



Hughesdale HAPPENINGS

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Principal's Report

Another action packed fortnight has passed.

A beacon in our memory, the Colour Fun Run was again a strong favourite for our students. It must also be said that particular pleasure seemed to be demonstrated by the parents and volunteers taking part - I am sure it may have had something to do with covering our students head-to-toe (showing particular enthusiasm!) with coloured powders and water spray.

The Parents and Friends Newsletter shared the fabulous fundraising efforts through both the Colour Run and the Easter Raffle. The community fundraising goal is within sight ! Please have a read of their Newsletter to discover just how close (check your Compass Newsfeed).

School is a busy place and some of the other activities since the last Newsletter have included (but are not limited to) Gateways, Inter-school Sports, House and District Cross Country, Coffee Mornings for our Parents & Friends, Somers Camp Applications for Y5&6, SEA for Years 4-6, John Monash School Outreach Programs, Tabloid Sports for F to Y2, New Solar Panels Installed, State School Spectacular Rehearsals, First Aid Refresher Training for all staff, School Tours hosted by our Y6 student leaders and the Lightning Premiership. (Phew !)

I share with our community a special day that has just passed. Last Tuesday (16th May) was "ES Day". ES stands for Education Support and it is an opportunity taken by our teachers to thank the many members of our staff who assist both the students, and us in our work. The ES team at Hughesdale consists of;

- Administrative Team; Deb Round and Leah Hale
- First Aid; Helen Kraloglou
- Library; Gretel Holmes
- Learning Support; Rachel Biddle, Deb McIntyre, Swee Chin Ling, Tea Nendis, Sarah Scott and Amber Hill
- Grounds; Graeme Renshaw

Please join me in thanking them for their priceless contribution to our school and community.

We have also had a number of Pre-Service Teachers with us over the past few weeks as we support them with practical advice, experience and modelling. Providing guidance and experience for the next generation of teachers is important work and particularly needed given the teacher shortfall being experienced. You will notice these students standing with



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Term 2

Friday 26th May	Junior Assembly
Friday 2nd June	Whole School Assembly
Monday 5th June	School Photo catch up day
Tuesday 6th June	L3 Planetarium Excursion
Wednesday 7th June	L1 Incursion
Thursday 8th June	L1 Incursion
Friday 9th June	Senior Assembly
Monday 12th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 22nd June	Last Day of Term School finishes at 2.30pm
Friday 23rd June	Curriculum Day No school

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Past *Hughesdale Happenings* can be found on COMPASS in Community under School Documentation

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their mentor teacher at the end of the day and I thank the many parents who have said hello to them and warmly supported their learning within our school.

My final note today is that I will be taking leave for the remainder of the Term. I thank Amanda Seach and Aaron Richards who have led the school over the past week, and the many staff who supported them. I also thank Miss Seach for agreeing to lead the school as Acting Principal over the next week or two, until an Acting Principal for the remainder of the Term is appointed by the Department of Education.

In my absence, the school can be emailed at hughesdale.ps@education.vic.gov.au and Deb or Leah will direct your query appropriately.

Warmest Regards,

Lisa Gough

Principal

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Principal Award

Rajnee from 4B shared the writing she completed describing an illustration.

Assistant Principal's Report

AARON RICHARDS



State Diving Championships

Congratulations to Caitlin I from Level 4 for recently being crowned the State 10yr girls 1m springboard champion! Caitlin wrote the following on her experience:

"On the weekend I competed at the SSV State Championships for diving. I came first in the 10 year old girls 1m Springboard. I now go through to the National Championships in Sydney in August, representing Hughesdale Primary and Victoria. I was really nervous because this was my first State qualifier, but all that training and hard work paid off and now I'm excited to go to Sydney to represent Hughesdale."

We wish Caitlin all the best at the Nationals in Sydney!

Solar Panel Installation

We recently had 15 new solar panels installed on the gymnasium roof. These panels replace the ones that were originally installed on the main building roof. These solar panels have a rated power output of 4.95kw.



Kaboom Tabloid Sports

On Thursday 11th May, our Foundation, Level 1 and Level 2 students participated in a tabloid sports. Luke and Tara from Kaboom Sports put on a fantastic experience for our junior school students. It also provided our Level 6 school leaders with an opportunity to lead and manage the students throughout the event. The only negative feedback I have received from the students centred around my dancing. For this I must apologise. Special thanks to the Level 6 leaders, Foundation, Level 1 and Level 2 teachers for helping run the event and to all the parents who came along to watch.



SSV Moorabbin District Cross Country

On Thursday 18th May, 54 of our Levels 3-6 students competed at the District Cross Country. Students in the 10yr and under age groups ran the same 2km course that they completed at the House Cross Country. The 11yr and 12yr students had the joy of running an extra kilometre. Our students all gave their personal best, with Hughesdale finishing the day in third position, out of the eight competing schools. This is our highest finish in six years, and a great improvement from our eighth place finish in 2022.

The following students ran incredible races to finish in the top eight in their age groups:

- Ella R - 1st 10yr girls
- Finn L - 1st 12 yr Boys
- Harry W - 2nd 12yr Boys
- Emerson M - 5th 10yr Girls
- Paige H - 5th 11yr Girls
- Jindi R - 8th 11yr Girls
- Alex H - 8th 11yr Boys
- Jack F - 8th 10yr Boys

Congratulations to Ella and Finn for winning their respective races. It has been many years since Hughesdale has had two District champions.

By finishing in the top 8, all of these students have qualified to represent the school at the Kingston Division Cross Country. This will once again be held at Karkarook Park on Tuesday the 30th of May. We wish these eight students all the best!

Assistant Principal's Report

AMANDA SEACH

About National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

National Sorry Day, the 26th May each year, marks the anniversary of the tabling of the [Bringing them Home report](#) in the Australian Parliament in 1997. The report detailed the history of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, often referred to as the Stolen Generations, under laws enacted by Australian governments.

Reconciliation Week follows, from May 27th, with the theme for 2023 being ['Be a voice for generations'](#). It encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise. It is a time for us to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The Victorian Curriculum is clear in its intent to educate this generation about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures and your child will be engaged in this learning throughout their time at Hughesdale Primary.



Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) should have received a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Did your dental pack come in a water bottle?

Smile Squad water bottles are not dishwasher safe and must be hand washed.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Aaron Richards

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Harry Potter 'Behind the Scenes'

At lunch break last week our Year 5 and 6 students were given the opportunity to view a Harry Potter 'Behind the Scenes' live stream from Melbourne's Princess Theatre (big thanks to mum of Owen and Imogen, Rebecca, who shared this with us). Several of our students, interested in the performing arts industry, watched along and learnt all about stage management, props, rehearsal, costumes and lighting.



Building Focus for Learning and Resilience for Success

A big thank you to Bruce and Anita from [The Challenge Centre](#) in Oakleigh for spending two days with us this week facilitating workshops for each year level. The sessions comprised of non-striking & non-kicking martial arts to develop:

1. Focus, so that they can enhance their learning and memory abilities in any activity.
2. Resilience, developing the tools to manage negative emotions, difficult situations and how to recover from mistakes and failure.
3. The students have responded enthusiastically to instruction from expert black belt teachers in their special uniforms.



Policies Updated

Each month the Policies Sub-Committee, in partnership with the School Council, work hard to ensure our policies are reviewed and revised as required. May has been a busy month with the following policies updated,

1. Camps and Excursions
2. Fundraising
3. Sun Protection (formerly SunSmart Policy)
4. Assessment and Reporting
5. Duty of Care
6. Health Care Needs
7. Inclusion and Diversity
8. Medication
9. Mobile Phone and Smart Watches
10. Alcohol

These policies are available on our website or you can request a copy from the office.

Kind regards

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORTS

For more information and resources, visit:

Lifeline – phone [13 43 57](tel:134357)

Lifeline is a 24-hour telephone service that offers confidential support and advice to help you deal with stress and personal challenges.

Beyond Blue information line – phone [1300 224 636](tel:1300224636)

Beyond Blue has an information line that offers expert information on depression, how to recognise the signs of depression, how to get help, how to help someone else and how to stay well.

Mensline – phone [1300 789 978](tel:1300789978)

This is a telephone support, information and referral service helping men deal with their relationship problems.

Nurse-on-Call – phone [1300 606 024](tel:1300606024)

This is a 24-hour telephone service that allows people to discuss any health-related issues with a registered nurse for the cost of a local call.

DirectLine alcohol and drug counselling - phone [1800 88 236](tel:180088236)

Confidential drug and alcohol counselling and referral.

Parentline - phone [13 22 89](tel:132289) Support for parents and carers.

Kids Helpline – phone [1800 551 800](tel:1800551800)

This is a 24-hour telephone service that provides a phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5–25.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs - phone [1300 375 330](tel:1300375330)

Book an in-person or telehealth appointment for anyone who feels overwhelmed or needs support with mental health concerns.

Australian Psychological Society Referral Service - phone [1800 333 497](tel:1800333497)

1800 Respect – [1800 737 732](tel:1800737732) (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

For people experiencing or at risk of experiencing sexual assault, domestic or family violence

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre – phone [1800 015 188](tel:1800015188)

This response centre provides confidential support and information for women and children living with family violence or for anyone who knows a person living with family violence.

Orange Door

Access services for adults, children and young people who are experiencing family violence

Men's Referral Service – [1300 766 491](tel:1300766491) (8am to 9pm, Monday to Friday; 9am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday)

It takes a lot of strength to acknowledge that things may not be right. This service specialises in effective evidence-informed engagement with men. The staff will work to develop safe and effective interventions for men who turn to violence.

Sexual Assault Crisis Line – [1800 806 292](tel:1800806292) (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) For victims of sexual assault

Child Protection – [13 12 78](tel:131278) (5pm to 9am, Monday to Friday, and 24 hours on weekends and public holidays)

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**Victorian
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reading
challenge**



The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by

8 September 2023.

Selected PRC books are available in the library to borrow. If you'd like your child to borrow extra library books please see Gretel.



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



25/05/2023

Hughesdale Primary school

Your
OSHC.



Dear parents and Families,

Last two weeks have been full of creativity. Children enjoyed doing construction, building and Art and craft challenge. The best creations were appreciated with prizes. All children who participated were appreciated in the group chat.

The Team have planned amazing activities for upcoming two weeks, the focus will be on art and craft, painting and cooking.

For sports enthusiasts, we have planned outdoor play such as soccer, footy and Basketball at the basketball court. Children can also enjoy playing in the sandpit.

Looking forward to seeing you all having fun at your OSHC 😊

Glimpse of the planned activities

- Pitta Bread pizza
- No bake apple donut
- Baked Apple chips
- Toilet paper Dandelion painting
- Painting with Straw
- Butterfly suncatcher craft

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now



Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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