

14.02.2025

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.



## Welcome Breakfast

Come and join in as we celebrate the start of the school year at HPS. There will be a scrumptious breakfast offering for students and families along with the opportunity to catch up and welcome our new families to our learning community. Please RSVP via Dojo to your classroom teacher to assist with catering requirements. We hope you can make it.



## Lunch Orders

School lunch orders are available to order every **Friday** from the Hepburn General Store. Orders can be placed instore, preferably before 9am on Friday or online via the store's website. If placing your order online, please record the student's name in the 'special instructions' section. This is particularly helpful for siblings to ensure everyone receives the correct items.

Special instructions for seller

Bluey Heeler | sausage roll  
Bingo Heeler | hot dog with sauce

   
🗑️ HPSLUNCH ✕

Don't forget to add the discount code **HPSLUNCH** in the discount section for a 10% discount.

## NAPLAN 2025

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. The NAPLAN test window begins on Wednesday 12th March and finishes on Monday 24th March 2025. An information pack has been sent home today with each student this afternoon. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

<b>The Week Ahead— Monday 17th —Friday 22nd February</b>	
<a href="https://hepburnps.vic.edu.au/">https://hepburnps.vic.edu.au/</a>	
<b>Monday</b>	•
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	• Foundation rest day
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome Breakfast</b> &amp; Breakfast Club commencing at 8:15am</li> <li>• Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Dates for the calendar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ChillOut opening night, Thursday 6th March 2025</li> </ul> <p>2025 Term Dates: Term 1, 28th January—4th April Term 2, 22nd April—4th July Term 3, 21st July—19th September Term 4, 6th October—19th December</p>

## Principal Report

What an outstanding fortnight it has been! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our first assembly last week, encouraging and supporting our students. We have our next one scheduled for Friday 21st February from 3:00pm.

We have certainly had so much fun over the past fortnight and with fun comes learning! Specialists have taken off with Science, Health, Physical Education, Visual Arts, Music/ Performing Arts, Respectful Relationships and AusLan. Students have thoroughly enjoyed their learning in these areas. AusLan has been a hit with students practising in their classrooms, yard and at home. Their interest and enthusiasm for this has been fabulous to see. I myself have learnt so much as well however I have a lot to learn but it is lovely to be in the learning pit together. Plenty of information in this edition of the newsletter for your reference. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,  
Matt

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## Smile Squad

The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming to our school in March.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at

school. To access the program, just complete and return the paper forms sent home, sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> or use the below QR code:



Eat well, drink well, clean well – for life



## Photographing, Filming and Recording Consent Form

Our annual consent form has been sent out to families explaining how and where we could potentially use student images. This form **only needs to be returned if you do not consent** to Hepburn Primary collecting photos, videos and recordings by 18/02/2025. As always, please talk to any member of staff if you have any questions or concerns.

## School Savings Bonus

The School Saving Bonus provides \$400 in support for Victorian school-aged students for use on 2025 school costs. Parents and carers of students will access their School Saving Bonus via an email sent from the Department of Education and can be used for textbooks/uniform or activities. It's as easy as allocating it to your school account where it can be used towards things like camp later in the year or a new sun hat. Please drop by the office if you have any questions. Thank you to those parents that have already updated their accounts with SSB.

## We are a SunSmart School!

The students are extremely organised and diligent with their hats during outside play and continue to build life-long SunSmart habits. Hats are available to be purchased from the school if one happens to be mis-placed.



## Uniform Swap and Go!

We know that our students grow quickly and may not have worn out their uniform before they need the next size up. Our second hand uniform shop is filled with quality garments that would love a new home so on Friday 21st February, we will have a swap and go uniform store set up in the hall. This means you can pick up the next size t-shirt or a fleecy for the middle of the year. You are welcome to drop off your old uniform in return, but certainly not necessary. There is plenty of lunchtime games still to be played in these items.



## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Applications for the CSEF 2025 are now open. The CSEF provides payments to assist eligible families with the cost of camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions. To be eligible, you need to hold a current means tested concession card from Centrelink. Further information and the application form are available online or from the front desk. Please return the completed form along with a copy of your concession card to the office. Please contact the school if you require any further information or support.



ChillOut 2024

## Students of the fortnight

F-2—Tate, for being an outstanding role-model, and a kind, thoughtful friend to everyone. You are a responsible leader and helper in our classroom—we are lucky to have you!

3-4—Zayne, in recognition of his efforts to support his learning by clarifying instructions, asking questions and persevering when challenged. A brilliant start to your Grade Four year, Zayne!

5-6—Skylah, for challenging herself in her learning both inside and outside of the classroom by going beyond what is required. Congratulations Skylah and keep up the great effort.

Principal— Ward, for your outstanding contributions to class discussions. Your knowledge of key concepts is ever growing along with your willingness to share. Congratulations on a fabulous fortnight of learning!

## School Council—Call for nominations

We are currently calling for nominations for School Council 2025. We have two parent vacancies that we are trying to fill. If you are interested in joining us or would like further information, please make contact with the office.



## ChillOut 2025

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to perform at the opening of ChillOut again this year. The theme this year is Rainbow Circus Spectacular! So, we are asking students to wear rainbow colours and a fancy hat for the opening night on **Thursday 6th March** at Victoria Park. Further information regarding this outstanding community event can be found at <https://chilloutfestival.au/> and keep an eye on Dojo for meeting times etc. in the coming weeks.



# HEPBURN SPRINGS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

MONDAYS 10:15-11:15

HEPBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

If you have children aged 0-5, please join us for a play.  
Playgroup runs every Monday during the school term.  
Both indoor and outdoor play opportunities.  
FREE to join

BRING A HAT AND  
DRINKBOTTLE

FRESH FRUIT PROVIDED

FOR REGULAR UPDATES PLEASE FOLLOW THE  
HEPBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE



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**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR...**

# **WELCOME BREAKFAST**

**WHEN: Friday 21st February 8:15am-8:45am**

**WHERE: Hepburn P.S. Hall**

**WHAT: an array of delicious food as well as  
tea and coffee.**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

**RSVP VIA CLASS DOJO BY WEDNESDAY  
19.02**

# CHILLOUT FESTIVAL

RAINBOW

# CIRCUS

*Spectacular*

**6-10 MARCH  
2025**

*Daylesford*  
**VICTORIA**

# OPEN NIGHT

**DAYLESFORD  
COLLEGE**  
shape the future



Join us on **Monday 3rd March at 5:30pm**

- Information Sessions
- Meet the College Leadership Team
- Attend a School Tour

**Register your interest here:**





**Save \$400**

**on school uniforms,  
textbooks and  
activities**

**Parents and carers  
of Victorian school-aged children  
will receive the one-off**

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