



# Hallam Happenings

5 February 2026

Term 1 / #1

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



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Schools

RESPECTFUL  
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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,*



Dear Hallam Primary School Community,

Welcome back for Term 1, 2026. It was wonderful to see smiling faces coming back through the gates last Thursday, ready and eager for the new year of learning. The year is off to a wonderful start with very high attendance rates and safe and orderly learning environments.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone who has so warmly welcomed me back. I was thrilled to be asked to return to Hallam PS, and look forward to serving the school community this term.

## Welcome to our new staff

Hallam Primary School is growing in enrolments and so a number of new staff have joined our team this year. Please join me in warmly welcoming our new staff members.

Tahlia Silver (Prep)  
Katherine Fukes (Prep)  
Grace Hou (Year 1)  
Rafah Malaeb (Year 1)  
Yvonne Yang (Year 1)  
Hoda Taghi Zadeh (ES)  
Natasha Prasad (Year 3)  
Hannah Flintoff (Year 3)  
Sophie Kapaklis (ES)  
Penny Chan (ES)

## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Classroom safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Classroom, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

Amharic  
Arabic  
Chinese  
Dari  
Gujarati  
Mandarin  
Somali  
Sudanese  
Turkish  
Urdu  
Vietnamese

### Safety and Parking Around our School

Frawley and Harmer Road get very busy at drop off and pick up time. Please ensure you check parking signs out the front of the school as a large number of parks are a kiss and drop zone during drop off and pick up times. Yard Duty teachers will supervise students out the front of the school to assist with collection and they will ensure all students are entering and exiting cars safely. Please ensure you are not blocking the driveways of neighbouring properties.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is back on every day between 8.30-8.45am and is a wonderful service that Foodbank supports us with to keep our students happy and healthy. A nutritious breakfast is essential for good learning. It is free for all students to attend; the only payment we ask for is manners.

### Being on time

A friendly reminder that class starts at 9am. This means that students must be here **before** 9am. The classroom morning routine is very important to build relationships between teachers and students and to ensure students settle in for the day so they can focus the rest of their mental energy on learning.

### SWPBS – our new adventure

This year, Hallam Primary School will be starting our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) journey. This wonderful initiative has been used in many Victorian schools with outstanding results for student engagement and wellbeing. We look forward to sharing updates of our journey with you all.

Stay safe and well. 'Till next time,

Laura Sammut  
Acting Principal



# SAKG Program

Our Year 5 and 6 students have enjoyed returning to the Kitchen program this week. They made vegetable soup, vegetarian pizza, plum crumble and enjoyed some ice cream Kathy made using berries from our garden.



# 2026 Hallam PS Staff

<b>Principal (Acting)</b>	Laura Sammut	<b>3A</b>	Annie Chhen
<b>Assistant Principal – Teaching &amp; Learning (Acting)</b>	Jackie Lee	<b>3B</b>	Natasha Prasad
<b>Assistant Principal - Wellbeing &amp; Engagement (Acting)</b>	Louisa Carey	<b>3C</b>	Hannah Flintoff
<b>Business Manager</b>	Penny Moores	<b>Education Support – Year 3</b>	Deanne Ashton-Smith Rupendar Singh
<b>Administration</b>	Kerry Fenton Krissi Moores	<b>4A</b>	Sarah Pearce-Edwards
<b>Technician</b>	Vaughn Bascombe	<b>4B</b>	King Tangso
<b>Learning Specialist – Inclusion</b>	Deb Nield	<b>4C</b>	Rekha Sunkhara Chandan
<b>Education Support – Disability Inclusion</b>	Carmelita Gomes	<b>Education Support – Year 4</b>	Kathryn Sands Thomas Salter
<b>Mental Health and Well-being Leader (MHWL)</b>	Rob Coxon	<b>5/6A</b>	Amy Kong
<b>Breakfast Club</b>	Charlotte Cox Param Bindra	<b>5/6B</b>	Paige Dang
		<b>5/6C</b>	Jasmine Liu
<b>Learning Specialist (Acting)</b>	Jessica Farrar	<b>5/6D</b>	Emily Noney
<b>Learning Specialist (Acting)</b>	Nadine White	<b>5/6E</b>	Jordan Jameson
<b>Prep A</b>	Katherine Fukes	<b>Education Support – Year 5/6</b>	Donna Hamilton Sophie Kapaklis Penny Chan
<b>Prep B</b>	Jessica Farrar Jade Way	<b>Arts (Visual)</b>	Cheryl King
<b>Prep C</b>	Tahlia Silver	<b>Arts (Performance)</b>	Amanda Conder
<b>Prep D</b>	Biljana Vanovac	<b>PE</b>	Eliza Britten
<b>Education Support – Prep Module</b>	Zaheda Ebrahim Charlotte Cox Denise Sharp Param Bindra	<b>STEM</b>	Robyn Unthank
<b>1A</b>	Nadine White Rob Coxon	<b>SAKG – Kitchen</b>	Kathy Van Eck
<b>1B</b>	Grace Hou	<b>SAKG – Garden</b>	Deanne Ashton-Smith
<b>1C</b>	Rafah Malaeb Ellen Kiel	<b>MiniLit</b>	Lynda Morgan
<b>Education Support – Year 1</b>	Ashani Rodrigo Hoda Taghi Zadeh	<b>MacqLit</b>	Sarah Calderwood
<b>2A</b>	Sara Ong	<b>Multicultural Education Aide</b>	Razia Mouradi
<b>2B</b>	Yvonne Yang	<b>Speech Pathologist</b>	Majella Booker
<b>2C</b>	Meg Kingwell Dianne Burns	<b>Psychologist</b>	Nicole Sanders
<b>Education Support – Year 2</b>	Razia Mouradi Mikayla Morgan	<b>Art Therapy</b>	Melissa Cussen

## Term 1 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
2	3 Playgroup 	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Playgroup  SOMERS CAMP	11 SOMERS CAMP	12 SOMERS CAMP	13 SOMERS CAMP	14	15
16 SOMERS CAMP	17 Playgroup  SOMERS CAMP	18 District Swimming (selected students) SOMERS CAMP	19	20	21	22
23	24 Playgroup 	25	26	27	28	1 March
2	3 Playgroup 	4	5	6	7	8
9 LABOUR DAY NO SCHOOL	10 Playgroup 	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Playgroup 	18 Divisional Swimming (selected students)	19	20 Hallam PS Harmony Day celebrations	21	22
23	24 Playgroup 	25	26	27 House Cross Country 9-11am (families welcome to attend)	28	29
30	31 Playgroup 	1 April	2 Last day Term 1 2:30pm finish	3 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL	4	5

## 1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Narre Warren, VIC



Scan the  
QR code or  
[click here](#)  
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Thursday  
26 February, 2026  
9:15am to 3:00pm



Bunjil Place  
2 Patrick Northeast Drive  
NARRE WARREN VIC 3805

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



**Interpreters available upon request**

### During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 [www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC)

 [smidwood@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:smidwood@positivepartnerships.com.au)



0461 324 758



South East  
Leisure



Welcoming Clubs  
Welcome to the Game



**TUESDAYS**

4.30 - 7.30 PM

Jan 27

-  
Mar 31

**2026**

**DANDENONG  
OASIS**

**APPLY** ↓



# Welcome to the Game a free inclusive swim PROGRAM

FOCUSING ON WATER SAFETY, CONFIDENCE  
AND ENJOYMENT

**CONTACT:**

BITA@WELCOMING.ORG.AU

0433472296

**Eligibility**

**Requirements:**

- ✓ Age 5 - 25
- ✓ Born overseas or have a parent born overseas
- ✓ Identify with having a disability/autism/ additional support needs

\*formal diagnosis not required

[welcomingaustralia.typeform.com/WTTGSwimOasis](http://welcomingaustralia.typeform.com/WTTGSwimOasis)



# Tuning in to Kids™ Dandenong



**This engaging six session parenting program is designed for parents and carers of children aged 2-10 years.**

Based on an easy-to-follow five-step emotional coaching approach, Tuning in to Kids™ empowers families to build stronger relationships and support children's emotional well-being.

Join us and make a lasting impact on your family's well-being!

By participating, you'll learn how to:

- Understand and nurture your child's emotional intelligence.
- Confidently coach your child through big feelings by tuning in to their emotions.
- Equip your child with tools to manage emotions, solve problems, and navigate challenges.
- Teach your child healthy ways to handle conflict and build resilience.

***Eligibility:** Participants must live in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, or Greater Dandenong. Unfortunately, we cannot accept registrations from outside these areas.*



PARENTZONE

## BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Scan the QR code to register

[Tuning in to Kids, Term 1, 2026 – Fill out form](#)



### COST

Free

### DATES

Thursdays

12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February

5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### TIME

10:00am until 12:30pm

### VENUE

Uniting, Dandenong  
51 Princes Hwy  
Dandenong 3175

*Light refreshments will be served*

### ENQUIRIES

P: 9704 8377

E: [groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org](mailto:groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org)

# Uniting

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# POP UP BABY PLAYGROUP

Discover Learn Play

The City of Casey is hosting free Pop-up Baby Playgroup

**Where:** Arbourlea Family and Community Centre

75 Wheelers Parks Drive, Cranbourne North

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nxEtNgdSTACERncdA>

**When:** Tuesday 3 February – Tuesday 31 March 2026

**Time:** 10:30 am – 12:00 pm



Come along and experience a range of activities for babies aged **0 to 12 months**. Enjoy singing, playing and sharing activities that you and your baby could do at home whilst connecting with other families. Bring your own snacks, water and a change of clothes for baby. No bookings are required.

**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



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# 2026 ADMISSION OPEN BHARATHI ACADEMY

TAMIL LANGUAGE SCHOOL  
**KINDER TO VCE**

Campuses at:

**Berwick, Clayton, Cranbourne, Dandenong,  
East Burwood, Pakenham & South Morang**

**SHAPING FUTURES - OUR OUTSTANDING VCE TEAM 2025**



## MORE INFORMATION

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🌐 [www.bharathi.org.au](http://www.bharathi.org.au)

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