



Hallam Happenings

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Term 1 # 1

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Hallam Primary School's learning and teaching programs support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to: elected government, the rule of law, equal rights for all before the law, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and association and the values of openness and tolerance. Hallam Primary School has a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.

Welcome to Hallam PS for 2017!

Welcome back to Hallam PS for the 2017 school year. A special welcome to all Hallam PS students and their families.

New Staff: We have had a very smooth start to Term 1. The Staff Induction was on Monday. **New staff** joining the Hallam PS team for 2017 are:

Business Manager	Ms Penny Moores
Teacher 12E	Ms Sally Alexander
Teacher 34B	Ms Celeste Bussell
Teacher 56A	Ms Leah White
Technician	Mr Vaughn Bascombe

Home Visits: All students, including Preps, commenced on Tuesday, and by 9:30am the whole school was very settled. The first round of Prep 'Home Visits' was yesterday. Home visits are scheduled on Wednesdays during February when Prep students are not at school. **Home visits provide an opportunity for teachers and parents to share information to support the 'starting school' process.**

Proof of Birth and Immunisation Certificates:

All parents are reminded of the requirement to provide evidence of Proof of Birth (Birth Certificate or Passport) and evidence of immunisation status to the Administration Office. **This documentation is a pre-requisite to enrolment at Hallam PS.** Please ensure you provide this documentation to the school if requested.

CSEF Applications for 2017: Application are now open for the CSEF payment. Please visit the Administration Office where staff can assist you. Eligibility for the CSEF in 2017, requires that a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or

secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term 1 or Term 2,
- be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concession Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pension Concession Card (PCC) holder or
- be a temporary foster parent,
- be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card successfully validating with Centrelink

If you haven't already applied for the CSEF please come to the Administration Office with your card to fill out an application form. The closing date for CSEF application forms to be submitted to the school in Term 1 is **Wednesday 22 February 2017.**

Uniform: Hallam PS has high expectations of students' presentation and behaviour. Please ensure that your child is wearing the **School Council approved, bottle green and gold uniform**, including the **approved wide-brimmed slouch hat.**

Newsletter: The Hallam PS newsletter 'Hallam Happenings', and our website <http://www.hallam-ps.vic.edu.au/>, provides valuable information, to members of our school community. Parents and students need to regularly check information on the website.

Student Accident Insurance and Ambulance

Cover: The DET (Department of Education and Training) does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers and can be obtained by school councils on a whole-of-school basis, or by parents/guardians for individual students.

Emergency Management Plan: Parents are assured that Hallam PS has a regularly updated Emergency Management Plan that complies with DET (Department of Education and Training) requirements. The Emergency Management Plan includes detailed responses to a variety of potential incidents, and is developed by our OHS (Occupational Health & Safety) Representatives in consultation with staff and the Leadership Team. In the event of any incident, the safety of students and staff is our school's priority.

During the year, as part of our Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) calendar, students and staff regularly practise both 'lockdown' and evacuation procedures. This enables students and staff to respond to an emergency situation in a calm and organised way. In the event of an incident, the Emergency Management Plan procedures would be immediately implemented.

Curriculum Programs for 2017: Hallam Primary School implements the Foundation-10 Victorian Curriculum. Units of Inquiry are planned by teachers using MAPPEN.

In 2017, Hallam Primary School has added 'Design Space' to the range of Specialist Programs being offered this year. All students from Prep to Year 6 will participate in Design Space, learning more about coding and robotics.

Specialist Programs and Teachers this year are:

Science	Ms Jade Forss
Design Space	Ms Meg Kingwell Mr Vaughn Bascombe
Physical Education	Mr Rob Coxon
The Arts	Mrs Amanda Coxon
Indonesian	Ms Katherine Lee

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program:

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program is offered to students in Years 3-6 during Semester 1 2017, and to students in Years Prep to Year 2 during

Semester 2. This program supports our focus on Healthy Eating, and is linked to Science, Design Technologies, concepts of sustainability, Mathematics and Literacy. It builds personal responsibility and teamwork skills in students.

Over the holidays a range of fruits, berries and herbs have been harvested, processed and frozen in preparation for the program. Everything is set to go...

With our kitchen coordinator, Kathy Van Eck, on leave during Term 1, Ms Aphivanh Poeung and other volunteers will follow Kathy's program during her absence, and Mr Ross Caughey will continue working with students in the garden.

Breakfast Program: Our Breakfast Program commenced this week. The **Breakfast Program is open to any student from 8:30am each day.** Ms Aphivanh Poeung sets up the program each morning, and the program is supervised by one of the teachers.

If your child is new to the school, please tell them to call in to Breakfast Club at 8:30am to have some cereal, toast or fruit. The Breakfast Program provides a healthy start to the day.

School Council: The first meeting of School Council will be on **Thursday 16 February 2017 at 7:00pm in the Staffroom.** Following this meeting, the School Council election process will commence with a call for nominations.

This year School Council will farewell Parent Members, **Mr James Allen** (School Council President), **Mrs Lisa Haisila** (Former School Council President) and **Mrs Anthea Cupido.** These members of the school community have given generously of their time to support the effective governance of Hallam Primary School over many years, and for which we are very appreciative.

Settling into School: The transition to another class, another teacher, a new group of classmates at the beginning of the school year can sometimes be unsettling for some students. If your child is experiencing any anxiety, please reassure them that they need to give themselves and their new class time to settle in for 2017...

Julie Macfarlane
Principal

Student Wellbeing

UNIFORM REMINDERS

The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.

- * **Girls** – school dress or tartan kilt or skorts/shorts/bicycle shorts/trousers/track pants/windcheater/jacket and gold polo
- * **Boys** – bottle green shorts/trousers/track pants/windcheater/jacket and gold polo

- * Runners, school shoes
- * Year 6 school approved polo and varsity jacket for Year 6 students
- * Short socks, headbands, scrunchies and ribbons are to be white, yellow or bottle green. Leggings/tights are to be bottle green. **Black/white leggings are not permitted.**
- * A watch, and one pair of plain stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, is the only acceptable jewellery.
- * Long hair must be tied back. Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (egg: spikes, shaved shapes or Mohawks) are not permitted.
- * Nail polish and cosmetics are not to be worn at school.
- * Bottle green, broad-brimmed hats, consistent with our SunSmart policy, must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4. Bucket hats and caps are not SunSmart. Hats are not to be worn inside. Religious headwear must be in bottle green, white or black.

CODE OF CONDUCT

... Each student will be bringing home a Code Of Conduct to show and discuss with parents/carers. Please read it through with your children and share what it means....

ATTENDANCE

A polite reminder to families ... When a student is away from school, an explanation for that absence is required upon their return to school. Years 3-6 students have Notes in their planners that can be used for this purpose. Years Prep—2 can use the forms in this newsletter.



Students are reminded to:



Slip on sun protective clothing



Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen. Reapply every two hours



Slap on a broad-brimmed hat



Seek shade



Slide on wrap-around sunglasses



Keep an eye out for the UV ALERT at school and check the daily UV index on BOM.

**when collecting students at the end of the day, please be aware that the area at the front of the school is a

TWO MINUTE PICK UP ZONE....





ABSENCE NOTE

Please return this slip to your child's teacher.

My child in class

HALLAM was absent from school on

PRIMARY for the following reason:

SCHOOL

Signed: Dated:
(Parent/Guardian)

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was absent from school on

for the following reason:

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(Parent/Guardian)

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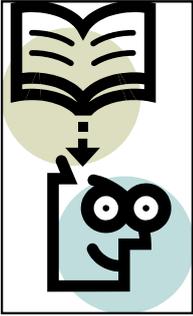
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BOOKCLUB



Book Club 2017 is under way and Issue number 1 has been handed out to all students. Kick start your child's learning this year by purchasing a range of fiction, non-fiction and activity books. New release books are always available at reasonable prices! These are perfect as birthday presents or to stock up the home library. Please return form and monies to the office or classroom teacher by the 14th of February. Happy reading!

FUNDRAISING NEWS!

SCHOOL BANKING



Our School Banking program is a fun way for your child to develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money, combining a savings Rewards Program with great activities throughout the year. If you would like your child to participate in our School Banking program please register your interest at [commbank.com.au/school banking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). A Parent Information pack was sent home today with your child.

School banking will commence on Friday 10 February 2017.

*Kerry Fenton
Fundraising Co ordinator*



February / March 2017

ATTENDANCE: Foundation - Year 6 8:45am - 3:30pm

**Foundation (Prep) students
DO NOT ATTEND ON Wednesday's during February**

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
			02	03	04	05
06	07	08 District Swimming Trials (selected students) Foundation Students DO NOT ATTEND	09	10	11	12
13	14	15 Foundation Students DO NOT ATTEND	16 School Council 7.00pm	17	18	19
20	21	22 District Swimming Carnival Foundation Students DO NOT ATTEND	23	24	25	26
27	28	01	02	03	04	05

Check the Hallam PS website for
Newsletter and event details:

<http://www.hallam-ps.vic.edu.au/>

NOTICES & DUE DATES