

Hallam Happenings

18 April 2024

Term 2 #1

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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.

School Review

The 2020-2023 School Review process concluded with the final Panel Day this week. I have been advised that the Reviewer's report will be provided to the school around mid-Term 2. The report will inform the 2024-2028 School Strategic Plan and the next four Annual Implementation Plans.

The overall acknowledgement from the process was that Hallam PS is providing a positive and productive learning environment for students. There was also an acknowledgement of the professional work of Hallam PS staff, the school's learning and wellbeing strategies and the School Council resources being applied to support the best learning outcomes for students. Parents might be interested in checking an overview of Hallam PS at [Home | My School](#).

The review process also includes discussion about further improvements to enhance students' learning opportunities. These improvement strategies will be reflected in the work going forward over the next four years.

I extend my thanks to students, members of the school community, Hallam PS staff, Challenge Partners, Paul Poliviou (Principal Berwick PS) and Connie Vandervoort (Principal Narre Warren North PS), SEIL, Michaela Cole, and Reviewer, Carol Every, who participated in, and contributed so generously to, the Hallam PS 2020-2023 School Review process. This ensured the nine-month process was as comprehensive as possible. We look forward to finalising the School Strategic Plan and 2024 Annual Implementation Plan for School Council approval by the end of this term.

Australian Early Development Census

All schools with student in Prep are expected to take part in the AEDC every three years. This census provides a measure of how well children are developing when they enter school.

A notice has been sent to all families of Prep students about the AEDC. Please take time to review the notice. The AEDC will be implemented between 1 May to 31 July 2024.

2025 Year 6-7 Transition

Parents and students are advised that forms for the 2025 Year 6-7 Transition process will be coming home early next week. It is very important that parents and students review and complete the documents and return them to Hallam PS by 10 May 2024.

Ms Sarah Pearce-Edwards is coordinating this process for Year 6 students and can be contacted at Hallam PS on 97031536. Class teachers can also clarify the process during Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences in a fortnight.

Whooping Cough Alert

Whooping cough (pertussis) is a very contagious respiratory infection. The major symptom of whooping cough is the characteristic cough, which is often followed by a 'whooping' sound on inhalation.

Monash Health South East Public Health Unit has been notified outbreaks of whooping cough (pertussis) in schools within our local area. The majority of cases are within the 10- to 14-year-old age group.

Primary schools must not allow a child with whooping cough to attend the school. Contacts aged less than 7 years who are in the same classroom as a confirmed whooping cough case, and have not received three doses of pertussis vaccine, should also be excluded in accordance with the Department of Health's School Exclusion table.

Families are advised to discuss updating whooping cough vaccinations with their family doctor. Refer to the Better Health Channel for information about [whooping cough](#) symptoms, prevention and Victorian eligibility for free booster immunisations.

ANZAC Day Public Holiday-25 April 2024



Parents and students are reminded that Hallam PS will be closed on Thursday 25 April for the observance of ANZAC Day

Julie Macfarlane

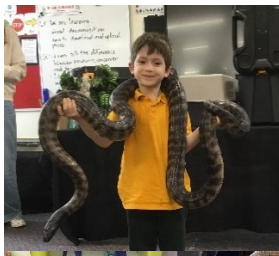


STEM Wildlife Incursion

In the last week of Term 1, students attended an Aussie wildlife incursion at Hallam Primary School. We were visited by many creatures including snakes, reptiles, marsupials, and birds. Students got up close and personal to look and touch the animals. We even got to hold some as well! Needless to say, we had a great time!!



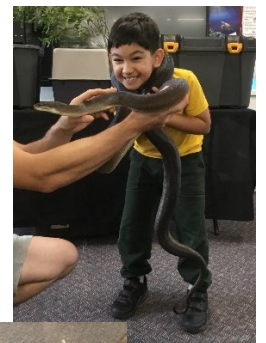
My favourite animal was the snake, they have odd functions in their body and their poison is used for medicine. Asad 5/6D



Squirrel glider has a long tail! Yusra 1/2C



Favourite moment was holding the big snake. I learnt the smallest python lives in Australia. John 5/6A



My favourite moment was seeing the little red snake and bird. I learnt snakes like to move around a lot! Sohaila 5/6A



Favourite animal was the wombat. It was so cute and chubby. They have pouches and they are marsupials. Zuhaila 3/4B

My favourite was the wombat. They are cute and I really like them because they are fluffy and they poop squares. Louise 1/2D

The wombat was my favourite because it was cool, and she made a crunchiness when it ate. They can dig backwards. Dillon 3/4A

The squirrel glider was so cute and fluffy! Pam 3/4B



Have a look at what Hallam Community Learning Centre has to offer for term 2 2024....

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YOUTH COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT SERVICE

WHAT WE DO

We are a free and confidential counselling service that provides ongoing support by appointment. We offer telehealth (phone and video) sessions in addition to face to face.

WHO WE SUPPORT

Youth Counselling

Individual counselling for young people aged 13 - 25

Parent Support Sessions

Adolescent parenting skills, strategies and mental health information

Children's Counselling

Support for young people aged 10-12 with parent or guardian involvement when needed to support the counselling process



For more information or to request a service:

Call 9792 7279 to speak to an intake worker or Text 0417 347 909 with your name and number



Start Term 2 Monday 15 April
Tuesday 16 April
Thursday 25 April
Monday 10 June
Friday 28 June

Student Free Day
Students commence Term 2 8:45am
ANZAC Day Holiday
Monarch's Birthday Holiday
End Term 2 - 2:30pm Dismissal

APRIL / MAY 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
22	23 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall 	24 Gala Day 5-6	25 ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY Hallam PS Closed	26	27	28
29 Life Education Yrs 3-6 SPTC	30 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall  Life Education Yrs 3-6 SPTC Somers Camp	01 MAY Life Education Yrs 3-6 SPTC Somers Camp	02 Yrs 3-6 SPTC Somers Camp	03 Yrs 3-6 SPTC Somers Camp	04	05
06 Life Education Somers Camp	07 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall  Life Education Somers Camp	08 Life Education Somers Camp	09 Somers Camp	10 MOTHER'S DAY STALL 	11 	12
13 School Photos Day 	14 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall 	15 District Cross Country	16 FREE DRESS DAY PJ Day 	17	18	19
EDUCATION WEEK						
			7:00pm School Council			