

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.

Student-free PPD Day-Friday 10 March

Students and parents/guardians are reminded that **Friday 10 March (tomorrow) is a student-free day at Hallam PS.** Staff will attend a presentation to support the improved development of Individual Education Plans for identified students, then spend the remainder of their time completing a broad range of online learning modules required to address Department of Education, Occupational Health and Safety and Student Wellbeing compliance requirements.

Labour Day Holiday-Hallam PS Closed

Monday 13 March is the Labour Day holiday in Victoria. Students and parents/guardians are reminded that **Hallam PS will be closed on Monday.**

School Council Update

At the close of nominations for the available vacancies on the Hallam PS Council, I had received one nomination for the Department of Education Member category, and one nomination for the Parent Member category. Therefore, Ms Louisa Carey and Ms Isabella De Petra are declared duly elected to their respective membership positions. I extend my thanks to nominees. There have been no further nominations received.

The new School Council membership will meet at Hallam PS on Thursday 23 March at 7:00pm to co-opt to the Community Member vacancy, and to elect the new School Council Executive.

Management of COVID in Schools

All Victorian government schools are required to continue to implement important practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Schools must continue to take the important steps of ensuring air purifiers are in use, external ventilation is maximised, good personal hygiene is encouraged and face masks continue to be made available for staff, students and visitors who wish to wear them.

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

The **Department of Health** recommends that all Victorians should report their positive RAT result to the Department of Health [online](#), or by calling 1800 675 398. Students (or their parents) should also report a positive result to their school, either through the COVID Test [portal](#) or by phone or written notification.

It is **strongly recommended to keep up-to-date with all recommended and available COVID-19 vaccinations** as vaccinations are the best way to protect individuals, families and school communities from the severe effects of COVID-19 and reduce the spread of the virus. This is particularly important as we move through the cooler autumn months and into winter.

2023 NAPLAN

In preparation for the NAPLAN, students in Years 3 and 5 have undertaken a practice test. This has assisted our technician to identify any technical issues and rectify these. To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

NAPLAN will start next week and conclude on 27 March 2023.

Thankyou

To Hallam PS students, families and staff who supported the recent lunchtime discos and donated money to the Turkiye and Syria earthquake fundraiser; your generosity has supported a donation of **\$1521.00** to this cause.

Enjoy the long weekend...

Julie Macfarlane

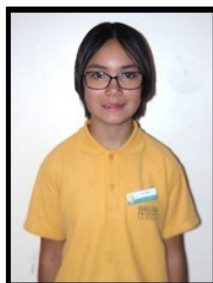
Breakfast Club 2023!



Mikaela



Negaan



Stella



Zekria



Zohira

Breakfast Club runs
everyday at
8:30am in the hall.
Come Join Mrs Charlotte
and our Breakfast Club
Helpers for some yummy
food before school starts!



Meet our 2023

Student Leaders!



Hasan



Lina



Najma



Reuben



Stella



Adem

SLT



ENVIRO LEADERS



Owen



Indie



Homayon



Negaan



Cohan



Osna

A big congratulations to Zoe A from Year 3/4B for achieving 3rd place in the recent CASEY North Swimming Carnival.... A great effort Zoe!! HPS is proud of you!



LUNCHTIME DISCO

Red Cross Fundraiser



On Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March, students from across the school participated in a fun fundraising disco raising money for people affected by the earthquake in Syria and Türkiye.

Students danced through lunchtime and received a well-earned icy pole after.

A big thanks to DJ Simdogg for DJ-ing and organising the event with Student Leaders. Another huge thank you to our community as we raised \$1521.00 for the relief effort!

Poster by Aayaan in Year 5/6.





Thank you HPS students for cleaning up Australia...



Kitchen Garden News

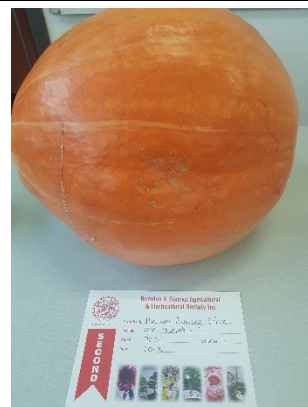
Congratulations to Kathy (our Kitchen Specialist), Deanne (our Garden Specialist) and our Year 3-6 students and teachers for their success with the following entries at the Berwick Show –



1st prize – Heaviest tomato



1st prize – Three pears



2nd prize - One pumpkin



2nd prize – Three zucchinis



3rd prize – One marrow



1st prize – Loaf of bread



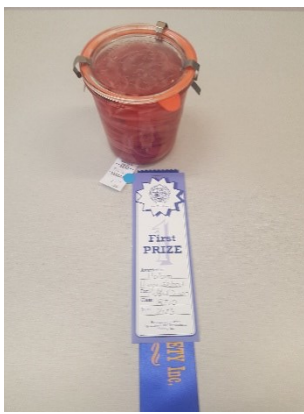
1st prize – Lemon butter



1st prize – Pre-served fruit (lemons)



1st prize – Flavoured oil



1st prize – Pickled onion



1st prize – Jar of jam



2nd prize – Preserved vegetables (tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots)



2nd prize – Fruit chutney



2nd prize – Apricot jam



2nd prize – Plum sauce



2nd prize – Plum jam



A reminder to all parents regarding the use of online chat sites for primary aged students, in particular DISCORD:



What is Discord?

Discord is a free app for mobile and PC that lets people chat via text, voice, or video in real time. Combining the internet-calling features of Skype with Reddit-like discussion boards, it's broadened from gamers-only to a social networking site for communities of all types. Users include those with non-gaming interests like anime, TV series, music, and more. It can also be an easy-to-use group-chatting tool for friends.

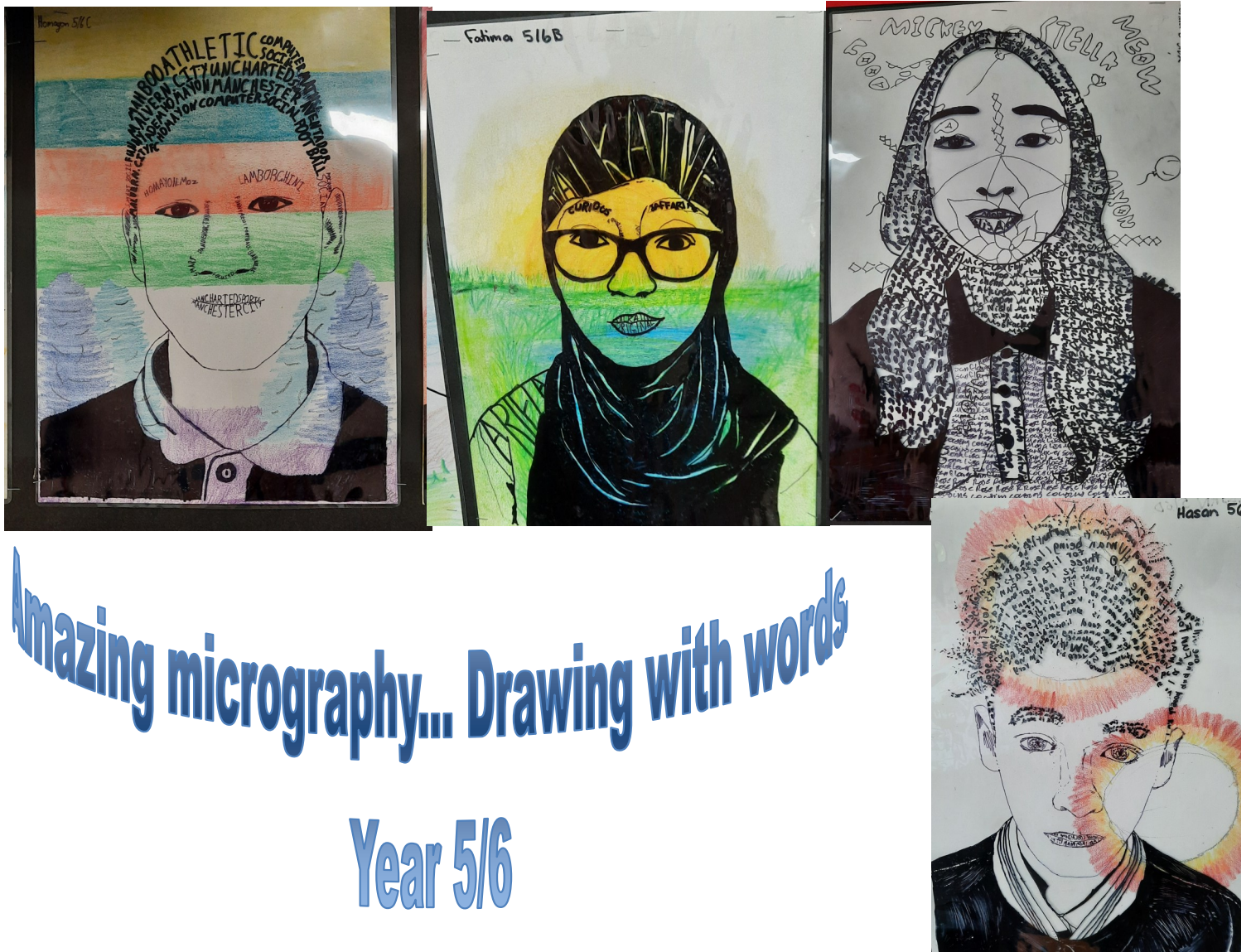
How old should you be to use Discord?

Discord requires that users be at least 13 years old, although they do not verify users' age upon signup. Common Sense Media also recommends that Discord users be at least 13 due to its open chat.

Because it's all user-generated, there's the potential for plenty of inappropriate content, like swearing and graphic language and images (though it's entirely possible to belong to a group that forbids these). Discord also has "NSFW" channels and servers that require users to be 18 or older to join (but it's easy to click through the verification.).

Obviously this is not a suitable platform for primary aged students to be using to communicate. Parents are urged to ensure your children are using appropriate sites and apps to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>





**GLENEAGLES
SECONDARY COLLEGE**

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 3 May 2023

6:00pm Presentation

Tours Depart at:



5:30pm

7:00pm



**Visit www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au for
further information**

Community News

Help Wanted - Canteen Staff

Hallam Secondary College is looking for staff to work in the canteen.

If you think you have what it takes to join Sue and the ladies a couple of days a week on a casual basis pumping out food for the students, please send your resume or enquiry to sue at: susan.murray@education.vic.gov.au to discuss the position further.

- Working with Children licence essential.
- Customer service experience and advantage
- Barista skills a bonus
- Happy, bright attitude welcome.

Come and join the team - It's fast and it gets hot but we always have a few laughs!

MARCH / APRIL 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
06	07 Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall 	08 Divisional Swimming	09 Newsletter	10 STUDENT FREE DAY Students do not attend school	11	12
13 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY Hallam PS Closed	14 Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall  SC Declaration	15 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	16 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	17 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5  Free Dress Day (Gold Coin Donation)	18	19
20 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	21 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall 	22 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	23 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Newsletter School Council 7:00pm / Executive	24 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Ride-2-School Day 	25	26
27 END NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	28 HPS P-6 Cross Country 9:00-11:00am Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall 	29 CASEY STUDENT LEADERSHIP RECEPTION	30	31 5-6 Movie Night (The Bad Guys PG)	01	02
03	04 Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall	05	06 Newsletter END TERM 1	07 GOOD FRIDAY	08	09