



Hallam Happenings

11 August 2022

Term 3 #3

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Schools

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.

2023 Enrolment at Hallam PS

Hallam PS is currently taking enrolments for Prep-Year 6. To be eligible for enrolment in Prep in a government school, children need to be turning five years old before 30 April 2023. Parents also need to provide proof of their child's date of birth in the form of a Birth Certificate or passport, Immunisation Status and any Visa documentation.

Prep Transition Coordinator, Ms Louisa Carey, is conducting School Tours for new parents. Please contact the school to arrange a tour. A Prep Transition Program will operate in Term 4.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)

With the increase in COVID-19 cases since the commencement of Term 3, parents are reminded of the need to keep children home if they are symptomatic, and to regularly test children, and themselves, using a RAT. For Hallam PS students, twice-a-week testing on school days continues to be the strong recommendation.

Testing is conducted by the parent/carer at home.

Student-Positive RAT/PCR Requirements

1. The parent/carer or student must report the positive result to the Department of Health via the Department of Health system: (*Rapid antigen tests / Coronavirus Victoria*) <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-rapid-antigen-tests#report-a-positive-result-on-a-rapid-antigen-test> or via the coronavirus hotline at 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).

A COVID-19 positive result requires 7 days of isolation at home. Household contacts may still attend work and school by testing COVID-19 negative on the morning of each day they attend work or school, and wearing a mask at all times.

Hallam PS is continuing to implement mitigation protocols during Semester 2 including hand hygiene, ventilation, air purifiers, social distancing (where practical), strongly recommending the wearing of masks inside (staff and students), distribution of RATs and access limitations.

Face Masks Strongly Recommended

Current advice from the Department of Education is that face masks are expected to be worn inside on school sites. Further advice on the wearing of face masks is available at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks> It states:

Wearing a face mask can help protect you and those around you. Face masks stop droplets spreading when you talk, cough, sneeze and laugh, which lowers your chance of spreading or catching the virus.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen-Garden Program

Our wonderful SAKG Kitchen sessions have recommenced for P-2 students. Teachers are appreciative of those parents who returned notices so promptly.

Years 3-6 Waratah Beach Camp - 7, 8 & 9 November

Parents whose children are to attend camp **MUST RAT test their child on the morning of 7 November**. Face masks will be worn by everyone on the bus during transit.

In the event that a student on camp becomes symptomatic or unwell, the parent will be contacted to immediately pick their child up from camp.

Student Absences and Parent Responsibilities

Parents are reminded of their responsibility to promptly advise the school in relation to their child's absence/s. This can be in the form of a telephone call, note, email, medical certificate, etc.

In line with Department policy, when students are absent from school, the parent/carer must promptly provide an explanation to the school on each occasion. It is for this reason that we SMS parents/carers on a daily basis to advise that their child is not marked as attending on the class roll and to request an explanation. The school is then required to determine if the explanation provided is a reasonable excuse for the purposes of the parent meeting their responsibilities under legislation. Absence information is recorded as per Department codes for each type of absence.

POS

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to gain an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The Survey will be conducted from Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September. A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents/caregivers/guardians will be invited to participate in this year's survey.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete and can be accessed at any time within that period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. Survey results will be communicated through the annual reporting process.

Julie Macfarlane

Jeans for Genes Day August 5th

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR OUR FREE DRESS DAY... WE RAISED \$190. WELL DONE HPS!



Jeans for Genes Day is a nationwide fundraising initiative held in Australia each year. This year, the event will be held on August 5th. The charity's mission is to support families and children with birth defects or incurable genetic diseases. The day encourages students and teachers to join in with fundraising.

1 in 20 children is born with a birth defect or genetic disease. Every dollar raised for Jeans for Genes help scientists at CMRI find ways to treat or prevent childhood cancer, epilepsy, birth defects and genetic diseases. Together we can beat childhood diseases.

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PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE KISS AND GO AREA IS FOR A **2 MINUTE DROP OFF** FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR... OR YOU MAY BE BOOKED.

CITY OF CASEY INFRINGEMENT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PATROLLING RECENTLY... AND FINES WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL.

Common parking offences around schools

Motorists are responsible for understanding parking restrictions in their school zone and to ensure they obey the parking rules to keep our school children, pedestrians and other road users safe.

Parking inspectors from the City of Casey patrol schools during the morning and afternoon. A fine will be issued for any breaches of the [Road Safety Road Rules](#). The most common parking and traffic offences around schools in Casey are:

- Stopping on a children's crossing
- Stopping in a 'no stopping' area
- Stopping on the right hand side of a vehicle already stopped at the kerb side (i.e. double parking)
- Driving through a children's crossing while a pedestrian is on it
- Parking in a 'no parking' area
- Parking on a nature strip.

New Zealand Playhouse

The Emperor's New Clothes

Friday the 26th of August

The New Zealand Playhouse is returning to Hallam Primary School with their entertaining and hilarious new performance of "The Emperor's New Clothes". They are visiting Hallam Primary School on Friday the 26th of August. It will be presented by the talented New Zealand Playhouse performers and will feature more singing and dancing than ever before.

The "The Emperor's New Clothes" is an interactive adaption of Hans Christian Anderson's classic folktale. This is the story outline from the NZ Playhouse Team;



"What can you give someone who has everything? Maybe nothing at all. The Emperor is the most powerful and vain man in the land with an air for flair and a passion for fashion. In fact, the only thing bigger than his wardrobe is his ego and his never-ending quest for the sartorial best is about to bankrupt the country.

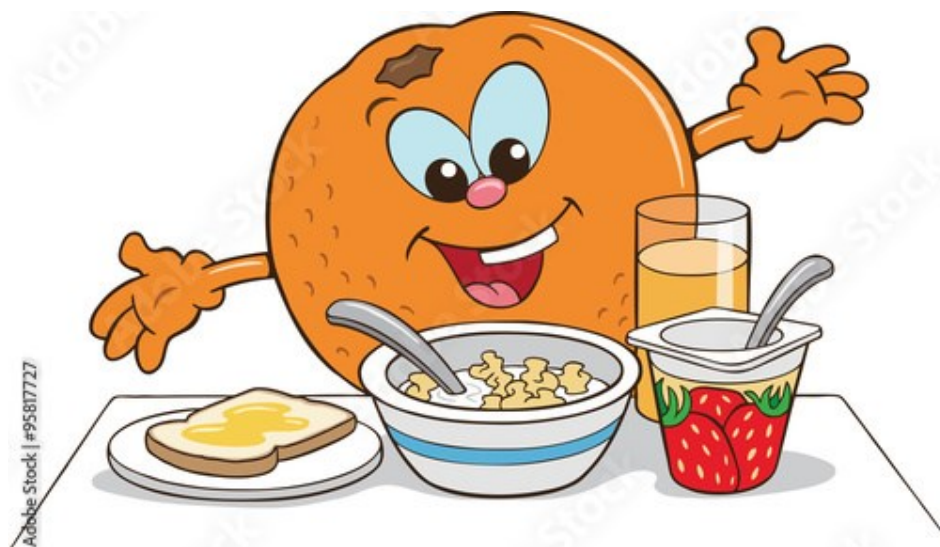
When two swindlers swing into town spinning a yarn of being able to create magnificent clothes that are invisible to those who are stupid or incompetent, the Emperor can't believe his luck... and neither can they!

Will anyone be brave enough to stop the Emperor giving the shirt off his back or will everyone end up seeing a lot more of the Emperor than they expect?"

The performance will have all the students laughing and thinking about the value of having the courage to speak up when necessary and to stand by their firmly convictions. The cost will be \$7.50 for each student and permission forms will be sent home soon.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Cheryl King.

THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST CLUB ON :
FRIDAY 12 and 19 and 26 AUGUST. Please have brekkie at home on those days...





START TERM 3: MONDAY 11 JULY 2022

8:45AM

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY: Students do not attend

TBA

END TERM 3: FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2022

2:30PM

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
08 3-6 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences	09 3-6 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences	10 3-6 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences	11 District Athletics (Green) 3-6 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences	12 FREE DRESS DAY: Favourite Movie Character	13	14
15 RAT Distribution (pending delivery)	16	17	18 School Council 7:00pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
BOOK WEEK						
	Book Character Parade 9:00am Hardcourt (weather permitting)			New Zealand Playhouse: <i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i>		
29 RAT Distribution (pending delivery)	30	31	01 SEPTEMBER	02 FATHERS' DAY STALL	03	04 FATHERS' DAY
05 1-2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion	06	07	08	09	10	11
12 Prep Chesterfield Farm Excursion	13	14	15 FREE DRESS DAY Footy Colours School Council 7:00pm	16 Proposed Professional Practice Day (Student Free)	17	18

If your child will not be attending Hallam PS in 2023, please use the form below to advise us.

MY CHILD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING HALLAM PS IN 2023

Student Name	2022 Year Level	Transferring to (School Name) for 2023
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date: