



Hallam Happenings

17 September 2026

Term 3/#5

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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,

What a wonderful term it has been. Our AtoSS results and Year 1 Phonics Check results have shown that we are continuing to go from strength to strength.

This weekend is the Doveton Show. It is a great opportunity to get out and about in the sun and see the wonderful work and talent in our local community.

Congratulations Wakakirri

I had the pleasure of attending the State Awards night two weeks ago and seeing our students take to the stage again. I am so very proud of all the students involved. They showed excellent commitment, giving up lunchtimes to practice to ensure we had a polished performance. Mrs Conder and her team of staff did a fabulous job supporting the students.

Holiday break

Our school office will be closed for the next two weeks. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th October, 2026.

2027 enrolments

We are still taking enrolments for 2027. If you know of a family who is wanting to enrol for 2027 but has not, please encourage them to come in and pick up a pack. We now have an Enrolment Management Plan issued to us from the Department of Education. This restricts us to only accepting students who are in zone or who have siblings at our school.

Kinder parking

Laak Early Learning have raised that many families are parking in their carpark or blocking their driveway to collect primary students. Please refrain from doing this as it causes a major safety concern for the 0-4 years olds. Our school has a kiss and drop zone where you can pull in safely for pick up.

Events

All school events go onto Compass and are available to be viewed in the Compass calendar. We are also putting events on the electronic sign and in the newsletter calendar every fortnight. Keep a look out for the exciting upcoming events.

Very soon, Worker of the Week alerts will be sent to you via an email or push notification on Compass. This will help save us additional SMS charges which can be used of improving learning materials.

Stay safe and well. 'Till next time,

Laura Sammut
Principal

Get Active Kids Vouchers

Eligible Victorian families can access a voucher or reimbursement of up to \$200 to help cover the cost of sport and active recreation — including fees, uniforms, and equipment for eligible children. Closing date for Round 11 is 10am on 13 October 2026, or earlier if the budget is fully exhausted.

For more information— <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

TERM 3 GYMNASTICS



Preps



Year 1 & 2



Physical Education



Year 3 & 4



Year 5/6



Eliza Britten
Physical Education Teacher

VOLLEYBALL

TERM 3



Visual Arts



Visual Arts in Term 3 focused on different styles of art, including cubism, futurism, abstract and modernism. Students explored and were inspired by artists, such as Paul Klee, Pablo Picasso and Vincent Van Gogh.



Cheryl King
Visual Arts Teacher

TERM 3



Created Silent Movies



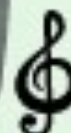
Performed Fables



Transformed Objects



Danced



Performing Arts



Played Percussion Instruments



Role-played



Created Dances



Built Teamwork



Performed Songs from Around the World



Created and Modelled 'Protector Capes'



Played Recorder

TERM 3

Chemical Science



Prep students explored what every day objects are made from. They looked closely at objects made from wood, glass, metal and rubber and noticed what they looked like, smelled like and felt like. They also explored the materials used to build houses and how different materials are suited to different purposes.



Year 1 and 2 students explored how different materials can be combined to make mixtures for particular purposes. They investigated mixtures of solids and liquids and observed how their properties can change when materials are combined in different quantities. Students recorded and compared their observations and used evidence to explain what happened when materials were mixed.

STEM

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics

In Digital Technology, Prep to Year 2 students explored ScratchJr, Bee-Bots, Dash Robots and Merge Cubes. They used these technologies to develop their coding, sequencing and problem-solving skills. Year 3 to 6 students used Code.org and Alchemy and were introduced to the new LEGO Education Science Kits, developing their skills in coding, designing, creating and solving problems.



Year 3 and 4 students explored the properties of solids and liquids and how they can change when heat energy is added or removed. They sorted and compared solids and liquids based on their observable properties and investigated how ice changes as it melts. Students made predictions, recorded their observations and explained how heating and cooling can cause changes of state.



Year 5 and 6 students explored how substances can undergo reversible and irreversible changes. They investigated dissolving and how salt can be recovered from a solution, as well as irreversible changes when milk and vinegar are combined. Students also explored chemical reactions that produce gas and used observations and evidence to explain the changes they observed.

Robyn Unthank
STEM Teacher



Prep, Year 1 and Year 2



Open Afternoons



Discovery Table

Discovery Table provides children with opportunities to explore, investigate and learn through hands-on experiences. Using a **light box** and a range of interesting materials, students can explore light, colour, shapes, shadows and transparency. Children are encouraged to touch, observe, experiment and ask questions as they discover what happens when they place different objects on and around the light box.

CHALLENGE



Place the leaves and flowers on the light box and observe what you can see. Can you find one that is **transparent**, one that lets through some light, and one that blocks the light?



Mystery Box

Senses

Feeling Things in a Box is a fun hands-on activity where children use their sense of touch to explore and identify hidden objects. Without looking, students place their hands inside the box, feel an object such as a pinecone, and use clues such as its shape, size and texture to guess what it might be. This activity encourages children to describe what they can feel and develop their observation and communication skills.



CHALLENGE

Can you use your senses to guess what each object is?

Science Understanding
 Sub-strand: Chemical Science
 Students can be combined in a variety of ways for particular purposes. The properties of solids and mixtures can differ from the materials which are made (VCE2002)

Sometimes Mixing
 To provide students with hands-on, shared experiences of creating mixtures of solids and liquids, students:
 • work in teams to explore what happens when cornflour is mixed with water
 • observe and compare their observations
 • identify that the properties of mixtures can depend on the quantities of materials used

Question
 What happens when **cornflour** and **water** are mixed together?

Equipment
 • 1 tablespoon
 • 100 ml water in a cup
 • 100 g cornflour
 • 1 mixing bowl
 • 1 mixing spoon

Activity steps




BEE-BOTS

Bee-Bots are small, programmable robots that help students develop early coding and problem-solving skills. Children use simple buttons to give the Bee-Bot directions, such as moving forwards, backwards, turning left or turning right, and then watch as their code comes to life. Through fun challenges, students learn about sequencing, predicting and problem-solving while developing their confidence with technology.

CHALLENGE



Can you move the Bee-Bot from the orange star to the red triangle?




Dash Robot

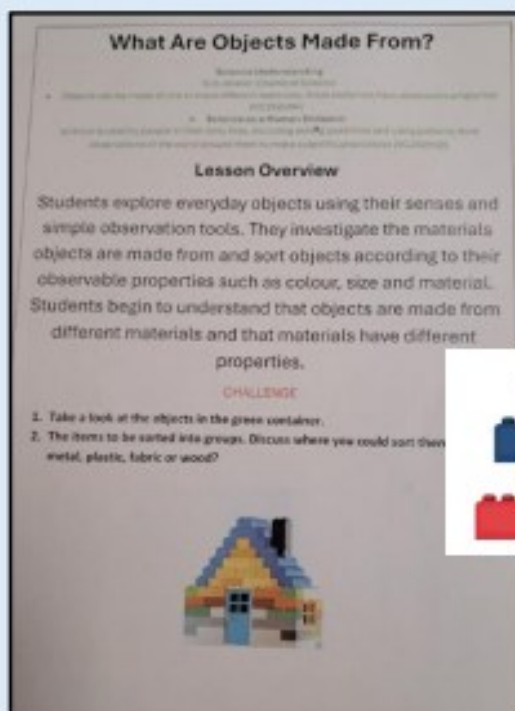
Dash Robot is a fun, interactive robot that helps students develop early coding and problem-solving skills. Children use simple instructions to make Dash move, turn, light up and respond to their commands. Through playful activities, students begin to explore sequencing, directions, cause and effect, and how technology can be used to make things happen.

CHALLENGE



Can you use the iPad to move Dash around?





Cyber safety

Be safe online

Keep your
personal information
private

Only talk to
people you know
in real life

Tell a trusted adult
if anything upsets
you online

Be kind online –
think before
you hit send

No one deserves to be hurt online.

BULLYING NO WAY

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Year 1/2

Melbourne Zoo Excursion



On Tuesday, 25th August, the Year 1/2 students enjoyed an exciting excursion to Melbourne Zoo. Throughout the day, students explored the zoo and learnt about a variety of fascinating animals and their habitats.

After returning to school, each student selected an animal they had seen at the zoo to research. They then used their new knowledge to plan and write an informative report about their chosen animal.



Year 1/2

Melbourne Zoo Excursion



Name: Ashab on 2A

Leopards Information Report

Classification: Leopards are <u>mammals</u> .	Appearance: Leopards have <u>orange and black spots</u> .
Habitat: Leopards live in <u>forests and savannas</u> .	Diet: Leopards eat <u>meat</u> .
Interesting Facts: Leopards can <u>climb trees</u> .	

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TRAINING FOR GLENEAGLES CUP

Our Grade 4 students have been training for the upcoming Gleneagles Cup, where schools will come together to play volleyball, soccer, netball and basketball. Students from Gleneagles Secondary College have been coaching and encouraging our students. We can't wait to put our skills into action! Here are some photos from our training sessions.







Book Week 2026

in Year 4



Book Week at Hallam Primary was so much fun! On the 28th of August, we all gathered for a special parade around the basketball court. Everyone dressed up as their favorite book characters and it was amazing to see so many creative costumes. After the parade, we had a "Where's Wally?" scavenger hunt. Kids searched high and low to find Wally hidden around the school. It was a day full of laughter, excitement and a love for reading. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did!





CRICKET INCURSION



On Friday 4th September, coaches from Cricket Victoria came to Hallam PS to teach the grade 3/4s some important cricket skills, like catching, throwing and batting!



Term 3 Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
14 Year 3+ 4 Swimming Program Divisional Athletics	15 Playgroup Year 3+ 4 Swimming Program	16 Divisional Athletics Year 3+ 4 Swimming Program	17 Free Dress Day Footy Colours - Gold coin donation Year 3+ 4 Swimming Program	18 Year 3+ 4 Swimming Program End Term 3— 2:30pm finish No Assembly	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29			2	3	4

School Holidays

Term 4 Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
5 OCT First day Term 4	6 Playgroup	7	8	9 Gleneagles Cup Year 4 students	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Divisional Gala Day	17	18
19 Prep Transition Classroom Session #1 1:30-2:15pm 2:30-3:15pm ** Bookings required	20 Year 6 Graduation photo	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 'Spooky' Free Dress day Gold coin donation	31	1 NOV
2 Teacher Professional Practice Day No school for students	3 Melbourne Cup Day No school for students	4	5 Milk and Muffin Morning Tea	6	7	8

RIDES

SHOWBAGS

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DOVETON SHOW

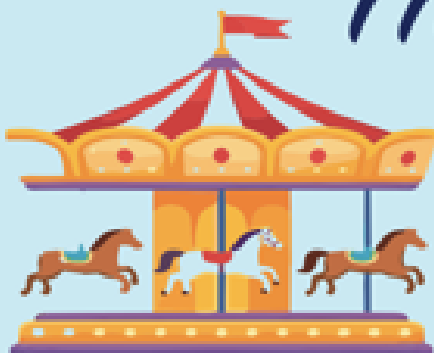
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SUNDAY 20th
SEPTEMBER



10 AM - 4 PM

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SPRING HOLIDAY POP-UPS



WEEK 1

SPRING HOLIDAY POP-UPS



WEEK 2

21 SEP - 24 SEP

29 SEP - 2 OCT

**MON
21/9**
**ZINE MACHINE! -
HAMPTON PARK
LIBRARY**
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Come and join the **Zine Machine!** Want to tell a **story**, draw some art or just have **something to say**? Join us at Hampton Park Library and learn how to get those ideas out there!

**MON
21/9**
**CUPCAKE
DECORATING -
AUTUMN PLACE**
3:00PM - 5:00PM

Join us for a **fun** afternoon of **baking, decorating, and sweet treats**. Whether you're a baking enthusiast or just looking to try something new, this session is a great way to connect with others and show off your **artistic flair**.
*Book now via the QR code - spaces are limited!



**TUE
22/9**
**LEGO FUN -
ENDEAVOUR HILLS
LIBRARY**
3:00PM - 4:30PM

Join us for a **fun-filled free LEGO** session packed with building, creativity, **sports** and friendly **challenges**!

**WED
23/9**
RAMLEGH SPRINGS
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Join us for some fun outdoor **games, snacks** and meet **Youth Workers** looking to hear from **YOU**!

**THU
24/9**
**PEARCEDALE
SKATEPARK**
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Join us for a **BBQ** and some **games**, and meet **Youth Workers** looking to hear from **YOU**!

**TUE
29/9**
**TOORADIN
SKATEPARK**
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Join us for some fun outdoor **games, snacks**, and meet **Youth Workers** looking to hear from **YOU**!

**THU
1/10**
**CHERRY HILL
RESERVE**
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Join us for a **BBQ** and some **games**, and meet **Youth Workers** looking to hear from **YOU**!

**FRI
2/10**
**SPRING INTO
FUTSAL - OLIVE RD**
3:00PM - 5:00PM

Come along for a **fun and social futsal** session where you can meet new people, learn new skills, and enjoy casual indoor games. Take part in free play, penalty shootouts, and enjoy great music and positive vibes in a **welcoming environment**.
*Book now via the QR code - spaces are limited!



***Scan the QR code for
more information about
our Youth Centres and
services.**



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Email: caseycc@caseyvic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

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Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren:
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Cranbourne:
Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre

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City of Casey Youth Services

Gardening Together

kids, dads & grandfathers



For all dads and grandfathers! Bring your children and have fun getting dirty, growing food and discovering the bugs & creatures that help us.

FREE activity

SATURDAY
19 SEPTEMBER

10:00AM

OLD CHEESE FACTORY,
BERWICK



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to register

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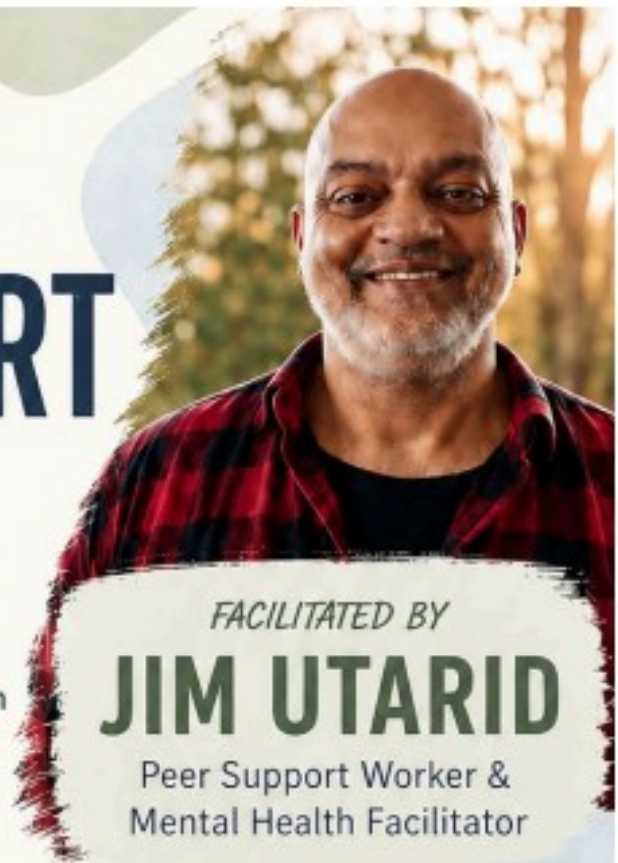


**BROTHERHOOD
OF MEN 23**

JUMP START

*A safe space for
fathers and men.*

A relaxed support space for fathers and men to talk, connect, and build practical tools for wellbeing.



FACILITATED BY

JIM UTARID

Peer Support Worker &
Mental Health Facilitator



**WHEN
THURSDAY
NIGHTS**

7:00PM - 9:00PM



**PROGRAM
AUGUST -
DECEMBER 2026**

5 MONTHLY SESSIONS



**WHO IT'S FOR
FATHERS, MEN,
SONS, BROTHERS
AND MATES**

ALL WELCOME



JIM'S CREDENTIALS & EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Post Graduate Diploma in Psychology
- ✓ Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology & Sociology)
- ✓ 10+ years facilitating mental health support groups (OCD, Depression, BPD)
- ✓ Trauma Informed Care, Motivational Interviewing, Crisis Intervention & more
- ✓ Works with multicultural communities including Aboriginal, Afghan, African, Indian, and Australians

Extensive experience in peer support, outreach, group facilitation and one-on-one support.



CURRENT ROLE

Jim currently works in the Adolescent Intensive Management (AIM) Team at The Austin, Heidelberg, providing outreach and 1:1 support to youth aged 12-25.



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HALLAM KALORA PARK



CRICKET CLUB

— EST 1908 —

JUNIOR PLAYERS

WANTED

WOOLWORTH BLAST CRICKET,

UNDER 10'S, UNDER 12'S, UNDER 14'S & UNDER 16'S



For more Information
please contact the club on
hallamkp@ddca.com.au



Or call Fiona:
0437 717 774



or register via the
QR CODE



September Activities for dads & kids in Casey

SEPT
04

7.00 PM

*The Meetup
men's group*



SEPT
06

10.00 AM - 12.00 PM

Man With A Pram



SEPT
17

7.00PM - 9.00 PM

Jump Start



SEPT
18

7.00 PM

*The Meetup
men's group*



SEPT
19

10.00 AM - 11.30 AM

Gardening Together



SEPT
20

10.00 AM - 12.00 PM

AFL Fun



SEPT
26

1.00 PM - 2.30 PM

*First-time Dads
Community Catch-up*



SEPT
28

6.30 PM - 7.30 PM

*Blokes & Bubs
Evening story & play time*



The community-led
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Dads Matter
It's a family thing