



## NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you have all enjoyed the Easter holidays. It was lovely seeing the children back at school today, they seem well rested and excited for the term ahead. This term is a nine week term and as usual at Hartwell, filled with exciting events. We have Cross Country, Mother's Day, the swimming program for Years 1-4, semester one reports, preparation for the Great Fete and Centenary celebrations and Education week to name a few. It is really wonderful to sense a 'normal' return to school this term.

Yesterday the staff worked with an educational consultant Glen Pearsall. Our main focus for the day was differentiation and supporting students to learn at their point of need. I was fascinated to listen to Glen talk about good to great schools and what defines them.

- *A good school supports the children*
- *A great school supports the children and the teachers*
- *An exemplary school puts high level systems in place to ensure that teachers are very deliberate about their practice and supports both the students, teachers and the community to work together to achieve this.*

Last year our school's strategic review identified Hartwell as having outstanding practices and very soon I look forward to sharing the Annual Report for 2021 with our community. It is indeed a privilege to lead and be part of a wonderful learning environment.

### Covid - Update – Changes for Schools from Term 2

As you will have seen the announcement during the holidays there have been a number of changes that will now be in operation affecting our school:

**MORNING DROP OFF AND PICKUP** – As a staff we look forward to re-introducing our morning and afternoon process of parents being welcomed onto the school grounds. *However, we have found the morning drop-off system to be really beneficial in*

2022 Dates to Remember		
	<b>May</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	2 - 12	Year 4 Swimming
<b>Friday</b>	6/5	HPS Cross Country
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/5 onwards	NAPLAN
<b>Monday</b>	16 - 26	Year 2 Swimming
<b>Wednesday</b>	18	Prep Information Night
<b>Monday</b>	23	Dental Van Visit
<b>Saturday</b>	28	2023 Prep Tour 9.30am
<b>Monday</b>	30/5 – 09/6	Year 1 Swimming
	<b>June</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	13	Queen's Birthday – public holiday
<b>Tuesday</b>	14 - 23	Year 3 Swimming
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>End of Term 2 – 2.30 finish</b>
	<b>July</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
	<b>August</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	8 – 18	Prep swimming
<b>Thursday</b>	18	HPS House Athletics
	<b>September</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	12 - 16	Year 5 Camp
<b>Thursday</b>	15	Year 2 Sleepover
<b>Friday</b>	16	<b>End of Term 3 – 2.30 finish</b>
	<b>October</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
<b>Monday</b>	10 – 12	Year 4 Camp
<b>Wednesday</b>	12 - 14	Year 3 Camp
	<b>November</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	19	The 'Great Fete'
<b>Monday</b>	21 - 25	Year 6 Camp

*developing the children's independence and self-management skills. It assists them to be ready for their learning and ensuring the day begins in a timely fashion. Therefore, we would encourage you to continue 'drop and go' in the morning if possible. If you urgently need to speak to a member of staff before*

9a.m please ring through to the school office and we will assist you.

**A general reminder that the school playground is supervised from 8.45a.m. and we ask that children do not come before this time as they are unsupervised and this can lead to unsafe play and accidents.**

**FACE MASKS** - From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

**SCREENING REQUIREMENTS** - Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

**HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS** - Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption. If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

**VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITORS TO SCHOOLS** - Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

**COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES** - Schools will no longer need to request evidence of vaccination of staff or workers from external community groups who use premises outside the school's normal operating hours.

**RAT TESTS** - The supply of RATs will continue for the first 4 weeks of this term. The screening recommendations remain the same:

- mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week
- specialist schools – recommended to test 5 days a week on each school day due to the higher risk of severe illness for medically vulnerable children.

**Thank you again, for your unwavering support of our community.** Please continue to be vigilant and support the processes in place and contact us should you require any further clarification.

## **The Resilience Project (TRP) – Parent Information Evening**

This week we will be sending out information for an online presentation from The Resilience Project. Hartwell has been working with TRP for a number of years and was one of the first schools to implement this program to support and nurture positive emotional growth and wellbeing of our students, staff and community. As we 'exit' the pandemic the skills of resilience, gratitude, empathy and mindfulness continue to be highly relevant and an important part of our curriculum.

As mentioned last term, the majority of our students managed very well academically but their social skill development has been impacted from two years of remote learning and lockdowns. Sadly, social skills are something that need to be experienced to develop, there is no 'fast track'. Therefore, providing strategies and knowledge of resilience, gratitude, empathy and mindfulness can really make a difference. I would encourage you to attend this session on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May** (further information, time and a link will be sent later this week).

## **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

Many thanks to Claire Luggar who has our second hand uniform shop working splendidly! I have had many comments about how useful this is, it is certainly well stocked and being utilised by our community. There are many parents assisting in washing and organising the shop and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for their support. The shop is open on a Thursday morning from 8.30a.m to 9.15a.m.

We look forward to a fantastic term two.



**Lisa Banks**  
**Principal**

## **HARTWELL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY EVENT**

Our annual House Cross Country event will be held next **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Lynden Park**. The event for Yr. 3-6 students will run from 9.30am-11.30am approximately. Prep-Yr. 2 students will participate in their event from 11.30am-12.45am. This is a fun event, encouraging participation and our unique Hartwell 'have a go' attitude. Students can dress in their house colours for the event, but should wear something that is suitable for running/walking in and of course their running shoes! Spectators are very welcome to come along and support our runners. More detailed information will be emailed to parents in the coming days. We are looking forward to a great morning of running (and walking is fine too!). Please ensure your conversation at home is a positive one, highlighting the importance of just having a go and doing your best!

## **RUNNING TRAINING**

There will be a running session this **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April for Yr. 3-6 students at 8am at Lynden Park**. This will be our last session before our Cross Country event. Please remember this is an optional session.

I will offer a fun, non-compulsory/optional session for **Prep – Yr. 2 students on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at Lynden Park from 8.10am-8.30am**. Students can meet me on the bottom oval at Lynden Park at 8am. However, please note, parents will need to ensure they are at the park at 8.30am to collect their child and arrange for them to get back to school. These students will not be walked to school by teachers, parents will need to collect their child from the park, if they attend this session. Thanks for your support with this.

**Jo Bayes**

**PE Teacher & Sport Co-ordinator**

## **UNIFORM SHOP - SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD**

Please contact Spartan for all uniform supplies.

Hats can be purchased from the office if required urgently until the end of Term 1.

**Store Address:** 66 Essex Road, Mt Waverley 3149

**Telephone:** 1800 815 557

**Email:** [onlineorders@spartanss.com.au](mailto:onlineorders@spartanss.com.au)

**Trading hours:** Mon/Wed/Fri 12pm – 5pm

*First Saturday every month – 9am – 12pm*

**Website:**

<https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/hartwell-primary-school>

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Second hand school clothing that is of good quality and washed, can be dropped at the Second Hand Uniform Shop on Thursday mornings between 8.30am – 9.15am.

**Note: Please do not leave your donations at the Uniform Shop if it is unattended.**



Balloon animals and free coffee cart

**OPEN DAY**  
SATURDAY 28 MAY  
10 AM to 12 PM

**NEW EXTENDED HOURS FOR 2023**

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## WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE MOVIE TICKET?

A secondary school in Camberwell is seeking participants from the community to take part in one hour focus group sessions.

The purpose of the focus group sessions is to help the school better understand how the community views their school, students and education.

### Two session times are available:

Monday, 16 May 2022 | 7.00pm to 8.00pm  
Doncaster MC Square Building, Manningham Shire Office  
Tuesday, 17 May 2022 | 7.00pm to 8.00pm  
Camberwell Library

**Afternoon tea will be supplied and the first 25 registrants will receive a FREE movie voucher!**

**Register at: [events.humanitix.com/jwb-focus-group](https://events.humanitix.com/jwb-focus-group)**

Please note that all participants must provide proof of vaccination or medical exemption upon arrival.

