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# Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

'Shubh Deepavali' – Happy Diwali to all our families who celebrated this week. I hope you enjoyed this special time with your family. At school we have been continuing to focus on the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. It has been such a delight to see the children reconnecting with friends and enjoying the 'in person' chatter.

### STUDENT PLACEMENTS 2021

In previous years we have asked parents to notify us in writing of any special factors they would like considered when class groupings for the following year were being formulated. ***As has not been the case for the last few years, I am asking you NOT to write to me this year, instead I urge you to put your faith in the teachers who work with your children each day, and trust that they will organise cohesive groups of students who will work well together. They understand both the academic and social needs of your children really well.***

Each teacher is aware of which groups of children work co-operatively and those which are better separated. They have information gleaned from parent meetings and other situations which they believe need consideration when home groups are formed.

Today we asked each student to list some friends with whom they work well and would like to have in their home group in 2021. This will be one piece of information used by teachers as a guide when they meet to form home groups for next year. Now that all students have been working in our new flexible classrooms for several years, we will not be guaranteeing that they will be placed with any of the students on their list. Rather the teachers will use the lists as a guide. The children are very aware that they work each day with all the students in their year level and that they have a main home group teacher and several other year level teachers with whom they also work.

### 2020 Dates to Remember

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<b>TERM 4</b>		
	<i>December</i>	
Monday	7	Curriculum Day – No students required at school
Friday	18	<b>End of Term 4 - 1.30pm finish</b>
	<b>2021</b>	
	<i>January</i>	
Thursday	28	Years 1 - 6 students commence
Friday	29	Preps commence – Please refer to Prep handbook
	<i>February</i>	
	<i>March</i>	
Monday	1 - 5	Yr 6 Canberra Camp (TBC)
Tuesday	9 & 10	<b>School Photos</b>
	<i>April</i>	
Thursday	1	<b>End of Term 1 - 2.30pm finish</b>

This process has worked well for the last five years and I believe that most of the 2020 class groupings are very cohesive and the students in each home group have worked well together. I am confident that we are building greater resilience, co-operation and tolerance in our students and that with your support and that of our teachers, our students will learn to solve more of the small issues themselves.

Please keep this in mind when I say that only letters outlining **extra-ordinary factors, which we do not already know about**, e.g. cousins who may end up in the same class, twins being separated or placed together etc., should be sent to me.

*I am not able to accommodate and therefore cannot accept requests regarding teachers.* Nor should such requests be sent to teachers, but rather they can be sent to me by Monday 23 November via our school email: [hartwell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:hartwell.ps@education.vic.gov.au) Teachers take into account social interaction, maturity and safety of students, friendship groups and of course academic ability when organising new home groups. As I said earlier, in our flexible learning spaces the students mix with more students than those in their home groups on a daily basis. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

### STAFF NEWS

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we will have a few staff changes next year. Flynn Gleeson, Alice Batley and Karl Burton will be leaving Hartwell at the end of this year to pursue opportunities in other schools next year. We acknowledge the wonderful contribution they have made to our school and wish them every success in 2021.

Gemma Foster and Katrina Hall will be returning to Hartwell next year, we look forward to having them on our staff.

### SAFETY TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

This week we have welcomed back to school some familiar faces with our crossing supervisors. All our crossings are now fully operational, which is great news. We have organized crossing supervision times to match our staggered entry and exit for this term.

#### The times are:

**8.30am to 9.15am and 3pm to 3.45pm**

We hope this will support our students crossing at this time. Please could you also remind your child/children to use the roads/pathways safely and in particular not to cut corners on roads when riding or walking to school. We have seen some of our students using the BP Service Station on Toorak Road as a cut through to Highfield Road – this could be extremely dangerous. Thank you for your help with this.

### CURRICULUM DAY – PLEASE NOTE

We will be holding our last curriculum day for the year on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We have a curriculum and wellbeing focus for the day as well as beginning preparation for the students next year. There will be an OSCH program available, you can book online via the Camp Australia website.

### DATES TO NOTE FOR TERM 4

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Curriculum Day  
(Planning for 2021)**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Last Day of Term 4 –  
School Finishes at 1.30pm**



Lisa Banks  
**Principal**

**The Hartwell Tuckshop – New mobile number for the Hartwell Tuckshop** - The direct telephone number for the Hartwell Tuckshop is now **0432 393 064**. Please call this number for any queries with your orders.

A new summer menu for Term 4 was sent out via the Skoolbag app. The Qkr app and Hartwell's website have also been updated accordingly. How to Order – for existing QKR users, you do not need to set up a new account -just be sure to select The Hartwell Canteen logo to access the menu.

For new QKR users – you will need to set up an account by following the instructions on our school's website.

### Ordering snacks, lunches and take home meals

You can order lunches and take home meals up to two weeks in advance through the app. Take home meals can be collected from the canteen window between 8am and 4pm.

All snacks, drinks and frozen items can be bought over the counter at recess, lunch times and before and after school.

Any queries should be directed to [hartwellcanteen@outlook.com](mailto:hartwellcanteen@outlook.com)

### Hartwell Uniform Shop

Please note that fittings for uniforms are not possible under the current COVID restrictions. A measurement guide is available on our website which can be used to determine the correct size of items you wish to order. All orders need to be placed via the QKR app.

QKR app - For parents already using the app for The Hartwell Tuckshop please select the Uniform Shop menu. New users will need to download the app. Instructions on how to download the app and set up your child's profile are available on our website.

Please visit our website [www.hartwellps.vic.edu.au](http://www.hartwellps.vic.edu.au) and follow the step by step instructions. You are also able to order through Qkr on your computer.

All orders must be processed in the school office first. There will be approximately a two-three week wait on all orders as we are unable to store large quantities of stock.

**Hats and folios** are available to purchase from the school office.

**Reminder to parents: Please activate your child's uniform smart tags. For further details on the tagging system please go to:**

<https://spartanss.com.au/pages/raqtagd-lost-property>

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