



Hallam Happenings

30 April 2026

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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.



Dear Hallam Primary School Community,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back over the last fortnight. Term Two is off to a great start and we are excited to see what this term has in store for us.

Mr Orchard – Happy Retirement

Mr Orchard has decided to put the ladder and tools away for good and retire. Mr Orchard has been a part of the Hallam Primary School Community for a very long time, as a parent and as our handyman. He will be sorely missed, and we wish him and his wife Helen, the very best as they start an exciting new chapter of their lives.

Crossing Roads Safely

We are seeing a growing number of students crossing roads unsafely before and after school. Harmer and Frawley Road are very busy at drop off and pick up time. It is crucial that students use the crossings provided so they get to and from school safely. We appreciate all adults in our community modelling these behaviours by also using the designated crossing spaces.

AtoSS

Every year, students in Years 4-6 take part in the Attitudes towards School Survey. This survey asks students for their opinions on a range of things at school, and information is provided back to the school so we can plan for improvement. AtoSS will be starting on Monday May 11th. Information has been put out through Compass for all families with children in Years 4-6.

2027 – Preps and Year 7

It seems early, but we are already talking about 2027. All students in Year 6 have received information for how to enrol for Year 7. If you have any questions, please see Ms Dang or Ms Kong. We are also taking enquiries for 2027 Prep enrolments. If you have a child who is due to start school next year, please pop into the office or enquire through Student Insight.

Mother's Day Stall and Special Event

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and Hallam Primary School will be hosting our annual Mother's Day Stall next week. We will also be hosting a special event next Friday where all mothers and special others are invited to join their children for a special activity afternoon in their classrooms. There will be no assembly next week so the students can spend some extra special time with their mums.

Compass

We are starting to use Compass more and more at Hallam Primary School. Please ensure you have downloaded the app and are checking emails, so you do not miss important information and school updates. We will be limiting the use of Compass SMSs to reduce unnecessary costs. If you need help with the app, please come and see us in the office.

Extended family holidays

We understand that many of our students have extended family overseas. We generally do not advise parent to take extended holidays during school terms but understand that there are times where this is unavoidable. If you do need to take a trip during school time, please contact the office at least 4 weeks in advance to have a meeting with myself or Louisa Carey, our Assistant Principal. In this meeting we will discuss your plans as well as absence learning plans to ensure your child does not succeed socially or academically while they are away.

Stay safe and well. 'Till next time,

Laura Sammut
Acting Principal



Mother's Day Stall 2026

We are running our annual Mother's Day stall on Friday 8th May. If you would like your child to purchase a gift from the stall please send along some money with them on Friday 8th May so that they can purchase something for Mum, Grandma, Nan, Aunty or that special person in their lives!

Prices range from \$1 to \$7

***If possible, send along a shopping bag with your child for them to bring home their purchased gifts.**

Kerry Fenton – Fundraising

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mothers' and Special Others' Afternoon

FRIDAY 8TH MAY
2:45-3:30PM

Classrooms will be open for you to come and visit your child and complete an activity with them.

Students must remain at school until 3:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you!



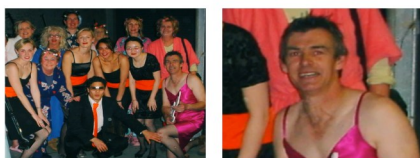
Humble Hallam Handyman Happily Hangs Up Hammer



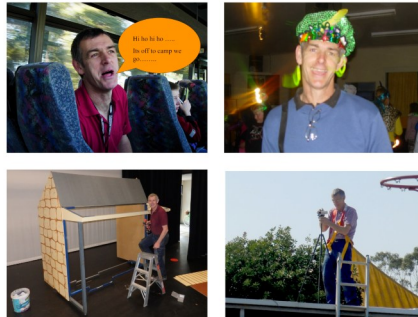
After many years of working hard to keep HPS running like clockwork, Mr Orchard has finally hung up his tool belt for the last time! After all his hard graft to ensure the school will blossom long into the future, he's decided it's now time to enjoy the fruits of his labour. Even though our staff members are going to miss his wicked sense of humour, we realised we would have to admit that he was ripe for retirement!



However, Mr Orchard has not only been a trusted HPS employee, he's also been a valued friend. If there was a special occasion to celebrate, he was always on hand to help put up the decorations or join in with a toast. If acting the fool or dressing up was part of the job description, then you could rest assured he'd be at the front of the queue!



It never mattered what the occasion was or who was in charge of OH&S, Mr Orchard would always be there to lend a hand or offer some valuable advice. If nothing else, you could rely on him to either fix whatever was broken, patch it up until an expert could be called in, or crack a joke to keep you laughing until the emergency was over!!



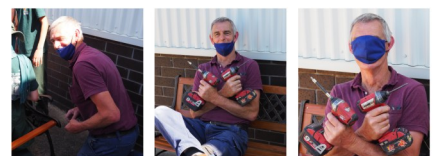
Although it's been a while since his children attended HPS, Mr Orchard has continued to help us nurture the growth of all our students. Whether it's been attending overnight camps, making props for concerts or filming flash mobs, Mr Orchard has proven there's no job too big, too small or too last-minute for his talents! Just look at the wonderful work he did when creating our awesome garden!



Mr Orchard's support of staff and students never stopped when the last bell rang. As well as taking care of urgent maintenance jobs at any time of the day or night, he regularly attended after-school events where he helped behind the scenes and made sure everyone had a terrific experience. His thoughtfulness and dedication was always appreciated.



Over the years, Mr Orchard has been proactively involved in planting and nurturing amazing experiences that continue to bear fruit for our school community. In 2019 and 2020, he worked collaboratively with student leaders to up-level the space behind our library ... a fantastic team effort!



When undertaking garden projects, he regularly filled the dump-master quicker than we could arrange to have it emptied. On many occasions, he also enjoyed assisting our office team, although his version of 'help' wasn't always that helpful!!



Whatever the future holds, we know that Mr Orchard has left an indelible mark on our school and his presence will be sorely missed. Thankfully, even though his toolbox is officially closed, his legacy will continue on!!



Student Wellbeing Services

Our school cares about the safety and wellbeing of our students and their families.

Sometimes things at home or in a relationship are not OK or families can be worried about the wellbeing of their children or young people.

The Orange Door can help you to get the support you need, quickly and easily. It's free and you don't need a referral.

The Orange Door

The Orange Door can help families. They provide support for concerns with parenting, relationships, and family violence.

The Orange Door is a free intake and assessment service for:

- families requiring support for their child or young person's wellbeing or development
- families needing parenting support
- young, isolated, or unsupported families
- individuals and families experiencing family violence
- adults using family violence
- young people using violence in the home.

If you contact The Orange Door, they can help by:

- working with you to identify the help and support you need
- supporting you with the wellbeing and development of your child or young person
- helping you make a safety plan if someone is making you feel unsafe
- connecting you to services that can help like counselling, accommodation, mental health and drug and alcohol services, parenting support groups, services for children, financial help, or legal assistance
- supporting you to access funding for basic living expenses and some other costs
- supporting you to change abusive or controlling behaviour.

Each Orange Door location across Victoria has their own phone number and email. Students and their families can also visit their local Orange Door in person for support, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm for support. No appointment is needed.

To find your local service, see: [The Orange Door – Support near you](#).

How schools connect with The Orange Door

Our school might talk to a student and/or their family about The Orange Door. We might encourage them to contact their local Orange Door to get advice and help if needed.

Ideally, a student and/or their family will get in touch with The Orange Door to seek advice and support.

Sometimes, schools might make a referral to The Orange Door without the student or their family's knowledge or consent. Schools will do this if:

- informing a student and/or family increases the risk to their safety or wellbeing
- not linking a student to support increases the risk of their safety and wellbeing.

You can learn more about:

- The Orange Door and how they can help you and your family [here](#).
- how our school keeps our students safe by reading our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy https://hallam-ps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Child_Safety_and_Wellbeing-2025-2027.pdf and Child Safety Code of Conduct



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HALLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL, HALLAM

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Monday, 25 May 2026

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Monday, 25 May 2026



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ID or contact our **Customer Care team** on
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Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
27	28 5/6 Gala Day Playgroup	29	30	1 MAY	2	3
4	5 Playgroup School Tour 9:15am (by appointment)	6	7	8 Mother's Day stall 'Mothers' and Special Others' afternoon in classrooms 2:45pm- 3:30pm	9	10
11	12 Playgroup	13 District Cross Country	14 School Tour 4pm (by appointment)	15	16	17
18	19 Playgroup School Tour 9:15am (by appointment)	20	21 Free Dress Day Gold coin donation	22	23	24
25 School Photos 	26 5/6 Module CPR incursion Playgroup	27 Divisional Cross Country	28 School Tour 4pm (by appointment)	29	30	31
1 JUNE 5/6 Aussie Animal Incursion	2 Playgroup	3	4	5 Curriculum Day— Assessment & Reporting STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL	6	7
8 KING'S BIRTHDAY Public Holiday STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL	9 Playgroup School Tour 9:15am (by appointment)	10	11	12	13	14
15 5/6 Module walk to Gunns Reserve	16	17	18 Milk and Muffin Morning Tea School Tour 4pm (by appointment)	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 End Term 2 2:30pm finish	27	28
29	30	1 JULY	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

School Holidays



MyTime Cranbourne

Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

FIND US AT:
 The Hunt Club Children's Centre
 40 Broad Oak Drive
Wednesdays, Fortnightly 9.30am - 12.30pm

CONTACT:
 Belinda – Facilitator
 Email: Belindac@mytimevic.com.au
 Mobile: 0466 105 825



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DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
29 April 2026	Welcome back morning tea	Outdoor play
13 May 2026	Group outing: location to be advised	Building blocks
27 May 2026	Art and craft with Bunnings	Arts and craft
10 June 2026	Guest Speaker: preparing for plan reviews Build strategies to prepare for planning or review meetings, communicate confidently, and respond to tough questions	Sensory toys
24 June 2026	Catch up and morning tea	Construction sets