

HERNE HILL Primary School



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Newsletter #6

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Extra Curricular Calendar

MARCH

Friday 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lock Down Procedure
Monday 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day Holiday
Friday 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics Day
Tuesday 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council 7pm
Friday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Country
Tuesday 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5-6 GPAC Excursion Easter Picnic
Wednesday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term for Students
Thursday 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff First Aid Training Offsite. No Students

From The Principal's Desk

Students continue to participate in quality and engaging learning at Herne Hill Primary School. All students have had the opportunity to demonstrate excellence across all areas of the curriculum through many educational and extra curricular experiences. Thanks to all staff for their planning and integration of these learning programs. Parents can also support the learning at home by providing reading, writing, mathematical and real life experiences.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that this **Monday 12th March** is Labour Day Public Holiday. Students do not attend school on this day.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all families who attended Tuesday's Meet and Greet Parent/Teacher Interviews. This was an important opportunity to establish positive relationships between home and school and to ensure all students are able to maximise their social, emotional and academic outcomes.

LOCK DOWN PROCEDURE

Tomorrow, Herne Hill Primary School will have a practice Lock Down Procedure across the whole school and kindergarten community. These procedures are a great opportunity to ensure that the safety measures we have in place are sufficient in the unlikely event of an actual emergency.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All visitors and parents entering the school during school hours need to ensure they are coming in through the office area. It is important for safety and emergency management procedures, we are aware of people entering the school. This needs to be followed also if you are collecting your children early, delivering messages or dropping off lunches.

STAFF CAR PARK

For safety reasons, it is important that parents and community members are not accessing the staff car park before, during or after school hours. These parks need to be available for staff who are leaving and returning to the school for curricular activities and meetings throughout the day. It is important also that the traffic in this area is limited for the safety of the children and the community. Please use other marked designated parking areas around the school.

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

On Wednesday, a number of our 5/6 students represented Herne Hill Primary School at the Lightning Premiership competition. The students should be congratulated on their participation and enthusiasm across both Softball and Cricket.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our Junior School Councilors for semester 1 were announced at Monday's assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

Grade	Student Representatives
1/2B	Harry M
1/2G	Zack P
1/2H	Hayley E
3/4D	Madison M
3/4L	Marina P
3/4W	Taylah B
5/6B	Milly E
5/6C	Jorja B
5/6S	Maddison R
School Captains	Adriana C Boris K

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From the Principal's Desk Continued...

SUPPORTING STUDENTS CONFIDENCE

How confidence develops

For most children, school means spending more time on learning and less on play. It also means more expectations of them – from parents, carers, school staff and also from themselves.

Primary school children typically start out with high expectations. When they see how well they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes. They learn that they are good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how other children and school staff respond to what they do. These things influence children's confidence in their abilities. They also influence how willing they are to have a go in situations where they feel unsure.

How parents and carers can help

Confidence improves through building on small successes. Parents and carers (and school staff) can help by:

- explaining to children that skills develop with practice
- encouraging children to persist when they don't succeed straight away
- praising effort, persistence and improvement
- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- being ready to help when necessary, without taking over.

Encouraging children to have a go and valuing individual improvement support children's confidence.

Confident thinking

Self-esteem is an important part of confidence. Having good self-esteem means accepting and feeling positive about yourself. Confidence is not just feeling good but also knowing you are good at something. Particular ways of thinking are very important for building confidence.

Helpful ways of thinking include:

- believing that, if you try, you can succeed
- finding positive ways to cope with failure that encourage having another go
- enjoying learning for its own sake by competing with your own performance rather than that of others
- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- being ready to help when necessary, without taking over.

Dealing with disappointment

Everybody fails to achieve their goals sometimes. Parents and carers (and school staff) can help by:

- responding sympathetically and with encouragement (eg "That was disappointing, but at least you had a go.")
- helping children focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them (eg "What can you try that might make that work better next time?")
- challenging 'I can't' thinking by showing and saying you believe in them and reminding them of what they have achieved.

Optimistic thinking recognises what has been achieved more than what is lacking. It looks at the glass as half-full rather than half-empty. Parents and carers can help children focus on their own effort and on achieving personal goals as the best way to measure success.

You Can Do It

Shane Ezard, Principal

Mathletics 2018

This week's mathletes of the week are William G, Romeo C, Zoe G, and Jeffrey C. All 4 students achieved a silver certificate and a ticket for our Toyworld raffle.

We would like to again thank the team at **Toyworld Geelong West** for supporting our Mathletes in 2018.



Whole School Sing

All students will be participating in a whole school sing at our next assembly, **9am Tuesday the 13th of March**. This is a brief performance by students but should be an enjoyable experience as a school community.

Thank you,
Karla Gilbert
Performing Arts
Specialist



Bike Ed

In line with many schools throughout Victoria, HHPS will be including a Bike Ed program for Grades 3-6 students, as part of the P.E curriculum at Herne Hill Primary School later this term in weeks 6, 7, 8 & 9. Mr Carracher is a trained Bike Ed teacher and has taught the program at Herne Hill in previous years.

The Bike Ed program will enable children to participate in enjoyable learning experiences and to develop the physical skills for cycling, together with responsible attitudes and behaviours for the safe use of their bicycles in the local traffic environment and in off-road situations. All sessions will remain on school grounds.

We have gained access to 25 bikes for the program through the City of Greater Geelong. The school also owns 9 helmets which students may access, however it is recommended that students bring a helmet from home if possible. Students may bring their own bikes from home for the program, however they must be perfect working condition to be used in the program. If your child is bringing their bike from home, students don't have to ride to school, but rather can have their bikes dropped off to the school by car.

Bike Ed is an inclusive program and all students in Grades 3-6 will be participating. If your child isn't a capable rider, it is recommended to practice before the program commences. During the program there are alternatives to riding the 2-wheel bikes if needed.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please see Mr Carracher.



For the Grade 3/4 Community

A GRADE 3/4 COMMUNITY ALERT

We need... old or new bikes (any bike part will do) that have been left lying around gathering dust in the backyard or garage and that are not needed anymore.



Someone's junk will be our gold!

These bikes can be in any condition; rusty, un-kept, working, non-working, they can be parts of bikes such as frames, wheels, rims, bike seats etc. If you have anything or know of someone that has an old bike the 3/4 team need these as part of the students learning for term 2.

You can drop off your old bikes or any bike piece at Herne Hill PS. Just look for **Mr Ezard** or any of the 3/4 staff.

SOME NEWS FROM THE 3/4 COMMUNITY

The students are busy at the moment being research detectives trying to find as much information as they can about our inquiry topic;- Who are the women that you admire? A look back in history of the women who have shaped Geelong.

A big thanks for those parents who came Tuesday for the parent/teacher 'meet and greet' sessions. Some terrific information was shared that will support the students learning going forward.

Maldon Blue Light Camp information went home on Monday night. Could the medical and dietary information please be returned to school as soon as possible to help with the camp organisation.

A big thanks to everyone from the 3/4 teaching team.

Parents and Friends Association

EASTER RAFFLE

The first Parents and Friends fundraiser for 2018 is a Easter Hamper Raffle. There will be a number of draws.



All families should have received a book of 10 tickets worth \$10.00 (raffle tickets are \$1 each). More tickets available at the office.

The raffle will be drawn on **Monday 26th of March 2018.**

Could all raffle tickets (sold and unsold) and money be returned to school by **Friday 23rd of March.**

We are also collecting donations for the hampers, so please drop these off at the school office.

Coles Sports for Schools

Our School is collecting Coles vouchers!

So drop your vouchers in a Herne Hill box at your local Coles or bring them to the school office as we have a box here!

Get collecting HHPS! The more vouchers, the more sports gear we'll get!

Art Activities



Grade 1/2 students did an amazing job creating their 3D papier mache mini beasts



★ Star of the Week ★

PREP B Indira H	For trying so hard to do your best at school!	PREP M Cody H	You are so good at coming to school! Well done for being brave.
1/2B Cooper M	For sharing information about his worm farm.	1/2G Brock A	For following directions quickly and always doing his best! Awesome work, Brock!
1/2H Nion L	For making a great start at our school.	3/4L Hunter F	Being so enthusiastic about his learning. What a fantastic start to Grade 3.
3/4D William O	You come to school each day with a keen and enthusiastic attitude so as to build on your learning.	3/4W Tahlia S	For challenging herself and showing her best efforts in her classwork.
5/6B Bailey S	An outstanding week away. Top job champ!	5/6C Riley G	For showing great leadership and organising a cleaning bee of the school gardens with the other school leaders. Well done!
5/6S Sidd S	For his positive 'can do' attitude on camp.	PHYS ED Ethan D	For persistence when learning handstands!
LANGUAGE SUPPORT Charlotte H	For fantastic reading.	PRINCIPAL Rehaan G	A great start to school at HHPS!
PERFORMING ARTS Matthew E	For his caring nature and always looking out for others in Performing Arts.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>DON'T FORGET!</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>SCHOLASTIC Book Club orders are due:</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>ISSUE #2 Thursday 14th March 2018</p> </div> </div>	

Grade 1/2 Mini-beast IncurSION

