Hallam Happenings

04 May 2023

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

Term 2 #1

HALLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

CCTV in operation
SunSmart
eSmart Schools
We are a SMILE SQUAD school FREE DENTAL

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.

2024 Prep Enrolments/Applications

The Department of Education has established a new timeline for 2024 Prep enrolments. **We are asking all parents and carers to apply to enrol / enrol their child at Hallam Primary School by Friday 28 July 2023.**

https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

How do I enrol my child in their first year of primary school?

- Find your local school on the Find my School website by following the steps below:
  - o Enter findmyschool.vic.gov.au into your browser.
  - o Enter your permanent residential address under 'Enter your address to get started'.
  - o Select 2024 under 'Enrolment year'.
  - o Select Primary under 'School type'.
  - o The map will then show your address, your local school, and on the left the contact details for the school. If you scroll down, it will also show you the five closest schools to your address.
  - o You can also search by school name under 'Search for school'.
- Contact Hallam PS school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
- Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from Enrolling in Foundation (Prep)

- **Request an Application/Enrolment pack from the Administration Office at Hallam PS**
- **<u>Submit an Enrolment Application / Enrolment Form for Foundation by Friday 28 July 2023.</u>**
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application by Friday 11 August 2023.
- If you receive an offer of placement, you should accept the offer by Friday 25 August 2023.
- Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4 2023.
- Your child will start Foundation from Tuesday 30 January 2024.

Consider Vaccination...

Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines are now available. You can book with your GP or pharmacist.

Flu immunisation is recommended for everyone from 6 months of age who want to protect themselves from the flu and its complications.

People who work or live with people who are at risk of serious complications should also be immunised to avoid spreading the flu. You can receive your flu vaccine and your COVID-19 vaccine on the same day, one after the other.

REMINDERS...

Mothers' Day Stall Friday 12 May
School Photos (order online) Monday 15 May
**Chocolate Drive** Friday 19 May

5-6 Swimming Program

Parents of students in Years 5 and 6 are requested to review and complete the documentation for the 5-6 Swimming Program later this month.

Swimming is an integral part of the primary Physical Education program with an expectation that students will participate each year from Prep to Year 6 and be able to swim at least 50 metres when then complete primary school.

Please ensure your child participates in this valuable experience.

Julie Macfarlane

Principal
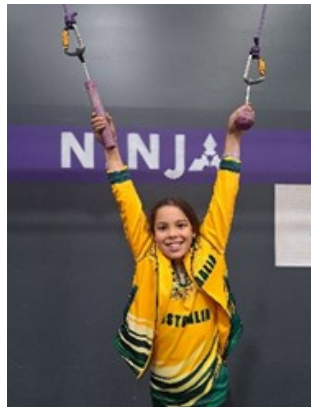
Zoe A in Year 4 will be representing Australia in the Ninja World Cup in the US in July this year. Hallam PS is very proud of Zoe; her commitment to the sport, and her efforts to achieve her dream. She trains 7 days a week!!

As a fundraiser, Zoe has designed her own wristband, and they are available from the office for $5. Money raised will assist Zoe and her family to attend the Orlando Ninja World Cup.   Please consider supporting Zoe!

https://asf.org.au/projects/ninja-world-cup

WHEN ARE OUR CHILDREN READY FOR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS?

Both the physical age of your child and their level of maturity and resilience can affect their ability to have positive experiences on social media.

Each social media site and app has its own criteria for minimum age requirements. Most require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13.

Generally, the 13-year age requirement is not necessarily because the site is unsafe for children to use but to comply with a US law — the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA), which prevents collection and storage of personal information from children under 13 years of age.   Australian laws may differ however**.**

What are the benefits and risks of using social media?

The eSafety Guide includes information about the different benefits and risks associated with how social media is used. These include:

anonymous communication
content sharing

encrypted communication

gaming

in-app or in-game purchasing

live steaming

location sharing

messaging/online chat

online relationships

photo/video sharing

for further information … www.esafety.gov.au

Screen time for your child – 7 tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.

1. Be involved

Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.

2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use

If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision-making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities is a fun way to get younger children on board.

3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off

Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technology limitations so, being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount. The Raising Children Network provides some useful tools and advice.

4. Set device-free zones and times at home

Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home:

- no devices in the bedroom for younger children

- all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children

- all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime

- all family members switch off at dinner time

- charge devices overnight in a place your child cannot access

5. Ask your child to explain their screen use

Get your child in the habit of explaining why they want to be in front of a screen or online. It's a great way to get them thinking about their own digital habits and balancing screen time with other activities.

6. Use tech tools to help manage access

There are robust products and device functions which allow you to see which apps are being used in your home and for how long. But try not to use these tools to secretly monitor your child. Instead, be open about the process and check the whole family's usage, including your own. Start with Google Family Link for Android devices or parental controls and Screen Time for iPhone/iPad.

7. Lead by example

Your behaviour is one of the most effective ways to help your child develop a positive digital mindset. Show your child you can put down your device too.
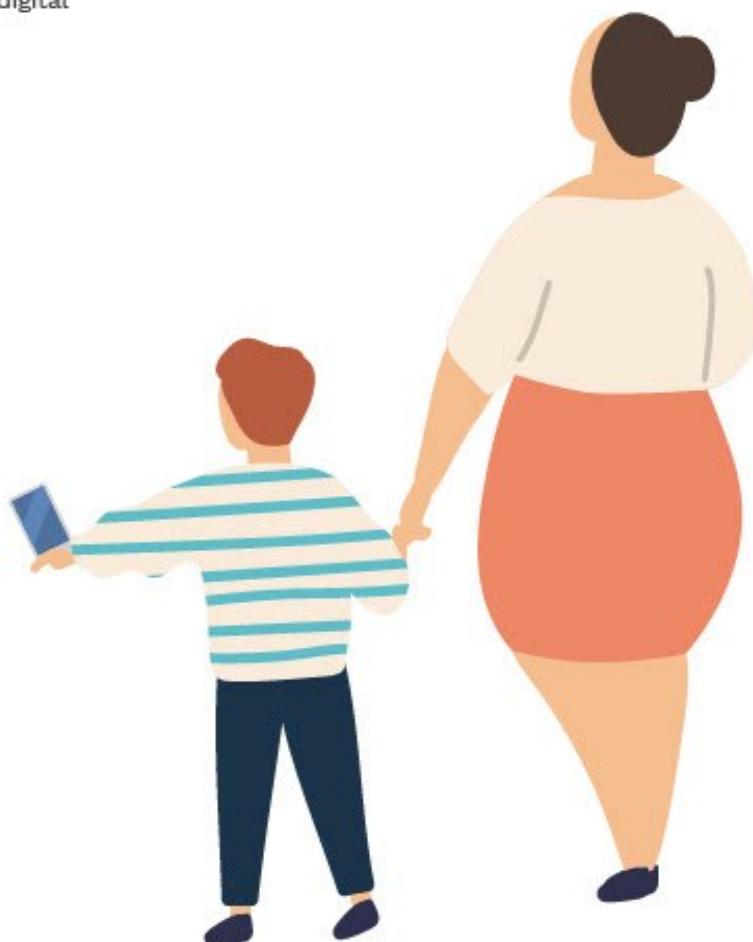
Vicroads are extending Victoria's e-scooter shared-scheme (hire) trial for 6 months and from 5 April 2023, privately owned e-scooters can be used under strict trial rules across Victoria.

This decision follows the trial of hire e-scooters in Ballarat and Melbourne, which sought to understand the safety implications of the transport mode, and now will monitor how both hire and private e-scooters are being used.

You can legally ride your private e-scooter if

- you ride on shared-use paths and roads up to and including 60km/h

- you're over 16 years

- you wear a helmet

- you don't ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol

- you ride up to a maximum speed to 20km/h

- you're not using your mobile phone or carrying a passenger (dinking)

- it's not a high-speed e-scooter – capable of more than 25km/h (this is considered an unregistered vehicle and penalties apply)

- and never on footpaths.

To operate within a council's area, commercial e-scooter rental companies will be required to establish an agreement with the local council.

To keep everyone safe, e-scooter riders must:

- not carry passengers or animals

- have proper control at all times and ride responsibly

- use a warning (e.g., bell, horn or verbal) to avert danger

- not ride two abreast

- give way to pedestrians where appropriate

- not lead an animal, including by tethering the animal to the e-scooter

In Victoria, there are about 100,000 e-scooters that are privately owned.

Over the next six months, we will monitor how hire and private e-scooters are being used.

This is being done to make sure that the rules and regulations that are in place are fit-for-purpose and can effectively handle any safety concerns that may arise.

The trial found that e-scooters are a popular way to get around and there is a high demand from Victorians to be able to use them.

Although the trial gave us a significant amount of information, we need to ensure that e-scooters can be safely incorporated into the transport network on a long-term basis.

Extending the trial will provide additional data to evaluate and inform future regulations.

Vicroads' number one priority is the safety of everyone who uses roads in Victoria.

Community News

MAY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
01 MAY	02	03	04	05	06	07
2024 Prep Enrolments						
CURRICULUM DAY Students do not attend	Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall	3/4/5/6 Interrelate	Y5-6 Gala Day- Green Section			
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
2024 Prep Enrolments						
Y3-6 S-P-T Conferences	Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall Y3-6 S-P-T Conferences	3/4/5/6 Interrelate Y3-6 S-P-T Conferences	Y3-6 S-P-T Conferences	MOTHERS' DAY STALL 2024 Prep School Tour 11.30am (by appointment)		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2024 Prep Enrolments						
SCHOOL PHOTOS OPEN CLASSROOMS 3:30-4:45pm	Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall	Endeavour Hills Cross Country Carnival-Sydney Pargetter Reserve 9:00am-12:30pm	Free Dress Day (Crazy Hair) 1-2 RACV 2024 Prep School Tour 4:00pm (by appointment)	Chocolate Drive		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
2024 Prep Enrolments						
National e-Smart Week 5-6 Swimming Program	Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall 5-6 Swimming Program	5-6 Swimming Program	5-6 Swimming Program	2024 Prep School Tour 11.30am (by appointment)		