



## NEWSLETTER

6th February 2025

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Dear Parents,

**Welcome back to the new school year and in particular a warm welcome to our new Prep students and families.** It has been a pleasure to greet all our new students and families at Hartwell and I wish you many happy years ahead as part of our school community.

The students have settled well into their new learning communities; their confidence, ability to build new friendships and develop a positive relationship with their peers and teachers is highly commended – well done.

Congratulations to the teaching staff, integration aides, OSHC program, cleaners and our magnificent administration team for preparing for the start of the new school year. It is clearly evident that all their hard work has ensured a well-prepared and calm environment – thank you.

### HPS 'Quick Guide 2025!'

Attached is the Quick Guide for the year. This publication gives you an overview of the school operations, staff, important dates for the school year, key phone numbers, communication tools and is a general guide for Hartwell.

In particular please note:

- **SCHOOL TIMES and PICK UP/DROP OFF**
  - as with last year we are promoting our **'Ten to 9, be on time'** and I ask that you support this to ensure all children are ready for learning at 9am.
  - **School finishes at 3.30pm and we have supervision in the playground until 3.45pm.** Please note all children should have been collected or in the after school program by this time. For the children's safety I ask that you are prompt each day for collection.

### 2025 Dates to Remember

	January	
Tuesday	28	Teachers commence - No students at school
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Students commence</b>
	February	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Movie Night</b>
	March	
Monday	3 - 7	Year 6 Camp
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Public Holiday-no school</b>
Wednesday	26 - 27	School Photos
	April	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>End of Term 1 2:30 finish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Public Holiday-no school</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Public Holiday-no school</b>
Monday	28 – 30	Year 4 Camp
Wednesday	30/4 – 2/5	Year 3 Camp
	May	
Monday	5/5 – 15/5	Year 2 Swimming
Monday	19/5 – 29/5	Year 1 Swimming
	June	
Monday	2/6 – 13/6	Year 4 Swimming
Monday	9	<b>Public Holiday-no school</b>
Monday	16/6 – 26/6	Year 3 Swimming
	July	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>End of Term 2 2:30 finish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>
	August	
Wednesday	6	School Production
Thursday	7	School Production

- If you need to drop children to school or pick them up early from school, **it is a legal requirement that you come into the school office to sign them in or out. No primary aged student is allowed to do this independently.**

- Early collection from school: once you have arrived we will send for the children from their classroom, so please leave enough time, particularly if you are heading to an appointment.

- **SCHOOL UNIFORM and JEWELLERY**

- We have a fabulous uniform with many choices for the children. I ask that you follow the uniform policy and also remind you that **make-up and hair colour for the children is not appropriate for during the school term.**
- Please can you assist with ensuring all jewellery is appropriate for school. Only studs or small hoops should be worn as long earrings can be easily caught when at play or during PE.

- **SMART WATCHES and MOBILE DEVICES**

As you know all schools have a policy to manage mobile devices. If your child has a phone please let the teacher know as we have a management plan for them whilst at school. We ask that you keep these to a minimum and consider if this is necessary for primary school. Generally students in Year 6 will have a device as a way to be safe whilst walking to and from school independently and in preparation for high school.

**SMART WATCHES:** must be on **school mode** during the school day. If these are accessed during the learning time we may put them safely away for the day. Children should be deferring to the Hartwell staff should they need assistance, please remind them to do this.

A gentle reminder that all personal items that come to school are your responsibility, we cannot replace or be responsible for their safety. I would encourage you not to let your child bring anything to school that is valuable and please no cash is required for school unless you are allowing a few dollars on a canteen day.

**Enrolments and Drop Off/Pick Up**

Our enrolment now stands at 563 students. **As in every school with many children I would ask you to be careful during school drop-off and school pick-up times.** There are a number of road rules in place around the school, so please familiarize yourself with them. We have been informed by Boroondara Council that cars parked illegally will be photographed and fined.

**SAVE THE DATE: Movie Night – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February!**

I am thrilled to announce that on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** we will be holding the annual Hartwell Movie Night. It will be lots of fun and a great opportunity to catch up with parents you may not have seen over the summer holiday and to meet new families at school. More details will be available shortly, but please mark this date in your diary. We will be calling for helpers – as with all our events we do need parent support to ensure these can go ahead. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Student Absence – Goal**

**The Department of Education (DET) have asked all schools to set a goal to better manage student absences. I ask that you ensure ALL student absences are accounted for. This is easily done via our SENTRAL system.** We will be contacting families after 3 days to remind you of the importance of this. I will place reminders throughout the year in our newsletter. If you need any support please contact us.

**Assembly Organisation**

**Please be aware the whole school assembly is on a Monday morning from 9.05am – parents/families are very welcome to attend.** We hold an assembly most weeks and use this time to bring our whole school community together. We share school information, listen to performances and presentations and present certificates of achievement to our students over the year (you will be notified if your child is receiving a certificate and are of course welcome to attend the assembly). We look forward to seeing you there at some point over the year.

*This term we look forward to welcoming you to a year level information evening and a parent/teacher meeting towards the end of term. As with every year, if you have any concerns or matters you wish to discuss please contact your child's home group teacher or Adrian O'Connor, Susie Dalton or me, and we will be very happy to assist you.*

*We look forward to a highly successful 2025,*



Lisa Banks  
Principal

**ATTACHED:**

- HPS Quick Guide 2025

## UNIFORM SHOP - SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD

Please contact Spartan for all uniform supplies.

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<https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/artwell-primary-school>

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Please note the Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 8.30am-9.15am.


## THE GREEN CANTEEN (TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS only)

Please direct all recess and lunch queries to The Green Canteen:

Phone 0432 393 064

email: [thegreencanteenau@gmail.com](mailto:thegreencanteenau@gmail.com)

Orders can be placed until 9am each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday



## DO YOU HAVE CCTV CAMERAS?

**VICTORIA POLICE  
WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP.**

If you have CCTV cameras that cover driveways, front yards, streets, rear laneways etc. or security doorbells that activate when pressed, Boroondara Police would like to add this to our secure database.

Contact Boroondara Police Station via email:

[Boroondara-uni-fax-m@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:Boroondara-uni-fax-m@police.vic.gov.au)

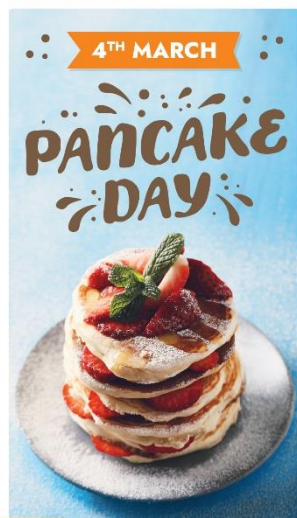
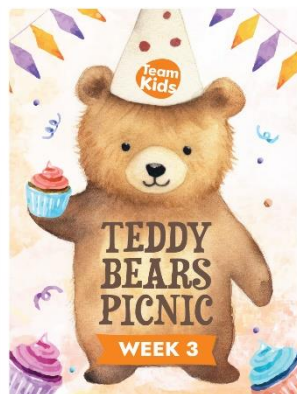
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# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





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