Building Update

Now that we are well into the 2017 school year, I would like to provide you with an update of progress in our major building program which will result in the school having three specialist learning spaces, eight additional permanent classrooms, a new office/administration area and carefully planned landscaped outdoor learning and playing areas.

The demolition of the main school brick building has now been completed. This was quite a complex task involving many different steps including considerable work prior to demolition beginning, such as:

- Temporary relocation of all power, telephone, network and water connections
- The removal of commemorative bricks and pavers which are now in storage and will be used in the new landscape design
- Removal of the time capsule for safe keeping until it can be relocated after the works have been completed
- Safe removal of the asbestos which lined much of the main brick building. This work was completed outside of school hours in accordance with Worksafe and Department of Education and Training safety guidelines.

The underground services are currently being laid in preparation for the building work to begin.

As you will know from previous building updates, while the original school house didn’t allow for the flexible classroom design required in 21st century learning, we recognised the heritage and social significance of this building to the local community. Last year we worked very hard with Casey Council to reach a solution to ensure the building was retained in Hampton Park and Casey Council accepted the school’s offer to relocate it to the Marjorie Eastick Reserve for use by the residents of Hampton Park.

In the last week of February this year, the first stage of the building’s relocation was completed. Many students, parents and staff were excited to watch the school house being transported by a low loader to the Regans Road side of the school in preparation for the final move to its new home across the road from the school. We are currently awaiting advice from the electricity providers about when this move will take place.

We are fortunate to have extremely conscientious builders who are doing everything they can to make sure the building works run smoothly so that we remain on track for completion of the project before the end of the year.

I would like to thank everyone who visits the school for their patience and understanding especially as they move around the school. Please remember that you must come to the office if you need to collect your child from school during the school day.

Leonie King
Principal
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SCHOOL NEWS and REMINDERS

“BE A BUDDY NOT A BULLY”

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

During the week of 14th to 17th March, HPPS will be acknowledging this national day and the positive message it relays to our school community. Our students will be actively involved in discussions, projects and development of strategies to deal with conflict, should it arise. Topics covered in the classroom activities will have age appropriate themes to ensure inclusion of and opportunity for understanding by all students. Anti-bullying is a concept strongly supported by the Kids Matter Action Team and HPPS. It is important that we maintain a safe and supportive learning environment for all students, staff and families. We encourage you to speak with your children about the in-class activities and we invite you to come in to the classrooms to see the displays created towards the end of next week. Should you need more information, please feel free to talk to your child’s teacher.

Kylie Long
Parent Representative—Kids Matter Action Team

CULTURAL INFUSION EVENING

To celebrate the cultures of our school community we are pleased to announce that this year on Wednesday, March 15th, we will be holding our annual Cultural Infusion evening from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. The theme for this is year is ‘Understanding Cultures’.

We would like to welcome parents and families of our school community to share their culture with us through dance performances, song and sharing of food.

If you or your child wish to perform please inform your child’s teacher and Miss Green will be in contact with you regarding any requirements you will need on the night.

A notice has been sent home about this event and on how you can contribute to the evening. So if you wish to participate by performing or bringing food, can you please fill out the orange notice and return it as soon as possible.

Students must not attend without a parent/ guardian present on the night.

If you would like more information please contact your child’s class teacher or Miss Green at the school office on 9799 1440.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2017 edition of our school chess championships began this week. Once again over 100 students from Grades 3-6 are competing at lunch times to claim the ultimate glory. Hopefully, some skills will also be learnt.

Chess is a game played in 168 countries and played by over 600 million people around the world. It is a game widely used in schools as an educational tool to build mental muscles by developing key thinking skills such as problem solving, decision making, planning, and life skills such as focus, resilience and confidence.

We consider that chess is a very important part of the curriculum and that the students get a lot of worthwhile skills from the program. Stay tuned for more events during the year.

2017 GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

‘On Friday the 24th February the House and School Captains went to the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. We went there to learn about how to be a great leader. We had a lot of fun and learned many new things. It was a very good experience.’ (Sophia Cabador, School Captain).

As part of our student leaders program at HPPS, our student leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Training Conference. Through practical, hands on activities and interactions with leaders from other schools our students learned about the importance of positive leadership qualities/values, the responsibilities associated with being a leader and new ideas to implement within the school community.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Please take note that Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday March 29th. Your child will receive an interim report prior to that date. Interview notices will be sent out in March. Staff are also available before or after school if you need to speak to them – we ask that you make an appointment time and turn up at that time. Interpreters can be arranged. Staff can speak to you when you drop off or pick your child, however please be mindful to allow staff to supervise their grade and keep the message short. If you need more time to chat please book an interview.
Wellbeing News:

On Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} March, the staff were involved in a professional learning session on MINDSET. Mindset is a belief about your qualities, talents and personality. The staff listened to Dan Haesler, a PE trained teacher from England who now lives in Australia and travels the world speaking and working with teachers, corporate business and non-for-profit organisations about fixed mindset and growth mindset. Dan has worked in schools in Australia and overseas dealing with many wellbeing issues of young children. Dan is passionate about equity in education and engaging our hardest-to-reach kids and communities.

The staff spent 3 hours listening to Dan speak about thinking you can’t do something compared with developing a growth mindset where you face challenges, seek out feedback and value the effort you put in to master a skill. The staff were also involved in activities on the day.

In the coming weeks, you will hear more about mindset and the power of ‘yet’ as we take on Dan’s message as part of our KidsMatter work to improve the mental health and wellbeing of our students.

Check out Dan’s website – https://danhaesler.com/

Somerville Road Parking Changes

Casey Council has begun to make changes to the parking arrangements in Somerville Road. These changes are linked to the new entry to the school. Signage near the school crossing will also be updated to bring it in line with current Council guidelines. In the meantime, please follow all parking signs and time limits in order to keep the area outside the school safe for students and parents as they walk to and from school.

Judith Graley Visits Hampton Park Primary

Last week we were very lucky to have Judith Graley (State Member For Narre Warren South) visit Hampton Park Primary School to inspect the progress of our building project. Many of you will know that Judith was the driving force behind the school receiving Government funding to rebuild the school. Planning and designing a new building takes a lot of time and it was therefore very rewarding for Judith to see how far the works had progressed since they began in January.

Presentation of Captains Badges:

While Judith was at school last week, she presented School Captains Sophia and Wageesha and School Vice Captain Miniya with their 2017 leadership badges. Unfortunately Saha, our other Vice Captain was absent on the day.

All of our student leaders have been doing wonderful work within our school community and have a large number of important roles and responsibilities.

We wish these wonderful leaders a successful year in their role.
On Friday 3rd March our whole school attended the Hampton Park House Athletics Carnival. All students who participated earned points for their house. Our students demonstrated amazing sportsmanship and athletic ability. Everyone who competed should be very proud of their efforts. Thank you to all the parents and staff for your assistance and support on the day.

The names of students who have qualified for the Hampton Park District Athletics Team will be displayed in the PE Centre notice board and Mr Lukas’s office window this week. Students in the Athletics Team will be expected at specific training sessions in the lead-up to the Cranbourne North District Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 15th March.

2017 House Winner
4th: Reedy on 85 Points
3rd: Holden on 106 Points
2nd: Robjant on 140 Points
1st: Sinclair on 212 Points

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