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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 3rd—Friday 7th March	
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Monday	•
Tuesday	
Wednesday	• Foundation rest day
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grove of Gratitude planting, Year 6</li> <li>• NAPLAN practice G3 &amp; 5</li> <li>• ChillOut opening night—more info on page 5</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast Club commencing at 8:15am</li> <li>• Assembly</li> </ul>
Dates for the calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labour Day Public Holiday, Monday 10th March</li> <li>• NAPLAN commences, Wednesday 12th March</li> <li>• Smile Squad start from Monday 17th March</li> <li>• Final day of Term 1, Friday 4th April</li> </ul> <p>2025 Term Dates: Term 1, 28th January—4th April Term 2, 22nd April—4th July Term 3, 21st July—19th September</p>

learning spaces and extraordinary grounds. Plenty of great reading below and some key dates for the calendar.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, Matt

## 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.

## Foundation/1/2

The word on the street is that there is a **Bad Crab** under investigation in Mrs Smart's room as part of English. Student's selected an image to work with in this almost-wordless picture book to allow for their own interpretation and discovery. It's also seems that the puffer fish was highly amusing. Watch this space for more **Bad Crab**.



## Principal Report

What an outstanding fortnight it has been! It has certainly been full of great learning and experiences. We have a beautiful display of learning in the hallway, so please make the time to drop and take a look. Our first two days the school review have been great. Classroom observations, student forum, family forum and plenty of sharing about our wonderful school from myself. Feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive, with particular mention of the politeness of our students, the

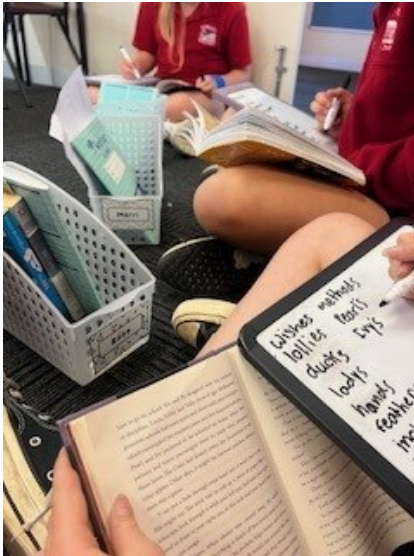
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## Under the spotlight—Phonics

Phonics is the understanding that there is a predictable relationship between phonemes (the sounds of spoken language) and graphemes (the letters that represent them in written language).

At HPS, targeted, systematic phonics instruction was implemented in 2021. This has been via whole class and intervention teaching. In 2025, we have taken a slightly different approach to phonics - looking beyond class and grade levels to offer targeted, point of need teaching across the school. Three mornings a week, we gather at the beginning of the day to receive small-group instruction, practise the essential skills of each stage and apply them in a range of learning opportunities.



Our amazing learners have been highly engaged and motivated to develop their skills and understandings - whether that is learning our letter sounds, digraphs, prefixes and suffixes or morphology (the study of words including origins, parts and meaning). We look forward to continuing what has been a successful and rewarding start to our 2025 phonics journey.

## School Savings Bonus

Have you allocated your SSB yet? Stop by the office and we can help you complete the final step.

## Lunchtime Clubs

We offer a variety of lunchtime clubs throughout the year based on student interest. Currently we have photography club every Tuesday and Lego on Wednesday. We hope create a little photo exhibition shortly, but we are loving what Kai and Viv have been producing so far. You can also check out Clancy's and all the other Lego builds up in the top part of the school.



Tuesday's Lunchtime Club is

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

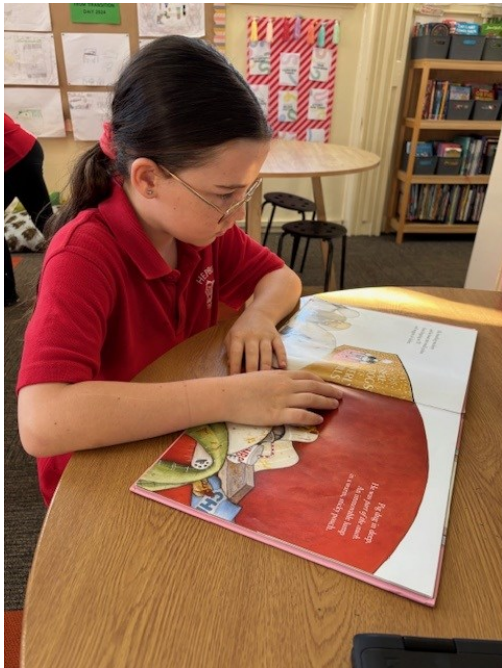
THIS WEEK'S FOCUS IS BLACK AND WHITE IMAGES TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE WELCOME BREAKFAST

EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME FROM 2PM

Register at the student information board

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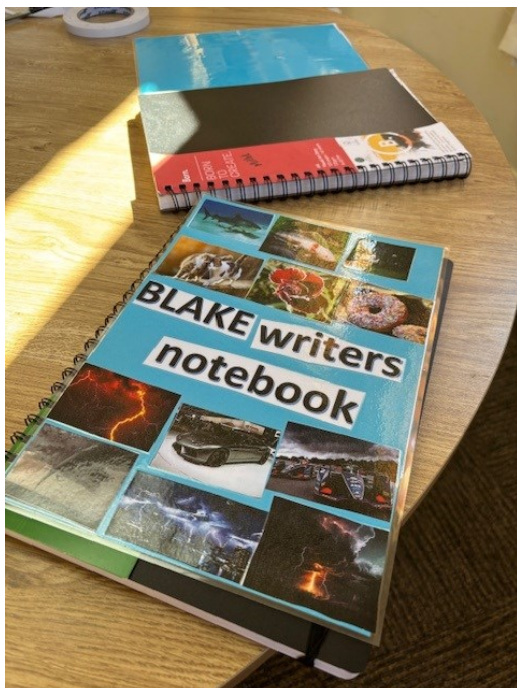
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## The HPS Experience—English

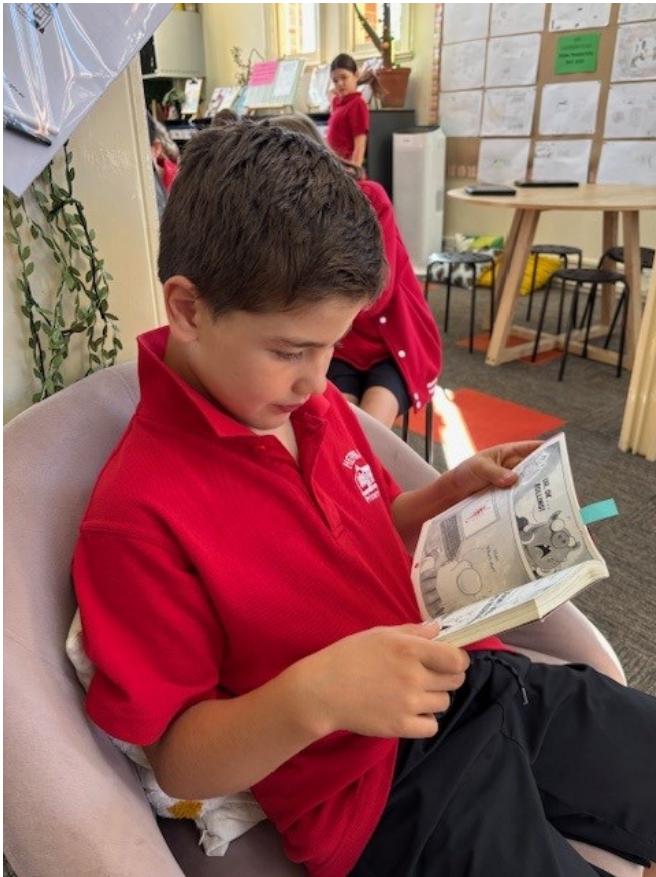
Explicit English instruction occurs every morning in the first two hour block of the day. Students engage in phonics, reading and writing and thoroughly enjoy applying their learning. An array of strategies are used to assist students to apply their knowledge however one of the favourites is their Writer's Notebooks. These are notebooks where students record all their wild ideas, openers, vocabulary and inspirational photos and drawings. The ideas are then drawn upon when students are planning their writing.

Another fabulous way that student voice and agency is applied at HPS.

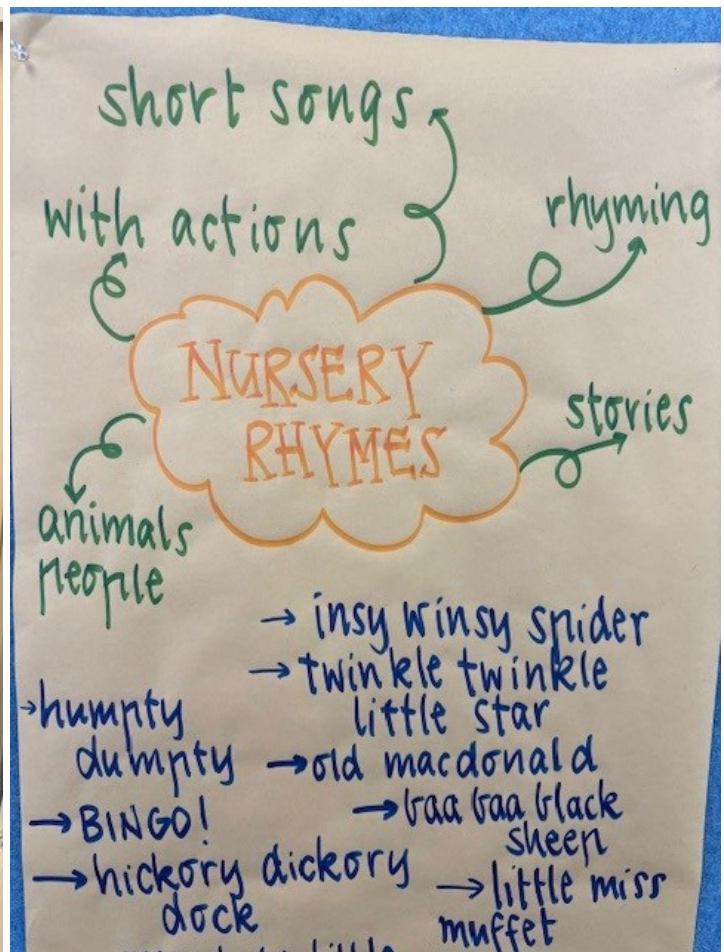


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## Students of the fortnight

F-2— Zoe, for being a phonics superstar! You are rhyming, writing letters, saying letter sounds and building words with increasing confidence. Way to go, little l-e-g-e-n-d!

3-4— Tilly, in recognition of her amazing effort in science. She is a keen participant in minilessons, and consistently contributes to class discussions. She asks great questions and is enjoying learning new facts about microbes!

5-6— Viv, for showing great initiative in both class activities during Art and Cooking. Viv took it upon himself to clean up not only after himself but the whole class. This initiative is reflective of Viv's leadership—he is showing what our values look like in action. Thank you Viv, well done!

Principal— Harley, for demonstrating our school value of Curiosity. He has consistently demonstrated this through all learning areas and is only too happy to share his findings with peers. Congratulations, Harley!

## 5/6 Cooking

Pasta from scratch was on the menu this week for the Grade 5/6 cooking program. The fettucine pasta was served with a meat or vegetarian sauce. Unfortunately, we did not have time to photograph the end result because although there is time in creating the dish, the eating part seemed to go very fast. Hoping our 5/6 cooks share their experience of making fresh pasta at home. You won't be disappointed.



## ChillOut

Once again, HPS will open the ChillOut Festival at Victoria Park on Thursday 6th March. This year we will perform in the circus tent in a rainbow spectacular.

Mrs G & Mrs Smart have been working with the children on their performance which is always a crowd pleaser.

- Students are to arrive at **Victoria Park by 5.45pm**
- The students will perform just after 6pm
- Families are welcome to then stay or are free to leave
- Students are to wear bright clothing and will have a top hat as part of art with Mrs McAuliffe
- This is an amazing opportunity to come together and join in this dazzling community event.





# 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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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# OPEN NIGHT

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

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

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