

## Our School Values:

**RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY**



Dear Parents,

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MAY GENERAL MEETING**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May we held our May general meeting. Some key topics discussed included:

- *Capital Works Program- an update was provided on the progress of the Design stage for our school upgrade.*
- *Federal School Upgrade Funding- Funding is now available to resurface the other half of the undercover area. Works won't commence until later in the year.*
- *Policy review & consultation of the Bullying Prevention and School Engagement & Wellbeing policies, as part of the school policy review cycle.*
- *School House tops- progress is being made to allow parents the option to purchase a school House t-shirt which will be utilised at various school events during the year.*

### **MID-YEAR REPORTS & 3 WAY CONFERENCES (MODIFIED REPEAT)**

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Parents/carers will be able to book their meeting time. The booking portal will be open until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. *If you are unable to book your meeting time or you are having difficulty using the Compass booking system please contact the school office for assistance.*
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Student reports can be accessed through the Compass App.
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - 3 Way Conferences - a formal opportunity for parents to discuss the progress of their child/children. *Note: students only attend school on this day for their 3-way conference.*

### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Social Media and its impact on young people is a hot topic at the moment and media outlets are reporting stories in relation to this, almost daily.

Every year new social media sites become popular, which then can result in issues for students who may have negative comments made about them, in some cases cyberbullying also occurs. It is not uncommon for students to mention to me, that they have been arguing with another student (friend) online, or a student has been nasty online when playing online games. The Australian Government has excellent information on the following website around safety, I encourage parents to visit this site whenever you are unsure how appropriate content is for your child <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

All social media sites have age limits for good reasons, such as inappropriate content and reduced security. Your digital footprint can NEVER be erased

## **CURRICULUM DAY / PUPIL-FREE DAY**

A reminder that this **Monday the 27th May**, is a pupil free day. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day.

Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL

24TH MAY, 2024

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# School Athletics

# Grandparents/Special Friends Day

A huge thank you to all the grandparents and special people who came to visit the school on Friday morning.



## DIARY DATES

Monday	27th	May	<b>CURRICULUM DAY - students do not attend school on this day.</b>
Tuesday	28th	May	<b>Breakfast Program</b> - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Tuesday	28th	May	<b>Regional Cross Country Championships St Arnaud</b> - qualifying students
Wednesday	29th	May	<b>Food Share Program</b> - every Wednesday
Wednesday	29th	May	<b>Cluster Athletics Carnival</b> - <i>qualifying students from senior school</i>
Wednesday	29th	May	<b>NSS Colouring Competition Submission close</b> - whole school
Thursday	30th	May	<b>Breakfast Program</b> - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Friday	31st	May	<b>Whole School Assembly 9.10am</b>
Friday	31st	May	<b>School Lunch Order Day</b> - ( <i>orders close Thursday 30th May at 10.00am</i> )
Wednesday	5th	June	<b>Booking Open for 3 Way Conference on Compass</b>
Thursday	6th	June	<b>Cookie Dough Fundraiser orders close</b>
Friday	7th	June	<b>Book Club orders close</b>
Monday	10th	June	<b>King Birthday Public Holiday - School Closed</b>
Wednesday	12th	June	<b>Division Soccer Tournament</b> - selected students from grade 5/6
Wednesday	12th	June	<b>Dress Up Day</b> - whole school ( <i>please see newsletter article</i> )
Thursday	20th	June	<b>Cookie Dough Fundraiser order delivery and pick up</b>
Monday	24th	June	<b>Mid Year Student Reports available on Compass</b>
Wednesday	26th	June	<b>3 Way Conferences</b> ( <i>see principals report</i> ).
Friday	28th	June	<b>End of Term. Students dismissed at 2.30pm</b>

### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

NSS was a success on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. All students who were present (or not in a PE/ART) participated in reading 'Bowerbird Blues' at 12.00pm, alongside other children all over the nation.

The Library Leaders and Mrs. Trahair are holding a colouring competition in celebration of this event. Colouring sheets were handed out by the classroom teachers this week. Sheets are to be completed at home. Anyone who wants to enter the competition must have it submitted in the office trays by the following Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. The Library Leaders and Mrs Trahair will then vote on a junior and senior winner who will receive their own copy of 'Bowerbird Blues'. All entries will receive 10 house points for participating.

### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



### WHOLE SCHOOL DRESS UP DAY

#### WEDNESDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE

Come to school dressed in your pyjamas, sports colours, rainbow, costumes or your own outfit

\* Free choice but clothes must have sleeves over their shoulders and closed toe shoes

Bring along silver coins and the longest line will win zipper doopers for their class.



### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

#### COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

We are currently running a cookie dough fundraiser for the next few weeks. Flyers have been sent home with the eldest child in the family. Ordering will be online until 6th June and the portal is now open for orders.

[www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au)

Delivery date is 20th June, 2024.



### ART ROOM - DONATIONS NEEDED

The art room is currently needing donations of:

- Newspapers
- large cardboard boxes (not cereal boxes)
- egg cartons.

Please leave donations at the school office.

## WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

*These awards reflect our school values of: **Respect, Resilience, Community and Collaboration.***

Congratulations to the following students, Mr Lee will present them with their Student Recognition Award at assembly on Friday morning at 9.10pm.

- F/1C - **Hailee A:** *for showing commitment to her learning by being engaged and taking on teacher feedback*
- F/1B - **Yousuf M:** *for making great a great "Text to Self" connection with our class book.*
- F/1M - **Ethan K:** *for identifying his emotion when he is feeling upset and using learnt strategies to calm his body.*
- F/1A - **Ella W:** *for settling in well to her new class and making friends.*
- F/1D - **Austin A:** *for being a number ninja by demonstrating how to partition numbers.*
- 2H - **Lachlan P:** *for his improvement in showing respect both inside and outside of the classroom*
- 2R - **Judd W:** *for his amazing mathematical understanding of 10 more and 10 less when working with 4-digit numbers.*
- 3/4L - **Zayli H:** *for focusing on her work and applying herself to the best of her abilities.*
- 3/4BM - **Ruzgar E:** *for applying himself to complete set tasks.*
- 3/4GT - **Dakota:** *for her effort when writing an explanation piece on 'why cats have whiskers'.*
- 3/4PG - **Taylor E:** *for showing resilience in her transition into our classroom and Huntly Primary School.*
- 5/6K -
- 5/6D - **Layla E:** *for her amazing effort in fitting into the classroom, and giving everything a go.*
- 5/6T - **Hope D:** *for effectively utilising her class time to produce high-quality work.*

## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT - GEM

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, and helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

### **Whole Family Activity:**

#### **Gratitude Scavenger Hunt**

- *As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for, you can make your own list or use the examples below:*
- *Something that makes you happy*
- *Something you love to smell*
- *Something you enjoy looking at*
- *Something that is your favourite colour*
- *Something you like in nature*
- *Something that is useful for you*
- *Each member of the family uses the list and has to find as many things as they can.*
- *You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet*
- *After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item*

### **Family Habit Builder:**

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.



### AUTUMN IN THE SUSTAINABILITY GARDEN

Cooler days have begun, and we are well into Autumn. The Sustainability Team are busy preparing the soil in one of the garden beds for snow peas, spring onions, peas and 'chicken mix' grass. A few weeks back, we planted some seeds, and this week we have planted our seedlings. The team have been very busy caring for our garden, and watching the seeds grow, watering them, helping them form into very strong and healthy seedlings. The chooks have been allowed to roam on occasion in and around the garden beds pecking and eating some of our vegetable plants growing in the garden and looking for worms and bugs. Thankyou to all our Sustainability Garden helpers over the past few weeks, it has been great to see some young gardeners of the future learning new skills and best of all – having fun!

### AFTER THE BELL - SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

This school holiday period our OSHC provider "After the Bell" is offering a full day School Holiday Program.

Do not hold back on making a booking or wait until the last minute. For the program to operate we need a minimum of 12 bookings each day before the confirmation date of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 or the program will not go ahead on some or all days.

Please see flyer attached to this newsletter including What's On Each Day. We ask that you read each day, as some days have lunch provided and also communicate incursion and excursion information times.

**Excursion Permission Form:** The Excursion Permission form is required to be completed if you have booked your child (ren) into any excursion day and it must be completed and returned via email only on the SAME DAY you place your bookings to [bookings@afterthebell.com.au](mailto:bookings@afterthebell.com.au).

If the excursion form has not been provided on the same day the excursion booking has been made the booking for the excursion will not be processed. This may result in you missing an excursion place for your child/ren, as no place is held.

**How To Make A School Holiday Program booking:** All bookings are to be made via the [iparent Kidsoft portal](#). Ensure when making a booking to select 'routine booking'.

For all questions, please email our booking officer at [bookings@afterthebell.com.au](mailto:bookings@afterthebell.com.au)

# Safe to school

## How to drop off and pick up children safely

### What you can do

#### Supervise children in or near traffic.

The best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads is under your guidance, in real traffic, in everyday situations. Until children are about 10 or 11 years of age they do not have the necessary skills and physical abilities to be safe on their own so providing supervised practice is important.

#### Walk or cycle to school with your child.

Take the healthy option. If you can't walk the whole way, consider parking a few streets away and walking the rest of the way. Children under the age of 12 are allowed to ride on footpaths and so can adults riding with them.

#### Respect the road rules and parking signs.

It is important that parents park legally to provide a safer environment for children.

- Double parking restricts the view of drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.
- Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.

#### Wait on the same side of the road as your child.

- Meet your child at the school gate to avoid your child dashing across the road.
- If picking up your child from the bus stop, wait on the same side as the bus.

#### If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors and ensure your child is using a booster seat or correctly adjusted seatbelt.

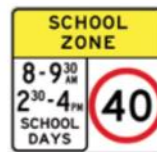
The safest doors are kerbside doors, away from traffic. For information about Victoria's child restraint road rules, visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints)

#### Participate in the development of a safe drop off and pick up strategy for your school.

Raise this issue with your school council and participate in the development of a 'safe to school' strategy. Visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au/safetoschool](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au/safetoschool) for more information.

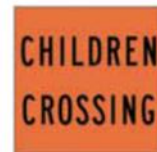


### Obeys these signs



#### 40km/h sign

All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.



#### Children crossing

When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.



#### No parking

If there is a 'no parking' sign, you can stop for 2 minutes in that area:

- if you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods
- you stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



#### No stopping

No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



#### Bus zone

Take extra care and be on the lookout near school bus stops as children may be trying to cross the road nearby.

For further information visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au/safetoschool](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au/safetoschool)



after the  
**BELL**

GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

# Winter Vacation Care



**"Come & enjoy the winter adventure"**

## HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**1st - 12th July 2024**

*Book  
Online!*



1300 977 599



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# Huntly Primary School

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Program Closed



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Program Closed



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Winter Wonderland

Are you ready for the ultimate winter wonderland experience!

Be part of this fantastic Winter wonderland day that will surprise you. We will make snow globes, make some snowflakes, enjoy hot chocolate and crepes for afternoon tea.

Ending the day with a mega snow fight.



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Body & Movement (Inursion)

Get your body ready for a fun energising day of dance, singing and movement.

This fun incursion will get you laughing, moving, and having fun with all your friends.

We will end this day with some party games and prizes and yummy party food too.

Arrive at the program by – 12.00pm



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Movie Time (Excursion)

The long wait is over come and watch Despicable Me 4 with a popcorn in one hand, a drink in the other hand and also a bag of treats.

Arrive at the program by – 9.00am

Back at the program – 2.00pm



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Food Fiesta Day (Lunch Provided)

Explore the world of food with cooking and baking activities during the day.

Make your own pizza for lunch, make cake in a mug, make a lantern centrepiece for your home dining table and decorate a chef's hat.



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Jumptastic (Excursion)

Wow yourself as you try out the trampolines and foam pits that will surround you today.

The rest of the day will also be filled with different sports and craft activities too.

Must arrive at the program by – 11.00am  
Arrival Back at the program - 4.00pm

\*Must wear socks



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Pirate Adventure (Inursion)

Ahoy there me hearties

We are embarking on a Pirate adventure today over the great seas.

We will be making treasure maps, dodging the cannon balls, walking the plank and best of all experiencing an ultimate pirate incursion that will take you on a mega hunting quest.

Arrive at the program by – 12.00pm



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Splash Of Colour

Splash into a world of colour today, we will be enjoying tie-dyeing, making yummy rainbow cupcakes, creative art installation and fun in the great outdoors.



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Olympic Games Fever

Let's get ready for the Olympic games by immersing ourselves with Olympic fever games and crafts throughout the day.



## What Do I Bring To Vacation Care?

Ensure that your child's bag is packed with a nutritional morning tea, lunch, a refillable bottle and SunSmart hat. We ask parents not to pack their children's bag with soft drinks, lollies and chips. After The Bell Aus follows the Heart Foundation, Healthy Together programs and Nutrition Australia policy and promotes healthy eating at our programs. Children are not permitted to have any food that contain nuts or that requires refrigeration, re-heating, or cooking. Please note some days in Vacation Care lunch maybe provided, please read the Vacation Care program carefully for these indicated lunch provided days.

Government Child Care Subsidy applies to all below fees (if eligible)-

Pay as little as **\$11.17 per day/child**

Daily cost ranges per day/ child-

In-house between- \$75 – \$82

Incursion- \$85 – \$90

Excursion- \$90 – \$115



All bookings are to be made through your **Kidsoft iParent portal.**

Less than 48hrs business days bookings requests are to be emailed to the bookings email address for approval.

**Note: VAC days will operate where 12 or more bookings. Families will be notified via email on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 on operational status.**

## Program Information

Address: 101 Brunel Street  
Huntly VIC 3551

Room Location: Library Area & Multi-Purpose

Program Number: 0428 256 339

Program Hours: 7.00am till 6pm

