



Hallam Happenings

17 October 2024

Term 4 /#1

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



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS



CCTV in operation

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 Saving Bonus-One off \$400 Assistance

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024. The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by Friday 18 October 2024:

Complete enrolment

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

Check your contact information

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include: camps, trips, excursions and incursions, swimming and sporting programs, outdoor education programs, graduations, school uniforms, textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities. Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus . Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

Hallam PS 2025 Prep Enrolments

Prep enrolments for 2025 are almost at capacity for Hallam PS. To be eligible for Prep at Hallam PS in 2025, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2025.

What you need to do:

- Use [Find My School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school).
- Contact Hallam PS to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
- Request an Application/Enrolment form from the school.
- Submit your Application/Enrolment for Foundation (Prep) as soon as possible before Term 4.
- Hallam PS information and transition sessions are scheduled for Term 4, 2024.
- **NOTE: Students will start Foundation (Prep) at Hallam PS on Thursday 30 January 2025.**

2025 Workforce Planning

Thank you to those parents who have already submitted their transfer information for 2025. If your child/ren will not be at Hallam PS in 2025, please complete the table below and return it to the Administration Office, or contact the school on 9703 1536 as soon as possible. This information assists with structuring classes and planning for staff in 2025.

Term 4 Calendar

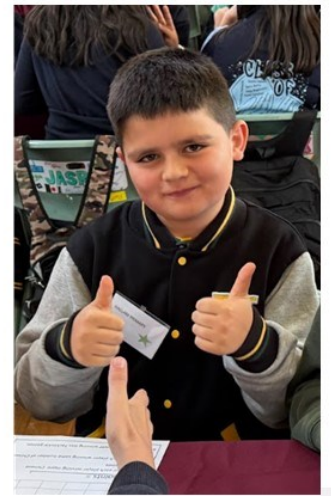
Please check the Term 4 Calendar at the end of the newsletter as it is already busy with events and activities....

Julie Macfarlane

IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING HALLAM PS IN 2025 PLEASE LET US KNOW

STUDENT NAME		2024 CLASS		2025 SCHOOL	
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Maths Games Day



On Tuesday 8th of October, 12 students from Hallam PS (Year 4 to Year 6) went to Oatlands Primary School to attend a Maths Games Day.

Students had an amazing day answering problem solving questions, playing strategic Maths games and meeting new people from other schools.

We can't wait to attend next years event!



A special mention to Imran who won a gift voucher for answering a Maths riddle the quickest!

Another special mention to Amina who won the lolly jar guess! She had the closest guess out of 120 students.



School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

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Who receives the School Saving Bonus

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Actions for parents and carers

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- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

camps, trips, excursions and incursions
swimming and sporting programs
outdoor education programs
graduations
school uniforms
textbooks.

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Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

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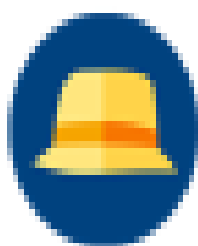
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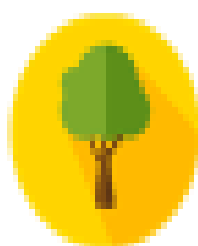
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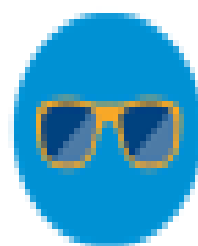
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**HALLAM PS WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS IN NOVEMBER.
PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR FOOD FOR FAMILIES TO THE OFFICE.
THANK YOU!**



What is Food For Families?

Food For Families is a great way you can help other people by donating food.

Food For Families collects non-perishable food items like canned soup, packets of pasta and baked beans, as well as household essential items including personal hygiene and cleaning products to support those who need it most.

We connect with local communities through schools, kindergartens, congregations, workplaces, community groups, individuals and families to make a difference to those facing hardship.

Food For Families is a great way to get together and offer practical support to those who have fallen on trying times.

Food, gifts and household essentials are distributed at our emergency relief programs, family services and outreach centres across Victoria and Tasmania.

Families can select food from our food pantry when times get tough and bills stack up. We also provide food that's easy to prepare for people experiencing homelessness or sleeping rough.

With millions of Australians currently living in poverty, the need is greater than ever. We want to support everyone who comes to us for help – but we can't do it alone.



Visit
foodforfamilies.org.au



Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.



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Food For Families. Thanks to you.



Shopping List.

Food:

- Pasta, rice and noodles
- Flour, polenta and couscous
- Tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces
- Dried or canned beans, chickpeas and lentils
- Tinned tuna, salmon and ham
- Tinned soups, curries and vegetables
- Baby food, nappies and formula
- Spreads – e.g. Jam, Vegemite
- Long life milk
- Tea, coffee, Milo and sugar
- Stir fry sauces and soy sauce
- Long life coconut milk and coconut cream
- Breakfast cereal and muesli bars

Household cleaning:

- Laundry powder or liquid
- Multipurpose cleaning products – sprays, toilet cleaner, etc.
- Dishwashing liquid, scrubs/steel wool
- Environment bags
- Bin liners

Personal hygiene:

- Deodorant (men and women)
- Shaving cream
- Razors (men and women)
- Sanitary items
- Shampoo, conditioner and soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Please remember to:

- Give undamaged, packaged, non perishable items
- Check the expiry date
- Make sure food is sealed
- Make sure the label is visible
- Get friends and family involved
- Share on social media
- Check drop off locations

Call us
1800 668 426

Visit
foodforfamilies.org.au



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A guide to reporting cyberbullying

Whether you're dealing with harassment yourself or helping someone else, understanding the steps to report cyberbullying can make a significant difference in resolving the issue and ensuring a safer online space. This guide walks you through the essential steps to take when facing cyberbullying.

Step 1: Document the incident

Collect evidence: Before taking any action, it's essential to document the bullying thoroughly. Capture screenshots of abusive messages, comments, or posts, and save any relevant emails or direct messages. Make a note of the dates, times, and details of each incident. This evidence will be crucial when reporting the issue to platforms or authorities.

Preserve privacy: Ensure that you save all evidence securely and avoid sharing it publicly. Keeping this information confidential helps maintain privacy and supports the integrity of your report.

***Important note: DO NOT** capture or share screenshots or photos of illegal or restricted content, especially if it involves explicit images of people **under 18**. Creating, possessing, or distributing such material can result in serious legal consequences, including charges related to child pornography. Given the strict nature of state laws on this issue, it's crucial to seek legal advice if necessary.

If you encounter child sexual exploitation material online, report it to eSafety through their online reporting form.

Step 2: Report to the social media platform

Use built-in reporting tools: Most social media platforms have built-in tools to report abuse or harassment. These tools typically allow you to report individual posts, messages, or profiles directly. Look for options like "Report," "Flag," or "Block" on the platform.

Follow platform guidelines: Each platform has specific guidelines for reporting cyberbullying. Familiarise yourself with these guidelines to ensure your report is handled appropriately. For example, platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter have dedicated support pages that outline their reporting procedures.

Provide detailed information: When making a report, be as detailed as possible. Include screenshots and a description of the harassment. This helps the platform's moderation team understand the context and take appropriate action.

Step 3: Inform the eSafety Commissioner

Contact the eSafety Commissioner: If the bullying persists or if the social media platform's response is inadequate, you can file a report to the Australian eSafety Commissioner. This is a government body dedicated to online safety which has the ability to remove the harmful content used to bully you.

Submit a report: Visit the eSafety Commissioner's website at esafety.gov.au and use their online reporting form. Provide all the relevant evidence and details about the cyberbullying. The eSafety Commissioner will review your complaint within two business days, and take down the content or offer guidance on further steps.

Access resources: The eSafety Commissioner's website also offers resources and advice for dealing with cyberbullying, including tips on how to protect your online safety and privacy.

Step 4: Seek support

Reach out for emotional support: Cyberbullying can take a significant emotional toll. Don't hesitate to seek support from friends, family, or professional counsellors. Talking to someone you trust can help you cope with the emotional impact and provide additional guidance.

Engage support services: Apart from Dolly’s Dream, there are various organisations and support services in Australia that specialise in online safety and bullying prevention. These include Kids Helpline, Lifeline, and Beyond Blue. They can offer advice, counselling, and support for victims of cyberbullying.

Step 5: Monitor and follow up

Track the situation: Keep an eye on the situation even after reporting it. Ensure that the platform or authorities are taking appropriate action. If necessary, follow up with the platform or the eSafety Commissioner to check on the progress of your report.

Update security settings: Review and adjust your privacy settings on social media and other online accounts. Strengthen your account security by changing passwords, enabling two-factor authentication, and reviewing your privacy settings to prevent further harassment.

Addressing cyberbullying can feel overwhelming, but taking the right steps can lead to effective resolution and greater online safety. By following this process, you can take meaningful action to protect yourself and others from cyberbullying.

Remember, you don’t have to face this issue alone—there are resources and support available to help you navigate the process and ensure a safer online experience.

If you are concerned about a child or young person being bullied, please seek help. Speak to a trusted GP, school wellbeing staff, or a helpline such as:

Dolly’s Dream Support Line 0488 881 033

[Parentline](#) in Victoria

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Headspace 1800 650 890

Lifeline 13 11 14



SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS



A Victorian Government initiative
in partnership with Foodbank

Every morning at HPS.
8.30am—8.45am.
Cereal, toast, fruit, spaghetti,
milk, milo...

Come along and prepare well for
a day of learning...

INVITATION

Casey Youth Services invite parents/carers of grade 6 students transitioning to secondary school in 2025

Please join us for an information forum with esteemed psychologist, author, speaker and mental health advocate, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, who will provide important tips & strategies about 'Grade 6 Transition' for young people and families.

- **Date:** Wednesday 23 October
- **Venue:** Bunjil Place Function Centre
2 Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren
- **Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Light refreshments will be provided.
- **RSVP:** Please RSVP via <https://tickets.bunjilplace.com.au/9954> by **Wednesday 16 October**

Michael is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists working in all forms of media. A successful author, speaker, broadcaster and mental health advocate, Michael works in private practice in Melbourne.



This is a FREE event but registrations are essential. Please contact Kim Hynes – Youth & Middle Years Development Officer for further information: khynes@casey.vic.gov.au

This is a Council run event or this is a Council sponsored event. The promotion of or active campaigning for any election at the event is not permitted. If you publicly declare at an event of your intention to stand, you will be informed that you cannot use this opportunity to platform your election campaign. Should you continue to platform your campaign at the event, Council or the event organiser, reserves the right to ask you to leave the event.

Contact the City of Casey:

Web: casey.vic.gov.au
Email: caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
Post: PO Box 1000, Narre Warren VIC 3805
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren
Cranbourne: Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre, Cranbourne
ABN: 43 320 295 742





OPEN DAY

19th October 2024

10am to 2pm



Face Painting



Live Animal Show



Kids Craft



Gardening Workshops



Food Trucks



Performances from local dance & music groups

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Free Activities for Children's Week

FREE CHILDREN'S WEEK EVENT

SPRING INTO PLAY



Families with children aged 0 to 6 years are invited to celebrate Children's Week at 'Spring into Play' in the beautiful grounds of the Old Cheese Factory!

Families can enjoy a free morning of fun, play, music, physical and interactive activities, entertainment and much more.

Bring along a picnic and help us celebrate children in Casey.

Date: Thursday 24 October 2024

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick

Cost: Free

Public Transport: Bus route 834 and 835

No bookings are required.

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This Children's Week activity is presented by the City of Casey in partnership with the Victorian Government.

Contact the City of Casey:

Web: casey.vic.gov.au
Email: caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
Post: PO Box 1000, Nare Warren VIC 3805
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)



Customer Service Centres:

Nare Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive, Nare Warren
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Join us for the **Best Night Ever!**

Children's Week Disco
Ages 3 to 7 years

FREE

Thursday 24th October 4:30pm to 6pm
28-47 Gunns Rd Hallam

Places limited - Book your child's spot on the dance floor today

9703 1688 or
admin@hallamclc.com.au



Children's Week
Friday 18 - Sunday 27 October
2024





Monday 7 October
 Monday 4 November
 Tuesday 5 November
 Thursday 19 December
 Friday 20 December

Start Term 4
 Student-free Day
 Melbourne Cup Day
 Last day for students
 Student-Free Day

8:45am
 Students do not attend
 Hallam PS Closed
 3:30 Dismissal
 Students do not attend

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
14	15 Playgroup/HALL 9:00-11:00 	16	17 TwistED Science Excursion Y1-2 	18 Casey North Division Finals	19	20
21 Regional Athletics	22 Playgroup/HALL 9:00-11:00 	23	24 School Council 7:00pm	25 Gleneagles Cup Y3-4	26	27
28	29 Playgroup/HALL 9:00-11:00  Queen Vic Market Excursion Y5-6	30 Prep Transition Program Session Booking required #1 1:30-2:15pm #2 2:30-3:15pm	31 Free Dress Day: 'Spooky' GOLD COIN DONATION 	01 NOVEMBER	02	03
04 PUPIL FREE DAY Students do not attend	05 MELBOURNE CUP DAY Hallam PS is closed	06 Prep Transition Program Session Booking required #1 1:30-2:15pm #2 2:30-3:15pm	07 Free Dress Day (SLT Fundraiser) 'Teacher-Student Swap' 	08	09	10
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18 2025 PREP INTERVIEWS Booking required	19 2025 PREP INTERVIEWS Booking required	20 2025 PREP INTERVIEWS Booking required	21 2025 PREP INTERVIEWS Booking required	22 2025 PREP INTERVIEWS Booking required	23	24