would like to improve in the shot put. The ball was very heavy.

Everyone had a go on the day and tried their best. I also liked making a new friend from another school and the singing on the bus. I am looking forward to next year when we get to compete again.

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Earth Ed

Last Tuesday we jumped on the bus and went to **Earth Ed**. We looked at gravity and forces using marble runs, went on an indigenous scavenger hunt with magnifying glasses before our favourite activity, programming robots. We worked in pairs. Our robots were called Koala and Eucalyptus. We added a bulldozer attachment and then put together programs using the iPad to drive the robot around and collect blocks. **This was lots of fun**. Our teacher was really nice and helped us a lot.

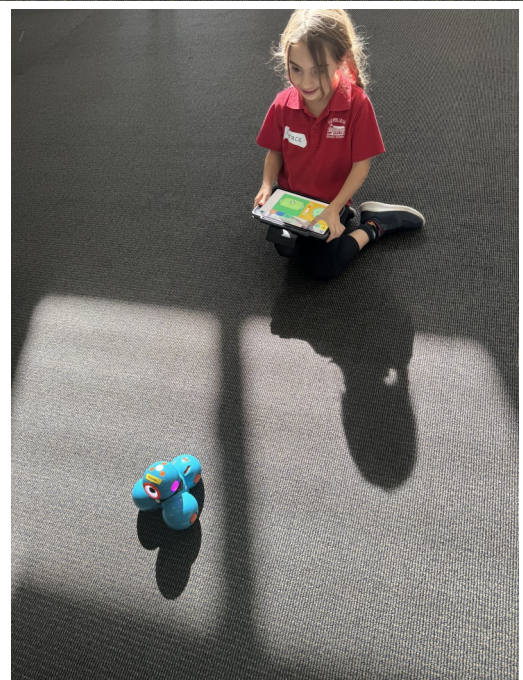
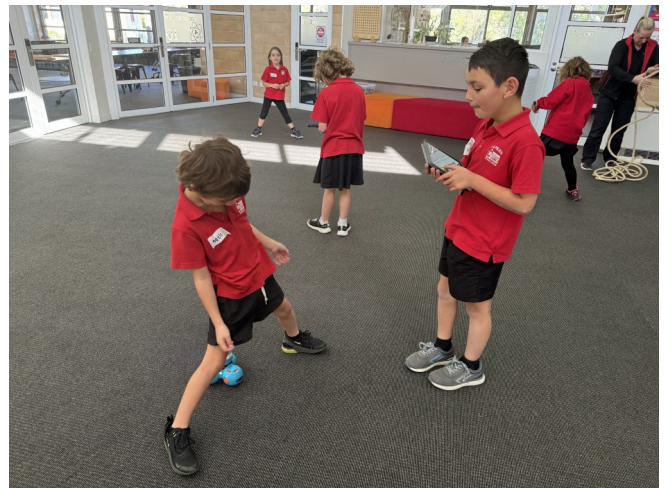
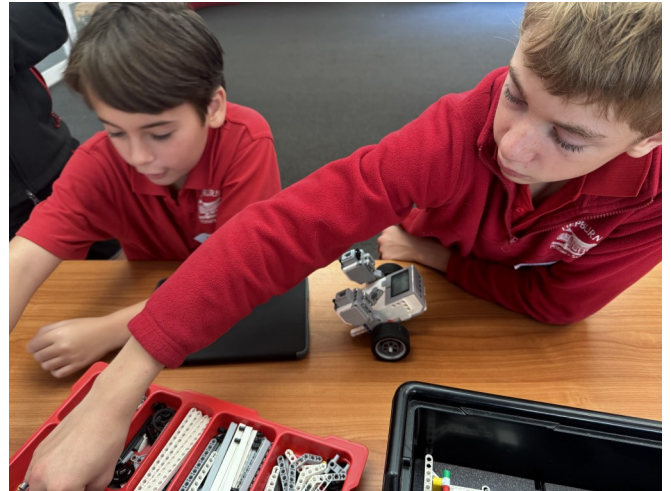
We would like to do more robotics in the future and would like to visit Earth Ed again.

Milly & Ollie

The senior lesson was fantastic. It was different because we have done lab experiments in the past and I thought we were doing the same. It really **surprised** me how much I enjoyed it! I partnered with Kai to compete in the robot challenge. We didn't have any expectations except for working on our defence and staying in the circle.

Incredibly, we won the battle! - Kyiah

I was surprised and excited to do robotics at **Earth Ed**. We are also going to continue robotics with Mrs G, yay! - Kai



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Environmental Immersion Day

Gratitude to the Daylesford Dharma School for inviting us to partner together with Yandoit Primary School in the beautiful surrounds of Cornish Hill last week to participate in a lesson on environmental science. It was a tremendously successful day as shown by the collective thoughts of our senior school.

Planting, calm, sharing ideas, Cornish Hill, interesting, learning, fun, good, nature, water bugs, exploring, making new friends, painting, sticks, understanding nature, team work, feet, trying new things, welcoming, approachable, inclusive and kind.

Thank you, to all the teachers, presenters and leaders involved in this wonderful opportunity.



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Open Afternoon

We warmly invite you to join us Thursday 16th May from 2:30 –3:30pm to tour our facilities and engage in a hands-on experience of learning. Come and see our programs in action as well as hear from our students. If you would like to make an alternative time, please contact us on 5348 2531

Interactive offerings—

- Phonics
- Wellbeing
- Numeracy
- Visual arts
- Cooking
- Chat to our team



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DRESS UP AS A
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All day

Tuesday 28th May

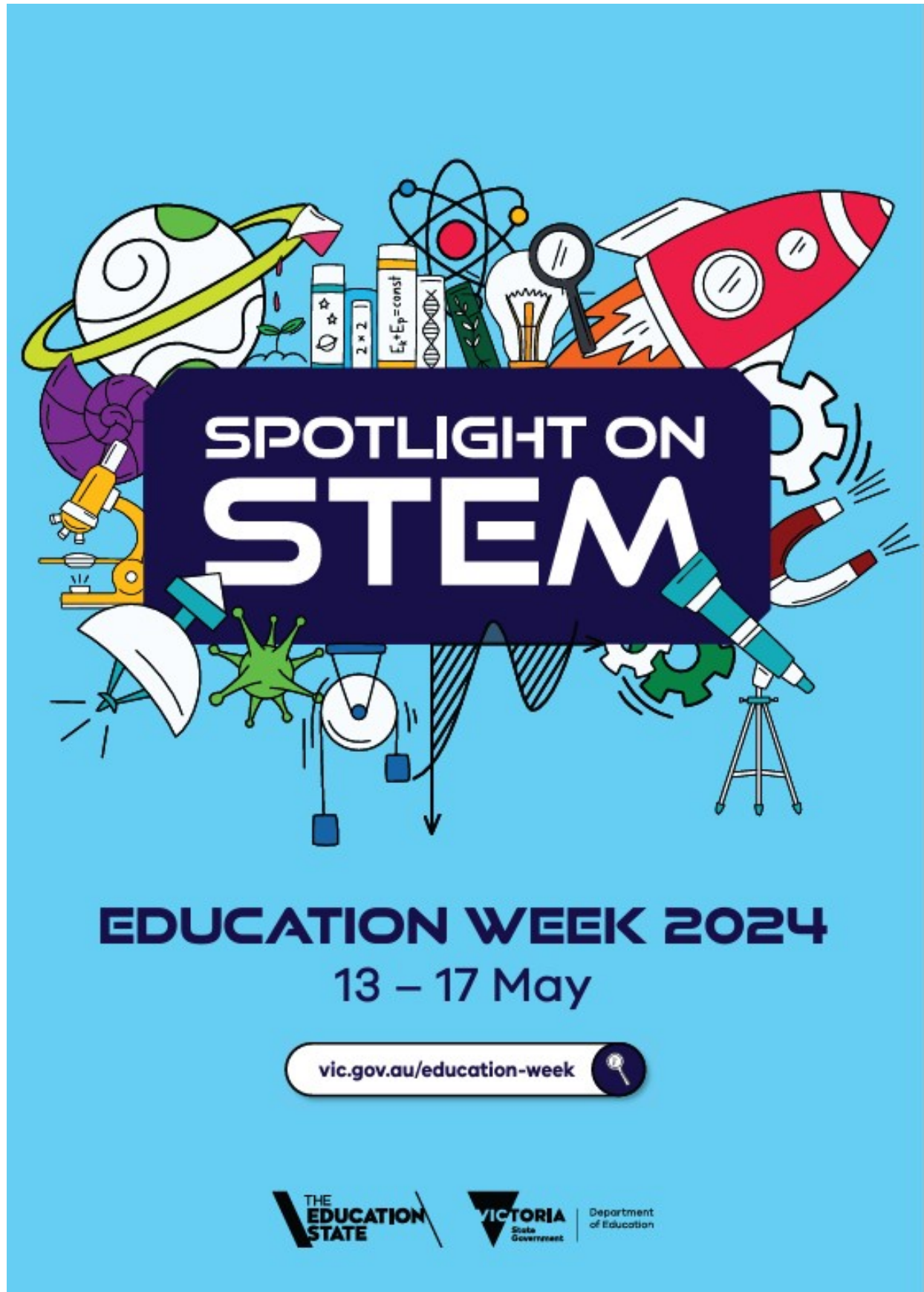
Come in your favourite teacher outfit

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13 – 17 May

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The graphic features a central dark blue banner with the text 'SPOTLIGHT ON STEM' in white. Surrounding the banner are various STEM-related icons: a planet with a ring, a microscope, a lightbulb, a magnifying glass, a rocket, a DNA helix, a gear, a pencil, a telescope, a satellite dish, a virus, a pulley system, and a tripod. The background is light blue.

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