

15.11.2024

Hepburn Primary School acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, play, learn and grow. We pay our respects to all First Nations people and their Elders, past and present. We are grateful, to be surrounded by the plants, land, animals, waterways and natural springs, the Djarra people created, protected and cared for, over thousands of years, as we continue to do so.



The Week Ahead— Monday 18th November—Friday 22nd November	
<a href="https://hepburnps.vic.edu.au/">https://hepburnps.vic.edu.au/</a>	
<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hepburn Springs Playgroup 10:15-11:15am</li> <li>* Glasses for Kids visit</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bendigo Discovery Centre incursion 3-6</li> <li>Cooked Diner commences</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JSC event Crazy Hair!</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast Club</li> <li>General Store lunch orders</li> <li>Assembly 3:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Dates for the calendar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 18th November, Glasses for Kids visit</li> <li>Monday 9th December, Grade 6 Graduation</li> <li>Tuesday 17th December, HPS Concert</li> </ul>

school. It will be a great opportunity for students to ask questions about secondary school life, put forward things they are nervous about and celebrate what they are excited about.

Glasses for Kids is due on Monday which will be great for students. They will be onsite for the day.

We will have a wonderful display in the Tom Ford pavilion at the Daylesford Show. The display will showcase many elements of our wonderful school including art, writing, photos of special events from the year and so much more. Make sure you get along and check it all out.

I hope you all have a terrific weekend.

Chat soon,

Matt

## Principal Report

Another outstanding fortnight flies by! We have certainly been busy with our art installation, teaching and learning, transitions, excursion and all of our usual day-to-day experiences.

We have plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks as the term continues to move forward.

Our 2025 transition sessions have been incredibly successful with our new students engaging and loving every minute of school life. Daylesford Secondary College are visiting again next week. They are meeting with our Grade 6 students to begin inducting them into their



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## Now taking enrolments

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## Cooked Diner

We are partnering with Cooked Diner to offer a second option for a lunch order.

The Cooked Diner is a safe and inclusive training venue for the COOKED program participants. The program is designed to improve job skills and future employment prospects.

Please find attached a flyer with ordering instructions.

We will offer the option each Tuesday, commencing Tuesday 19th November 2024.

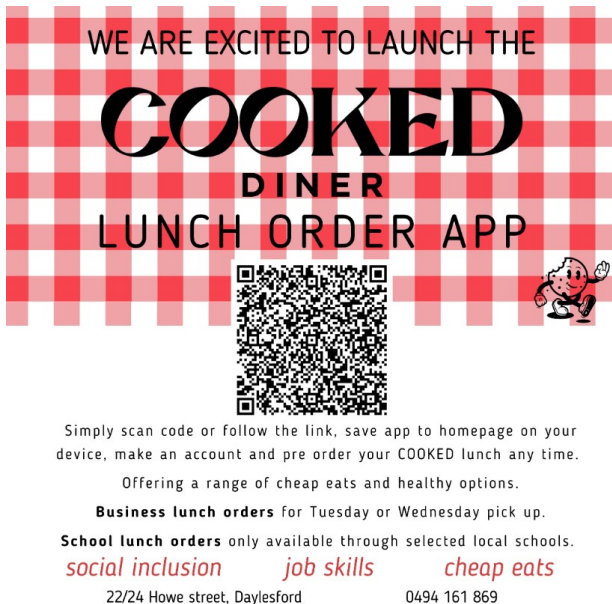
Who: Cooked Diner

How: via the attached instructions



When: Commencing Tuesday 19th November (each Tuesday after throughout the term)

Delivery: lunches delivered to Hepburn PS

If you require any assistance or have clarifying questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.



WE ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH THE  
**COOKED**  
DINER  
LUNCH ORDER APP



Simply scan code or follow the link, save app to homepage on your device, make an account and pre order your COOKED lunch any time.  
Offering a range of cheap eats and healthy options.  
**Business lunch orders** for Tuesday or Wednesday pick up.  
**School lunch orders** only available through selected local schools.  
*social inclusion      job skills      cheap eats*  
22/24 Howe street, Daylesford      0494 161 869

## Discovery Science and Technology Centre

We are thrilled to have the Discovery Science and Technology Centre running an incursion next week for our 3-6 students!

We have chosen Micro:Bit Mysteries is designed to support digital literacy and mathematics curriculum using problem-based learning strategies educators facilitate students in identifying, organizing, discovering, exploring, and altering the context of problems. This is constrained to the tech space using code, digital and physical inputs and outputs to control and manipulate the problem for desired outcomes.

Watch out on Class DoJo to see all the wonderful learning and no doubt there will be a presentation at assembly next week also.

## Surly Goat donation

A very generous donation come to us during the week from the Surly Goat. \$425.00! An incredibly generous donation which we are proud to receive. I want to thank the restaurant for their on-going contribution to local schools and organisations through their steak night. We have the funds allocated to purchasing further plants and grasses for our yarning circle space. Students will be assisting to plant these over the coming weeks. Thank you again Surly Goat for your generosity.







## The HPS Experience— Murrup Art

The students were so proud last Friday to be painting the totem poles within our yarning circle. Their designs and attention to detail was outstanding to see. Their knowledge and awareness of the Traditional owners of land is ever growing and their confidence is as well. Jenna Oldaker will be back again this term to put some final touches on as we unfortunately had a shower of rain right at the end of the session. She will also have the backing artwork for our Acknowledgement to Country which has been designed from our student canvas session with her. An exciting space to be in and one that will continue to grow!

A huge thank you Jenna and Sam for their significant contribution in guiding us and of course thank you to the students and staff for assisting to make it all happen.





## The HPS Experience— Inquiry



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## Student of the fortnight

Mrs Smart— Tate, for being a responsible, thoughtful and enthusiastic member of our class. You continue to give 100% all day, everyday, and make the most of all your learning opportunities. Well done Tate!

Mr Jackson— Blake for demonstrating our value of Curiosity. Your learning in English lessons has been a wonder to see, you are improving all the time. It has been a delight to see your progress this year! Congratulations Blake!

Mrs Graham— Raylan, for his positive outlook, dedication to his learning and goal-setting to continuously strive for improvement and growth. You are developing impressive learning habits. Congratulations, Raylan!

## The Health Achievement Program

The program is designed to help promote the wonderful work schools do in the following seven key areas:

- healthy eating and oral health
- Physical activity and movement
- Sexual health and wellbeing
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Sun protection
- Safe environments
- Tobacco, alcohol and other drugs

The above framework supports a whole-school approach to health and wellbeing and aims to create a positive and healthy school environment.

I am very proud to say we have achieved our first badge—Sun Protection! Over the coming weeks we will have a large sign on display which has the seven key area and we will have a lovely badge on sun protection. Our next areas we are working on are Physical Activity and Health Eating.



## Christmas Raffle 2024

We are edging closer to that time of the year where all things turn to tinsel, baubles, trees and decorations!

We are getting in early this year and asking for any donations for our annual Christmas Raffle. Donations can be dropped off at the front office. Any items that we can bundle up in baskets and boxes. Examples soaps, biscuits, chocolates, beverages etc.

Ticket books will be heading home in the coming weeks. We really appreciate your support. HPS School Council.



## Food Bank

Our Food Bank offering is always available in the hall. Please do not hesitate to pop in at any stage. Items are ordered on demand, so if we are flying through particular items we can simply order more!



In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



## EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

### Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

### What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**"Day off"** – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

**For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:**

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)

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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 Madeline 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.

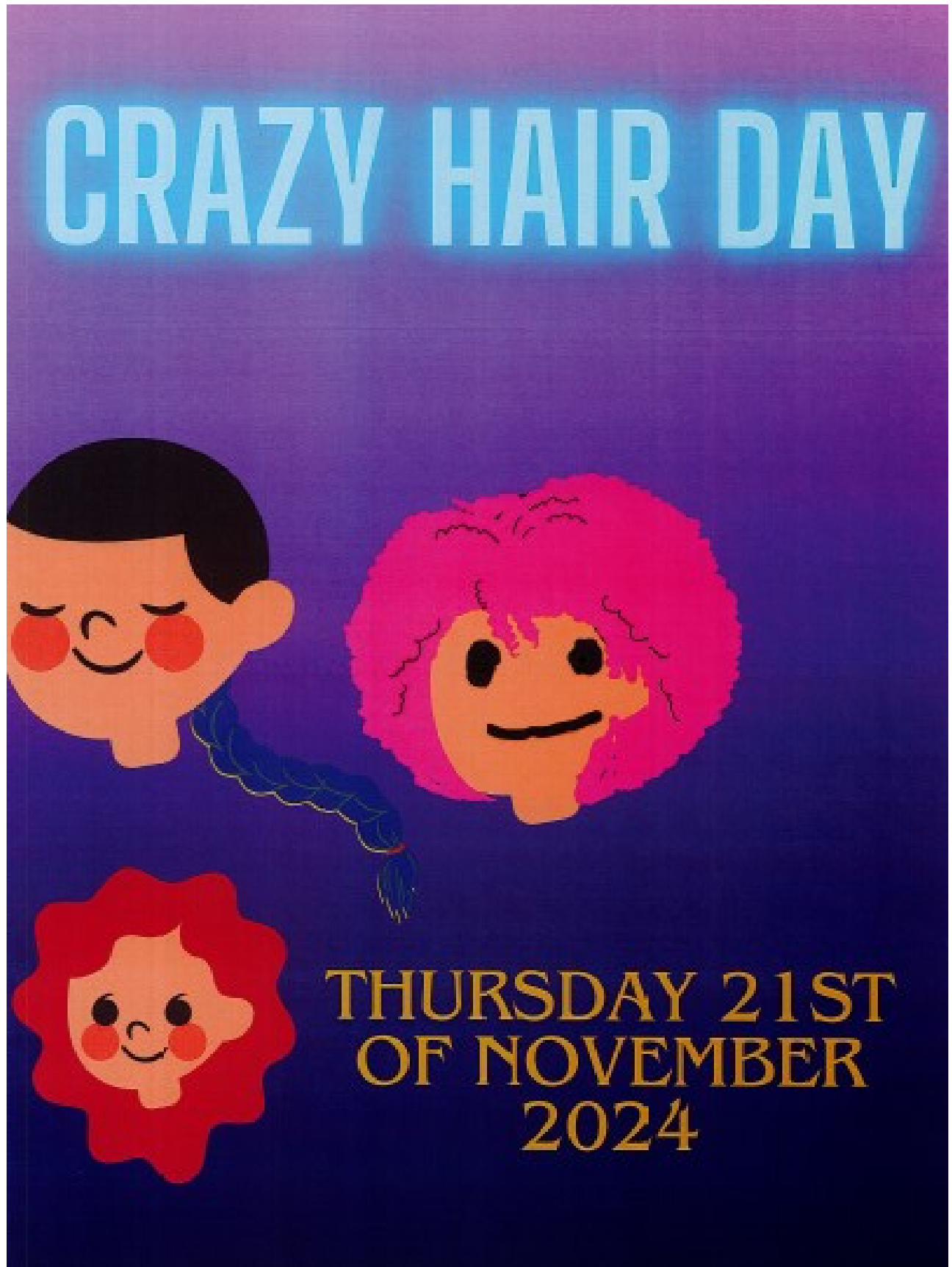
[enquiries@13yarn.org.au](mailto:enquiries@13yarn.org.au)  
[13 92 76](tel:139276)

## Hepburn Springs Community Playgroup

Each Monday morning throughout the school term, 10:15-11:15am in the school hall. Follow the school's Facebook page for updates. We look forward to seeing you all there!



## Junior School Council



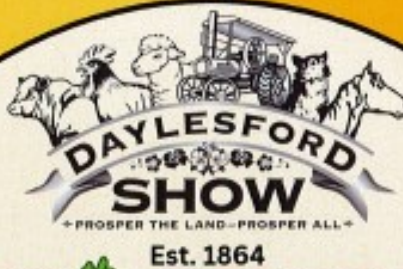
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Family \$25  
Adult \$10  
Child/Conc \$5  
Under 5 Free



# 150<sup>th</sup> SHOW

Saturday 23rd Nov 2024

9am - 3pm

- Free Children's Activities •
- Free Petting Zoo •
- Showground Rides •
- Sideshow Alley • Food & Drinks •
- Ag Show Comps • Animals •
- Flowers & Plants • Stalls •
- Wine & Cider Tasting •
- Craft Demonstrations •
- Live Local Music and more....

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