

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.

Curriculum Day Report

On Monday, Hallam PS staff were involved in a Maths professional development activity in the Hall. Numeracy is one of the focus areas in the Hallam PS 2022 Annual Implementation Plan.



Twice-a-week testing on school days, continues to be the strong recommendation.

Testing is conducted by the parent/carer at home.

Thank you to parents who continue to be vigilant when children are symptomatic or feeling unwell. We greatly appreciate your support for Hallam PS students and staff.

Student: Positive Result Requirements

1. The parent/carer or student must report the positive result to the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or call centre on 1800 675 398.
2. The parent/carer or student must report the result directly to the school, preferably using the RA Test Portal or by a written note (email) or phone call (9703 1536).

Hallam PS-Term 2 COVID-19 Update

Hallam PS will continue to implement mitigation strategies as we move into the cooler months; hand hygiene, ventilation, air purifiers, social distancing (where practical) and the option of wearing a mask. Existing protocols currently remain in place.

Student-free Professional Practice Day Friday 27 May 2022

The DET recently requested that principals prepare for a student-free Professional Practice Day (PPD) for teachers during Term 2. Previously, a PPD would have been negotiated on an individual basis between teacher and principal, and the teacher is replaced by a CRT. However, with the current, state-wide difficulties in accessing CRTs, the DET has advised that a student-free day is to be organised. The Leadership Team has identified Friday 27 May, in consultation with staff, as the most suitable day for the following reasons:

- It is a Friday, so much of the planned student learning for the week will already have been covered

Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Distribution

The distribution of RATs will be on Monday 9 May. At this stage the DET has only committed to providing RATs for the first month of Term 2 so this will probably be the final distribution.

- Friday will hopefully make it more manageable for families rather than a mid-week day
- It is just prior to the printing of draft Semester 1 reports so teachers can review their assessment data and comments

School Council has given approval for this date as a student-free PPD. I am, therefore, able to inform the school community now in order to provide more time for families to make alternate child-care arrangements for Friday 27 May.

Shade Sail Construction

Hallam PS was successful in getting a Shade Sail Grant to expand our outdoor learning spaces. The process has taken several months, but we are advised that the permits are now approved, components are currently being fabricated and installation should commence mid-June. The shade sails will be installed at the rear of the Years 3-6 building and will provide an outdoor space connected to the school's Library.

Connective Covered Walkways

Shortly we will begin work on the Business Plans for Stages 2 and 3 of the Connective Covered Walkway projects. We need to continue to address these projects so that students and staff can move between learning spaces somewhat protected from the elements.

The process is protracted, including the need to provide multiple quotes and to seek approval through the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA). Stage 1 took over 12 months to get final approval.

School Council has previously approved the need for these projects, including the allocation of School Council funds. We look forward to the next stages being approved.

Planning for an Open Night

The Hallam PS Leadership Team is currently planning for an Open Night during Term 2. This would provide parents with an opportunity to look around the school, visit your child's class and see where they work while they're at school during the day, and to visit specialist learning spaces such as the Art Room and STEM Centre. We are hoping to provide further information shortly.

Mothers' Day Stall-Friday 6 May

Mrs Fenton, with the support of our Education Support staff, will be providing all students with an opportunity to purchase

a gift for mum for Mothers' Day on Sunday 8 May. Prices range from \$1:00 to \$5:00, with the average around \$2:50.

We hope you will support the school's Mothers' Day Stall on Friday. **You are requested to provide your child with some money in an envelope with their name and grade on it.** Teachers will hold all the envelopes until students go to the stall.

Students are also **requested to bring a shopping bag with their name and grade on it.** This will enable them to store and carry their Mothers' Day surprise home.

2023 Enrolment at Hallam PS

Parents should refer to the **Find My School** website...

[Find my School](#)

Enter your address to get started:

Enrolment year:

2022

2023

School type:

Primary

Secondary

Specialist

Search for school:

To be eligible for enrolment in Prep in a government school, children need to be turning five years old before 30 April 2023. Parents will also need to provide documentation as proof of their child's date of birth in the form of a **Birth Certificate or passport, Immunisation Status and any Visa documentation.**

Planning for 2023-School Tours in Term 3

We have started receiving Prep enrolment inquiries for 2023. At present, Hallam PS is taking details and will be organising school tours during Term 3 2022. Ms Carey, Prep Transition Coordinator, will contact all prospective enrolments to arrange a tour date and time early in Term 3.

A 2023 Prep Transition Program will operate during **Term 4 2022.** We are hopeful that we will be able to provide our usual, comprehensive program and Prep Interview processes to better prepare children for their Prep year at Hallam PS. Enrolment documentation will be available at the Hallam PS Administration Office from the commencement of Term 3 2022.

Wet Weather Reminder

Parents and students are reminded that with the onset of cold, wet weather, students need to have a waterproof jacket and small umbrella available in their bags. This will assist with preventing illness from getting cold and wet.

Julie Macfarlane

Principal



START TERM 2: TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022

8:45AM

MONDAY 2 MAY 2022: STUDENT-FREE DAY

STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND

MONDAY 13 JUNE 2022: QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

HALLAM PS IS CLOSED

END TERM 2: FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2022

2:30PM

DISMISSAL

MAY / JUNE 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
02 CURRICULUM DAY Students do not attend	03	04 District Cross Country	05	06 MOTHER'S DAY STALL	07	08
09	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN 1/2 Sustainability Incursion—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	13 NAPLAN Year 6-7 Transition Forms Returned	14	15
16 SCHOOL PHOTOS	17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN FREE DRESS DAY (Pyjama Day) School Council	20 NAPLAN CHOCOLATE DRIVE STARTS WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL Day	21	22
23 5-6 SWIMMING	24 5-6 SWIMMING	25 5-6 SWIMMING	26 5-6 SWIMMING NATIONAL 'SORRY' DAY 	27 STUDENT-FREE PPD DAY ANNIVERSARY 1967 REFERENDUM 	28	29
30	31	01 JUNE	02	03	04	05
 NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK						
		Divisional Cross Country	5/6 Ecolink Virtual Incursion	MABO Day 3/4 Red Cross Pillowcase Incursion		
06	07	08 St Johns First Aid- Student Program	09 St Johns First Aid- Student Program	10	11	12
13 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	14 YEAR 6 - CASEY 360 BUS VISIT	15 YEAR 6 - CASEY 360 BUS VISIT	16 YEAR 6 - CASEY 360 BUS VISIT 3-6 AFL CLINIC School Council	17 CHOCOLATE DRIVE ENDS REPORTS DISTRIBUTED	18	19
20	21	22 3/4 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion	23 3-6 AFL CLINIC FREE DRESS DAY (Footy Colours)	24 END TERM 2 2:30PM DISMISSAL	25	26