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The Week Ahead— Monday 26th May —Friday 30th May	
<a href="https://hepburnps.vic.edu.au/">https://hepburnps.vic.edu.au/</a>	
<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puberty Education</li> <li>• School Council 6pm</li> <li>• Aus Bikes #2</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JSC Toastie Tuesday</li> <li>• DSC STEM Day for G 5/6</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discovery Centre incursion</li> <li>• Raising Kids in a Digital World 6.30pm, Daylesford Primary</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast Club from 8.15am</li> <li>• Lunch Orders</li> <li>• SSV Netball—Go Merri, Rhyce &amp; Skylah</li> <li>• Assembly 3:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Dates for the calendar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King's Birthday public holiday, Monday 9th June</li> <li>• Discovery Centre incursion F-6, Tuesday 1st July</li> <li>• Curriculum Day, Monday 30th June</li> <li>• Last day of term 2:30pm dismissal, Friday 4th July</li> </ul> <p>2025 Term Dates: Term 2, 22nd April—4th July Term 3, 21st July—19th September Term 4, 6th October—19th December</p>

## Principal Report

What an amazing fortnight it has been at HPS!

It is hard to believe that Wednesday this week marked the halfway point of the term. It is all moving way too fast.

So much to celebrate, particularly on the sports

track. An outstanding efforts by all students at the athletics day and the Sovereign Districts Sprots. Ausbikes provided a wonderful first session on Monday. Students thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to practice and refine their skills. Puberty Education in 4-6 has also been beneficial for our students in understanding how bodies change and adapt. I am certainly looking forward to what the next fortnight will bring for us all.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Matt

## Athletics

It was another fabulous day at the Wathaurung Althletics Carnival last week. It is always so pleasing to see the students trying their best and enjoying everything that the day has to offer.

We are proud to also announce that two records were broken on the day.

Congratulations to Jacqueline for achieving a new record for the 11YO girls 200m sprint in a time of 32.88 seconds and Tilly for the 9 YO girls shot put. The previous record was 4.80m and Tilly smashed that with a distance of 5.42m!



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## HPS Experience—Education Week

### AusBike session #1

We are off to a cracking start with our bike lessons in PE! Neil (the instructor) was very impressed at the abilities of all our riders and has some fun games and activities planned for the remaining sessions. We practised our emergency braking downhill and the 4-6's enjoyed some cross-country riding up to and around the oval. One of the most important takeaways was using our ABCDE's to make sure our bike was in tip-top shape to keep us safe and have an enjoyable ride –

A – air in the tyres

B – brakes working

C – chain isn't rusty or coming off the cogs

D – drop the bike to make sure nothing falls off

E – end caps on the handlebars

### ***Here's what some of the students had to say –***

Zoe: it was good!

Amelia: good, great and fun

Viv: it was great, and I only crashed once!

Tilly: it was really fun and the coach is really nice

Riley: I had fun



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## Sovereign Division—AFL

It was a big day of football at Marty Busch Reserve on Wednesday. Thankfully, that even though the air was crisp, the skies were blue and Kai, Ward and Jacqueline were ready to play. The game was played on a reduced field with 9 players on the ground. The competition involves so many schools from Ballarat and surrounding that it is spread across three ovals. Competition is friendly but fierce. Playing as part of the Wathaurung cluster means that our students have the added challenge to come together as a team with students from other schools immediately and compete against teams where their students see each other everyday.



Kai, Ward and their team mates were successful in all their four games resulting in placing second on the ladder for their grading. Jacqueline and the rest of her team also placed second for their division after winning three of the four games. They went on to play in the semi final but the other team stole the lead in the last few minutes of play. It is always how we play and represent ourselves and the school community that we are most proud of and Jacqueline, Ward and Kai certainly did us all proud with their efforts! Well done.



Our first JSC Toastie Tuesday was a HUGE hit. Looking forward to doing it all again this coming Tuesday.



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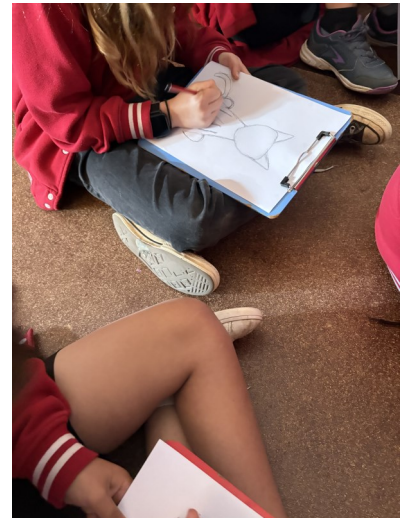
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## National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday the whole school came together, along with over 2 million other students around Australia, to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> annual National Simultaneous Storytime event. This year's chosen picture-story book was *The Truck Cat*, written by Deborah Frenkel, and illustrated by Danny Snell. It tells the story of Tinka the cat, whose home is everywhere with truck driver Yacoub. We watched on as Deborah read the book live, then Danny guided us through a drawing of our own cat. There is a copy of the book available to borrow through our Library, so hopefully it makes an appearance in some houses soon!

Thank you to Mrs Smart for organising.



## Music in Schools

Ms Beck and the students have been very busy exploring various instruments, rhythms and beats. We have a very broad inventory of instruments at HPS so there may be a performance on the horizon for assembly coming your way soon. Watch this space...



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## Students of the fortnight

**F/1/2** Oscar, for making our class discussions just that little bit more interesting with your insightful contributions, abstract thinking and clever questioning. Don't ever stop being curious!

**3/4** Ollie, for his dedication to strive for improvement. Ollie has been focused on improving his handwriting, bookwork organisation and presentation skills to ensure he showcases his amazing learning and ideas. Congratulations!

**5/6** Kai, for his continued enthusiasm and focus in Auslan sessions. He is among the first to jump in and have a go, supports peers across grade levels and sets a wonderful example as a role model and leader. Congratulations Kai, keep up the amazing effort!

**Principal** Honey, for her continued enthusiasm for new learning. You continue to ask clarifying questions, collaborate with peers and take a lead role within Junior School Council. Congratulations, Honey and keep up the great effort.





# Newsletter


**24/7 Mental Health Services**

<b>Beyond Blue</b> <i>Anyone feeling anxious or depressed</i> <a href="https://beyondblue.org.au">beyondblue.org.au</a> 1300 22 4636	<b>Kids Helpline</b> <i>Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25</i> <a href="https://kidshelpline.com.au">kidshelpline.com.au</a> 1800 55 1800
<b>MensLine Australia</b> <i>Men with emotional or relationship concerns</i> <a href="https://mensline.org.au">mensline.org.au</a> 1300 78 99 78	<b>Open Arms</b> <i>Veterans and families counselling</i> <a href="https://openarms.gov.au">openarms.gov.au</a> 1800 011 046
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## 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.  
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27 May: Daylesford  
28 May: Creswick  
2 June: Clunes  
4 June: Trentham

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