



Hallam Happenings

06 February 2025

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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 the 2025 School Year at Hallam PS

Welcome to new students and families as well as returning students and families. Hallam PS has started the year very smoothly with all classes, including our three Prep classes, quickly establishing school and class routines.

Prep students do not attend on Wednesdays during February as Prep teachers have scheduled meetings with each student and their family on these days. **Prep students attend full time from 3 March 2025.**

A reminder that all students should arrive at school around 8:45am. 2025 TERM DATES/HOLIDAYS are included in this newsletter.

2025 Hallam PS Staff

We welcome the following new staff to the professional team at Hallam PS.

- Ms Jasmine Liu Teacher 5-6 Team
- Mr Thomas Salter Education Support 5-6 Team
- Mrs Param Bindra Education Support Prep Team
- Ms Ellen Kiel TLI Teacher

Mrs Meaghan Crawford has also returned to part time teaching at Hallam PS following a period of leave. **Mrs Shirley Fletcher is currently on leave.**

A full list of Hallam PS staff is included in this newsletter.

Student Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover Arrangements

Parents are reminded that neither **the Department of Education (DE) nor Hallam Primary School provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.** Parents/carers are responsible for the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare. They can be obtained by parents/carers for individual students.

Personal Belongings at School

Private property bought to Hallam Primary School by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the DE is not responsible for any loss or damage. This can include, but is not limited to, mobile phones, devices, sporting equipment, toys and jewellery.

School Saving Bonus (SSB)

Parents have advised Hallam PS Administration staff that they have been very confused about the School Saving Bonus (SSB) process. Consequently, many have sought assistance with this process.

Parents are responsible for the allocation of funds using the SSB Portal. If parents need assistance they should come to the office where staff can help them with the online allocation process. School programs cannot be paid without completing the online allocation of funds.

Victorian Curriculum F-10 Version 2.0: 2025 Implementation

The Victorian Curriculum has been undergoing an update. Hallam PS will be implementing the updated curriculum from 2025. Parents will see curriculum updates reflected in the mid- and end-of-year student reports.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is now operating daily for students from 8:30am in the hall.

Refer to the Calendar and Website

Students and families are advised that most of the information about what's happening at Hallam PS can be located in the fortnightly calendar attached to the newsletter and on the school's website.

English Language Classes-Adults

Hallam Community Learning Centre provides adult English language classes on Wednesdays between 9:00-11:00am in the hall. For further information contact the Hallam Community Learning Centre on 9703 1688.

Julie Macfarlane

2025 TERM DATES/HOLIDAYS

TERM 1:

Tuesday 28 January	CURRICULUM DAY	STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
Wednesday 29 January	CURRICULUM DAY	STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
Thursday 30 January	YEARS P-6 COMMENCE	8:45am-3:30pm
<i>Wednesday 5 February</i>	<i>PREPS DO NOT ATTEND</i>	<i>Prep P-T Interviews</i>
<i>Wednesday 12 February</i>	<i>PREPS DO NOT ATTEND</i>	<i>Prep P-T Interviews</i>
<i>Wednesday 19 February</i>	<i>PREPS DO NOT ATTEND</i>	<i>Prep P-T Interviews</i>
<i>Wednesday 26 February</i>	<i>PREPS DO NOT ATTEND</i>	<i>Prep P-T Interviews</i>
PREPS ATTEND FULL TIME 8:45AM-3:30PM DAILY FROM MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025		
Friday 7 March	CURRICULUM DAY	STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
Monday 10 March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	HALLAM PS CLOSED
Friday 4 April	END TERM 1	DISMISSAL 2:30PM

AUTUMN & EASTER BREAK: MONDAY 7 APRIL-MONDAY 21 APRIL 2025

TERM 2:

Tuesday 22 April	PREP-6 RESUME	8:45am-3:30pm
Friday 25 April	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	HALLAM PS CLOSED
Monday 26 May	SCHOOL PHOTOS	
Monday 9 June	KING'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	HALLAM PS CLOSED
Friday 4 July	END TERM 2	DISMISSAL 2:30pm

WINTER BREAK: MONDAY 7 JULY-FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025

TERM 3:

Monday 21 July	PREP-6 RESUME	8:45am-3:30pm
Friday 19 September	END TERM 3	DISMISSAL 2:30pm

SPRING BREAK: MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER-FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025

TERM 4:

Monday 7 October	PREP-6 RESUME	8:45am-3:30pm
Monday 3 November	PPD-REPORTING	STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
Tuesday 4 November	MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY	HALLAM PS CLOSED
Thursday 18 December	FINAL DAY-ALL STUDENTS	DISMISSAL 3:30pm
Friday 19 December	2026 PLANNING DAY	STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND

SUMMER BREAK: MONDAY 22 DECEMBER 2025-MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2026 (inclusive)

2025 HALLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Principal	Mrs Julie Macfarlane
Assistant Principal (Wellbeing/MHL)	Mrs Shirley Fletcher
Business Manager	Ms Penny Moores
Administration Assistant	Mrs Kerry Fenton
Administration Assistant	Mrs Jessica Barbar
TSS/Technician	Mr Vaughn Bascombe

Wellbeing-Inclusion		Room	
Assistant Principal (Wellbeing/MHL)		Admin	Mrs Shirley Fletcher
Learning Specialist-Inclusion		C1	Ms Deb Nield
Allied Health	Speech	C2	Mrs Majella Booker
	Psychology	C3	Mrs Nicole Sanders
	Psychology	C2	Mr Jonathan Parker
	OT	Mtg Room	Mrs Joyce Chan
	CNN		TBA
	Art Therapy	Creative Sp.	Mrs Melissa Cussen

Breakfast Club Hall Mrs Charlotte Cox 8:00-9:30am M-F

Prep	Room	
P-2 Learning Specialist	C1	Ms Louisa Carey
00A	07	Mrs Jessica Farrar (TL) M/T/W Ms Louisa Carey Th/F
00B	08	Ms Biljana Vanovac
00C	06	Ms Meg Kingwell
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Param Bindra
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Zaheda Ebrahim
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Charlotte Cox
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Denise Sharp

1-2	Room	
P-2 Learning Specialist	C1	Ms Louisa Carey
12A	01	Ms Claire Teo
12B	03	Mrs Celeste Mui M/T/W Mrs Meaghan Crawford Th/F
12C	04	Mrs Rekha Sunkhara Chandran
12D	05	Mrs Nadine White (TL) M/T/W/Th Mrs Dianne Burns Th/F
12E	09	Mr Sara Ong
Multi-cultural Education Aide		Mrs Razia Mouradi
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Ashani Rodrigo
ES-Student Learning Needs		Ms Mikayla Morgan
ES-Student Learning Needs		Ms Kathryn Sands

3-4	Room	
3-6 Learning Specialist	Admin	Mrs Jackie Lee
34A	14	Mr Jordan Jameson
34B	15	Ms Annie Chhen (TL)
34C	17	Mr Rob Coxon
34D	Mod5-18	Ms Emily Noney
34E	Mod 5-19	Ms Sarah Pearce-Edwards
ES-Student Learning Needs		Ms Carmelita Gomes
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Rupendar Singh
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Deanne Ashton Smith

2025 HALLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PERSONNEL (Continued)

5-6			Room
3-6 Learning Specialist	Admin	Mrs Jackie Lee	
56A	10	Ms Amy Kong	
56B	11	Ms Paige Dang	
56C	12	Ms Jasmine Liu	
56D	13	Mr King Tangso (TL)	
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Donna Hamilton	
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mr Thomas Salter	
Specialists			Room
Arts (Visual)	STEAM	Mrs Cheryl King	
Arts (Performance)	Mod4	Mrs Amanda Conder M/T/W/Th	
Phys. Ed.	Hall	Mrs Eliza Britten (TL)	
STEM	STEAM	Ms Robyn Unthank	
SAKG			Room
P-2 Learning Specialist	C1	Ms Louisa Carey	
SAKG	Kitchen	Mrs Kathy Van Eck T/W/Th	
SAKG	Garden	Mrs Deanne Ashton-Smith T	
Intervention			Room
P-2 Learning Specialist		Ms Louisa Carey	
3-6 Learning Specialist		Mrs Jackie Lee	
TLI Teacher (NAS)	BER	Ms Ellen Kiel M/W/Th	
MacqLit	BER	Mrs Sarah Calderwood	
MiniLit	STEAM	Mrs Lynda Morgan	
Playgroup			Room
Playgroup	Hall	Ms Yasaman Rezaei 54 Reasons/Save the Children	
ES-Student Learning Needs		Mrs Zaheda Ebrahim 9:00-11:00am T	
Multi-cultural Education Aide		Mrs Razia Mouradi 9:00-11:00am T	

SCHOOL TIMES

Students attending Breakfast Club should arrive at 8:30am.
All other students are encouraged to arrive at school at 8:45am.

Session	Start	End
Classroom Session:	9:00am	11:00am
Supervised Morning Snack:	10:55am	11:00am
Snack is eaten in classrooms. <i>(P-2 students usually start earlier.)</i>		
Morning Recess:	11:00am	11:30am
Classroom Session:	11:30am	1:30pm
Supervised Lunch:	1.30pm	1:40pm
Lunch is eaten in classrooms. <i>(P-2 students usually start earlier.)</i>		
Lunch recess:	1:40pm	2:30pm
Classroom Session:	2:30pm	3:30pm
Dismissal	3:30pm	



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FEBRUARY-MARCH 2025						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
03 FEBRUARY Breakfast Commences 8:30am	04 Playgroup Hall 9-11am 	05 PREPS DO NOT ATTEND Adult English Language Classes 9-11am	06 District Swimming Trials	07	08	09
10 FEBRUARY	11 Playgroup Hall 9-11am 	12 PREPS DO NOT ATTEND Adult English Language Classes 9-11am	13	14	15	16
17 FEBRUARY	18 Playgroup Hall 9-11am 	19 PREPS DO NOT ATTEND Adult English Language Classes 9-11am	20 SCHOOL COUNCIL 7PM	21 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS-SCHOOL COUNCIL	22	23
24 FEBRUARY	25 Playgroup Hall 9-11am 	26 PREPS DO NOT ATTEND Adult English Language Classes 9-11am	27	28	01 MARCH	02 MARCH
03 MARCH PREPS ATTEND FULL TIME	04 Playgroup Hall 9-11am 	05 Adult English Language Classes 9-11am	06	07 PUPIL FREE DAY-STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	08	09
10 MARCH LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY-HALLAM PS CLOSED	11 Playgroup Hall 9-11am 	12 2025 NAPLAN Adult English Language Classes 9-11am	13 2025 NAPLAN	14 2025 NAPLAN	15	16