



Hallam Happenings

5 October 2023

Term 4 #1

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



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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.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we work and live, the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Welcome to Term 4 2023

Welcome to the final term of the 2023. This will be a busy term of assessments, report writing, special events, transition programs and a farewell to our current Year 6 students.

Recent Facilities Projects

During the term break work continued on site to complete various School Council projects. Projects included asbestos removal, termite treatment, testing and tagging of equipment, replacement of rotten window frames, asphaltting and concreting works. Special thanks to Business Manager, Ms Penny Moores, for compiling all the quotes for School Council consideration, and to Mr John Orchard for consulting on recommendations to School Council and being on site to oversee the works during the term break. Line marking will soon be undertaken to fill the new asphalt area with outdoor courts, games and activities for students' play.

Thank you to our Volunteers

Hallam PS has a small but supportive group of approved volunteers. These volunteers come in to hear reading, help in the kitchen, attend excursions, support fundraising activities and pack items for special events. We greatly appreciate the time and effort volunteers provide to supporting our students and school programs.

COMPASS Parent Portal

Parents are reminded to load the app on your phone.

Enrolment in 2024

Please contact the office if you require further enrolment information or wish to arrange a school tour.

If your child is moving to a new school for the start of the 2024 school year, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and return it to the school, as soon as possible, to assist with staffing and structuring arrangements next year.

Frawley Road School Crossing

Following the closure of one of two school crossings on Frawley Road, City of Casey has advised that they are continuing to monitor the volume of usage of the remaining school crossing. A decision about whether to close this crossing will be made and the end of Term 1 2024.

Parents/Guardians are advised that there is a high probability that unless the before/after school use of the crossing increases, this crossing will also be closed.

School Review-Policies

Draft policies relevant to the DE and VRQA compliance requirements have been available on the Hallam PS website for community feedback since early Term 3. Thank you to those who have reviewed these policies.

All policies will now be submitted to School Council for final approval at its next meeting on Thursday 19 October. Policies will then be submitted to the DE compliance team for review and feedback.

Julie Macfarlane

MY CHILD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING HALLAM PS IN 2024

Student Name	2023 Year Level	Transferring to (School Name) for 2024
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:

Maths Games Day 2023

On Friday the 1st of September, twelve students from Years 4 to 6 were chosen to represent Hallam Primary School in a Maths Games Day competition held at Oatlands Primary School. We entered three teams and they all competed really well! They took part in various team problem solving activities, maths board games and even a game of Tetris. Congratulations to everyone involved. All the teachers here at Hallam are very proud of all your efforts! Special mention to John from 56A who won a jar of lollies for the closest estimation!

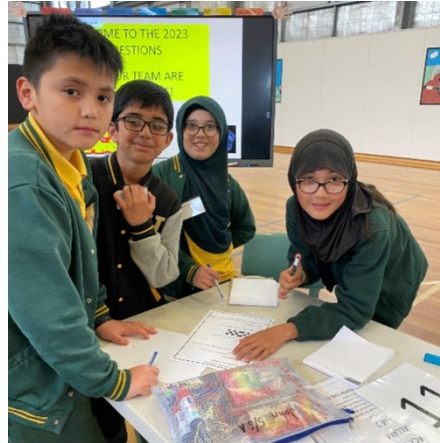
Team 1

Kaelyn, Alyssa, Mujeeb and Aaron



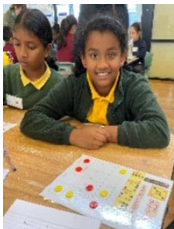
Team 3

Aaliyah, John, Aayaan, Fatima



Team 2

Natalia, Vaiga, Imran, Homayon



SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS



Student wellbeing - benefits of walking/riding to and from school



Students who actively travel arrive awake and alert, improving their concentration in class and ability to **understand the curriculum**



Image courtesy of VicHealth

Students who walk to school are found to have:

- ✓ higher academic performance in terms of attention/alertness, verbal, numeric, and reasoning abilities.
- ✓ higher degree of pleasantness and lower levels of stress during the school day.
- ✓ higher levels of happiness, excitement, and relaxation on the journey to school.
- ✓ increased personal growth by developing a sense of independent decision making, emotional bonds with peers and the natural environment, and road and traffic safety skills.
- ✓ more physical activity which comes with increased metabolism, improved cardiorespiratory fitness, and lower weight and BMI.

And remember to use the School Crossing!
It is the safest place for children and adults to cross the road.

Take a couple of minutes to watch our Active Travel Animation to see how you can add some active travel into your day: [Active Travel - Reduce your car trips to school](#)

For parents concerned about taking that next step in your child into independent travel, take some time to look at the following site that may assist: [Way2Go - Safer, Greener and More Active travel for primary school students and their communities \(dit.sa.gov.au\)](#)



Milk and muffin morning!

Thanks to some of our wonderful parent volunteers...and lots of keen and hungry students, our M & M Morning Tea was a great success!! HPS was able to raise funds to support our school. Over 300 muffins were devoured and many milk drinks slurped! Delicious!! Thanks Mrs Fenton for organising this very popular fundraiser. Thank you to the SLT for their suggestions.



Butterfly Body Bright has 6 themes, with each theme targeting an important factor that contributes to the development of children's body image. The first theme is BRAVE against appearance teasing.

Research shows that receiving negative comments about appearance and being the target of appearance-related teasing and/or bullying can have negative and serious consequences on a child's body image and self-esteem. It can also increase their risk of experiencing disordered eating and eating disorders.

Butterfly Body Bright helps children to be BRAVE in their bodies, by empowering them to stand up for their own bodies and for others. It's never OK to tease or make negative comments about another's appearance.

For more information on how to help your child to be BRAVE in their body check out the BRAVE tip sheet at www.butterflybodybright.org.au/resources

For more information about the program visit www.butterflybodybright.org.au



What can you do at home?

Adopt a zero tolerance to appearance teasing or bullying, including any negative comments about appearance. Challenge and call out language, comments, teasing and nicknames that are appearance-based.

Butterfly Body
Bright is a
program of



Butterfly



START TERM 4 2023: Monday 2 October 8:45am

STUDENT FREE DAY (REPORT WRITING): Monday 6 November (Students do not attend school)

MELBOURNE CUP DAY HOLIDAY: Tuesday 7 November (Hallam PS Closed)

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
02 TERM 4 COMMENCES 8:45AM No hat. No play!	03 Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall 	04	05	06	07	08
09	10 Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall 	11 Prep Mini-Showcase 3:45-4:45PM (Hall)	12 Years 5-6 Resuscitate a Mate	13	14	15
16 Years 1-2 Melbourne Museum Excursion	17 Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall 	18 Years 1-2 Mini-Showcase 3:45-4:45PM (Hall)	19 School Council 7:00PM	20	21	22
23 St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program	24 Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall 	25 PREP TRANSITION Classroom session 1.30-2.15. 2.30-3.15 5-6 Camp Day 1	26 5-6 Camp Day 2	27 3-4 Camp Day	28	29
	St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program	St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program	St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program	St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program		
30	31 Playgroup 9-11am HPS Hall  FREE DRESS DAY (Spooky)	01 NOVEMBER	02	03 PREP TRANSITION Classroom session 1.30-2.15. 2.30-3.15	04	05