



# Hughesdale Primary School

## Student Newsletter



*Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day*

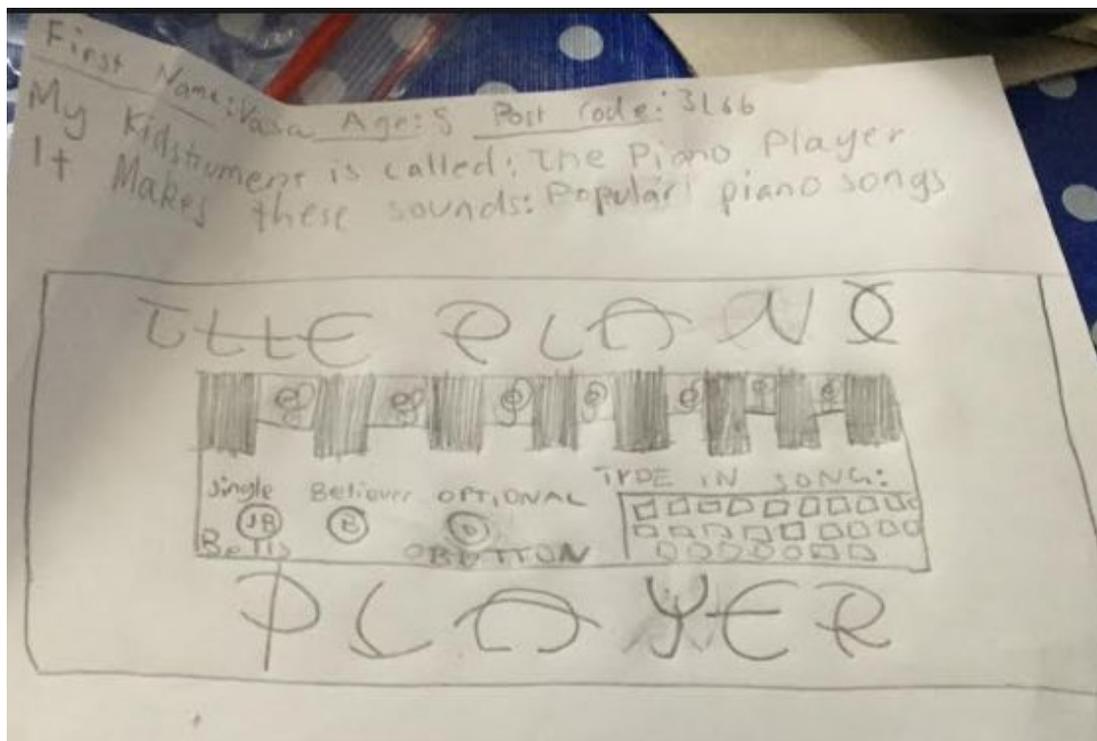
Hello HPS!

Welcome to Term 3 and Remote Learning 2.0! It sure has been a challenging couple of months but thanks to the amazing work from our teachers, school and you guys have put in, it has become a great new experience.

We are now bringing to you the new and improved version of the Student Newsletter. Stay tuned for some new features, and possibly more competitions!

We hope you are holding up at home for such a long time not being able to see your friends and doing school on site.

To start off, we have a spectacular piece of work from Vassa in year 2 with his Kidstrument called 'The Piano Player.'



What a cool invention! Well done, Vassa! Hopefully one day it could be a new toy in stores. We'd definitely buy it!

In this newsletter, there will be a range of activities created by the Year 6 Leaders for you to have fun with. Please send us any pictures of your creations or any other things you have done to inspire the rest of our school! Send them in at [hpsnewsletter@schools.vic.edu.au](mailto:hpsnewsletter@schools.vic.edu.au) and you might have your work in our next newsletter!

## Spectacular Science Experiments

Make sure to get an adult's permission before you try out some of these cool experiments!

### Lava Lamp

You will need:

- Water
- A clean plastic bottle, try to use one with smooth sides
- Vegetable Oil, or you could use Mineral/Baby oil
- Fizzing Tablets (such as Alka Seltzer)
- Food Colouring

Instructions-

1. Fill the bottle up about 1 quarter with water.
2. Pour the vegetable oil in the bottle until it is almost full. You may want to use a measuring cup with a spout or a funnel. You may have to wait a couple of minutes for the oil and water to separate.
3. Add a few drops of your favorite food coloring. Watch as the color sinks through the oil. Did your drops of color mix with the water immediately or float in between for a few minutes?
4. Break your fizzy tablet in half and drop part of it into the bottle. Get ready ... Here come the bubbly blobs!
5. You can even get a flashlight, turn off the lights and drop in another half tablet. This time shine the flashlight through the lava lamp while the blobs are bubbling!

### Roll a can with Static Electricity

You will need:

- An empty soda can
- A balloon
- A head of hair

#### Instructions-

1. Place the can on its side on a table or smooth surface
2. Blow up the balloon
3. Rub the balloon back and forth through your hair really fast
4. Hold the balloon over the can (not touching it, just above) and watch the can roll toward the balloon when you move the balloon slowly

### Snow fluff

#### You will need:

- 1 cup corn starch
- 1 cup shaving cream
- Food Colouring
- Large bowl
- Spoon

#### Instructions-

1. Pour the cup of corn starch in the large bowl.
2. Grab your spoon and scoop the shaving cream on top. Stir to mix
3. When the mixture looks like grated cheese, use your hands to squish the mixture even more.
4. Pretty soon the shaving cream and cornstarch will form a ball, about the same texture as dough.
5. If your mixture is really wet and sticky after mixing, it needs a little more corn starch. If it won't stick together and falls into pieces, add a little more shaving cream.
6. That's it! Try sculpting snow angels, snowmen, or make a tiny snow fort!

Hopefully you enjoyed these Science Experiments and can try some at home. Make sure to have a parent's permission first and please send us a photo of your experiment at [hpsnewsletter@schools.vic.edu.au](mailto:hpsnewsletter@schools.vic.edu.au)

Take care and stay safe xoxo,  
From your School Captains, Samantha and River.



# Coding and Technology Activities

Technology has changed the world. These days, most things are online, in the cloud or somewhere in the digital world. Technology is vital to learn from a young age. We have put together a list of coding activities that you can do from any age.

**Prep/Foundation** - If you have an iPhone or iPad anywhere close to you, install an app called [Kodable](#) (with your parents permission) and then complete the tutorial.

**Grade 1** - If you are in grade 1, you can do Kodable or you can make your own [flappy bird game](#).

**Grade 2** - Try out the [Hour Of Code](#)!. Many of you will know what it is.

**Grade 3** - Try out [Kodable](#), but this time, it's harder. If you find this too hard, you can try out a different task.

**Grade 4** - One like many others, [Scratch](#) is a free kids block coding website. You can look at some other games people have made and look at the code in it.

**Grade 5** - [Scratch](#) is great coding website to use! Make a game and send us a screenshot of it. [hpsnewsletter@schools.vic.edu.au](mailto:hpsnewsletter@schools.vic.edu.au)

**Grade 6** - We would recommend you complete the same task as year 4&5. If you would like a challenge, try investigating and recreating already existing games.



## Performing Arts: Top Of The Charts (Issue 3)



Here we are again, in Lockdown 2.0 - and another round of remote learning. Not knowing how long this disturbance will last for, we should definitely get our creative juices flowing, and keep ourselves busy.

---

### Song Corner 🎧 -

Here are a few fresh hits, to listen to, and occupy some of your free time. Hope you enjoy them...

1. Rain On Me - Lady Gaga, Ariana Grande  
An extremely catchy song, from chat-topping Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande, that consists of an extremely mesmerising tune, that is perfect for online dance parties.  
<https://safeYouTube.net/w/e8FP>
2. In Your Eyes - The Weeknd, Doja Cat  
This already fabulous tune by The Weeknd, remixed with the amazing Doja Cat, will undoubtedly get stuck in your head for days, weeks or maybe even months.  
<https://safeYouTube.net/w/o8FP>
3. Stuck With U - Justin Bieber, Ariana Grande  
A song specifically relating to lockdown? Coming right up! The spectacular pairing of Justin Bieber and Ariana Grande, creates an exceptionally catchy, meaningful and relaxing tune.  
<https://safeYouTube.net/w/v8FP>

### Idea Corner 💡 -

Organise a Zoom dance party catchup with your friends, and in preparation, create a list of you and your friends' favourite songs, to dance your heart out to! (If you're stuck for song ideas, feel free to use our song suggestions!)

Joke Corner 😄 -

1. Now is not the right time to go and surround yourself with *positive* people.
2. To all the people who have bought 20 bottles of hand sanitiser and soap, leaving none for others, you do realise that to end Covid-19, you need others to sanitise their hands too, right?
3. Child: "Mum, when you were younger, did you actually go through 18 rounds of Covid, before Covid-19?"  
Mum: "Uh... no, I didn't."

Kind regards,

Simon Huang and Irene Wang.

(Performing Arts Captains)

## Trivia

Hi this is Austin and Deshitha, your 2020 Mandarin Captains and we have something entertaining for you to do at home. You can do this trivia anytime when you are bored with your parents or siblings. It should be fun for those boring times in lockdown.

### Easy:

1. What is the main color in the Chinese flag?
2. How many expressways did China have in 1992?
3. Beijing, the capital of China, used to be called what?
4. What are the 2 administrative zones of China?
5. What percentage of the world population lives in China?
6. How many children are born every minute in China?

### Medium:

7. How did kfc mistranslate it's slogan in Chinese?
8. How many characters are in China's language?
9. How many is the average Chinese adult expected to know?
10. Which has more english speakers: England or China?
11. An original Chinese calendar year would take how many normal years?
12. How many countries share a border with China?

### Hard:

13. Is Chinese the most used Mother tongue?
14. Is Chinese Handwriting the most unrecognisable?
15. Is Chinese the oldest language still in use?

### Super hard:

16. How often is a new skyscraper built?

# Answers:

## Easy-

1. Red
2. 0
3. Peking
4. Macau and hong kong
5. About 22%
6. 35

## Medium-

7. They translated 'finger linking good' to 'eat your fingers off'
8. 42,000
9. 5,000
10. China
11. 60
12. 14- India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia, North Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Bhutan and Nepal

## Hard-

13. Yes it is
14. Yes
15. no

## Extra Hard-

16. A new skyscraper, (that is a building over 150 meters and is free standing and is at least 50 percent residential use) is built every 5 days

