



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Today marks the final communication and newsletter for 2021 and WHAT ANOTHER CHALLENGING YEAR!! We have again pivoted between onsite and remote learning, completed a successful school review, performed (finally) our whole school production, run camps and held sporting activities, including a lapathon.

As the school year draws to a close, we can look back on 2021 as a successful year with our staff, students and parents working as a strong partnership to ensure the children at this school had the best possible teaching and learning throughout the second year of the pandemic. Congratulations and thank you to you all. Hartwell is a school of which we should all be very proud!

Year Six Graduation

This important event takes place today and this evening in the Performing Arts Centre. Thanks to the Year Six teachers and to all our teachers who have supported the organisation of the graduation ceremony and to the parent helpers led by Daniel Lawrence who have planned and prepared the lunch, hall decorations, the disco and end of year activities. We are looking forward to sharing this important milestone with our Grade Six students and wish them every success. To the families who are leaving Hartwell this year, thank you very much for your support and partnership. I hope you will look back at your association with Hartwell with fondness, and treasure some beautiful memories of your children during their primary school years.

Moana Jnr Screening Information

We are hoping that our premiere screening night will be this Friday. Whilst we appreciate this is not ideal timing for all families, we are pleased that we have finally completed Moana Jnr. after a very difficult year. Information will be sent to all families with a website link and instructions for accessing the live streaming and to download a copy. A huge thank you for your patience and support. The production company,

2021 Dates to Remember

Term 4	December	
Thursday	16	Year 6 Graduation
Friday	17	End of Term 4 – 1.30pm finish - NO AFTER CARE PROGRAM ON THIS DAY

2022 Dates to Remember

Term 1	January	
Thurs & Fri	27 & 28	Book Collection/Payment of Voluntary contributions 8am – 12pm
Friday	28	CURRICULUM DAY – Teachers Commence Term 1- No students required at school
Monday	31	Years 1 – 6 commence school – see page 2 for Prep dates and times
	February	
Tuesday	15 & 16	School Photos – see page 2 for further details
Monday	28/2 – 4/3	Yr 6 camp to Canberra
Monday	14	Labour Day – Public Holiday
	April	
Friday	8	End of Term 1

Clare Hyland and Debbie Tait have been working quickly to make the production as good as possible given the challenges to filming outside and with no usual theatre equipment. We really hope you enjoy seeing the children perform and celebrate with us the outstanding performances, singing and dancing.

Important Dates 2021 and School Operations

I am expecting to send out a **communication prior to the start of the school year** to ensure our return to school follows any Covid-Safe operations as set out by the Department of Education. This will address start and end of day, hand sanitising/masks etc.

Please read this carefully as I expect we will see some changes, thank you.

In order to assist with a smooth start to the year please note the following dates in your diaries:-

Thursday 27 January Friday 28 January	Book Collection Dates/School Fees Payments	8.00am- 12.00pm
Friday 28 January	Curriculum Day	Teachers start school
Monday 31 January	Students in Grades 1-6 start school	
Tuesday 1 February	Normal school Grades 1-6 Prep Students School Times	Prep H and Prep K @ 9.15am to 11.45am Prep C and Prep F @ 12.45am to 3.15pm
Thursday 3 February	Full School	
Tuesday 15 February Wednesday 16 February	School Photos: Individual, Class, Prep Family School Photos: Staff, Family, School Groups	
Monday 28 February – 4 March	CANBERRA YEAR 6 CAMP	
Monday 14 March	NO SCHOOL	Labour Day Holiday

Communication from the Department of Education re: Vaccinations for 5-11 Year Olds

Attached to this newsletter is information regarding vaccinations for primary school age children.

Please take the time to read this information. Included in the communication is a link for parents to attend an information session run by The Royal Children's Hospital regarding the vaccinations.

End of Year

School will be dismissed for the year at 1.30pm.

Please be aware that there will not be a lunch break due to the early finish and so students should bring a larger amount of food than normal for their recess break. Students will have lunch at home after school is dismissed.

Finally ...

This year we have a number of families leaving our school who have made significant contributions to our school activities and to them I would like to say a very big thank you. I would like to particularly acknowledge Jacqui Hilton who for many years has been part of our Great Fete Committee and ran our movie night.

On behalf of the Hartwell staff we hope you have a wonderful, peaceful and safe holiday with your children and families. Our very best wishes for the years ahead to the students in Year 6 and to those who are not returning to Hartwell next year.

REMINDERS

- **Our School Office is officially closed tomorrow except for emergency phone calls and support.**
- **All medication will be sent home on Friday** via your child's schoolbag.

- **A reminder that Camp Australia will complete their program on Friday morning and there is no program Friday afternoon or Monday to allow our new service provider Team Kids to begin their program on Tuesday 21st December.**



Lisa Banks
Principal

Uniform Shop - Spartan School World

Please contact Spartan for all uniform supplies. Hats can be purchased from the office if required urgently.

Website:

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

Store details:-

Mount Waverley

66 Essex Road

Mount Waverley VIC 3149

Phone: 1800 815 557

Email: onlineorders@spartanss.com.au

Trading Hours

Monday: 12pm - 5pm

Wednesday: 12pm - 5pm

Friday: 12pm - 5pm

First Saturday of every month: 9am - 12pm

PE & SPORT NEWS

SWIMMING TRIALS

Thank you and well done to all of the students who attended the swimming trials last Friday. It was fantastic to be able to run such trials once again, but more so, to catch up with some wonderful Hartwell parents! Thank you to Miss. Foster, Miss. Kroyherr, Miss. Hall and Mr. Holdsworth for their assistance with starting, and to Kim, Annabel and Max Major, Jacob, Gus, Grace and Izzy for their assistance with timing.

A second trial will be held on Saturday 5th February 2022 from 2pm-3pm at Harold Holt. This trial is open to students who will be in Yr. 3-6 in 2022 and were unable to attend this first trial. When students return to school in Term 1, I will ask students to register for this trial. However, **please save the date!**

HARTWELL SPORTS TOP

As I mentioned last week, students will be able to purchase their very own Hartwell Sports top. **These tops are now in stock and available both online and in the Mount Waverley Spartan store.** It would be fantastic if students in Yr. 5 & 6 (2022) do have one of these tops. Students in Yr. 6 will wear them to school every Thursday for Interschool Sport matches, and the Yr. 5 cohort will wear them to school every Tuesday for their Sport session. The direct link to the top is:

<https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/hartwell-primary-school/products/sports-top-grades-4-6>

Home / Hartwell Primary School / Sports Top (Years 4-6)



HOLIDAY TENNIS BALLS!

I have set some PE homework for Hartwell students! It is imperative that all students continue to practise their overhand throw over the holiday break. Please encourage your children to throw a ball around in the holidays – with a sibling, parent, grandparent, friend or against a wall. If any child does not have a tennis ball at home, over the next couple of days I will leave a tub of balls outside the gym for your child to collect one to take home! Thank you to our local tennis clubs for their donations of balls!

Wishing Hartwell families a wonderful, safe, active and healthy holiday season. Merry Christmas! I am very much looking forward to a return of all of our Hartwell Sporting events in 2022!

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Dear parents and carers

Children aged 5 to 11 will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations from 10 January 2022.

These vaccinations will be available at participating general practices (GPs), pharmacies, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, and state vaccination centres.

The vaccine is one third of the adult dose and will be delivered at 2 separate appointments, expected to be 8 weeks apart. The time between the two doses can be shortened in special circumstances, such as in an outbreak response or for international travel.

The commencement of the program from 10 January 2022 provides an opportunity for all children aged 5 to 11 to receive at least one vaccine dose before they return to school, and their second dose before the end of Term 1 2022.

You are strongly encouraged to book your child or children in to receive their first vaccination before Term 1 begins.

COVID-19 vaccines have been tested, and shown to be safe and effective in protecting against serious illness and reducing the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading. They are important to protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19 and to reduce disruption to your child's education and out-of-school activities.

Vaccination is not mandatory to attend school, but it is highly encouraged to keep all children and their families safe.

[How to book an appointment](#)

Bookings will be available later in December 2021.

You will be able to book a vaccine appointment at a participating general practice (GPs), pharmacy or community health service, or at state vaccination centres through the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

[Victorian Coronavirus Hotline](#)

The Department of Health's [Coronavirus Hotline](#) 1800 675 398 can assist you with bookings at general practice (GPs), pharmacy and state vaccination centres, and help with any questions you have about vaccination.

What to bring

For information on what to bring to a vaccine appointment please visit [Checklist: before your COVID-19 vaccination](#).

Support for students with disability or special requirements

There is [extra support](#) for students with disabilities and specialist requirements to access COVID-19 vaccinations.

Parents of children with disability who need extra assistance to access a vaccination should contact specialist [Disability Liaison Officers](#) who can help make the process easier.

The [Association for Children with a Disability](#) will hold a Facebook live session for families with children with additional needs on Tuesday 11 January at 10.30am. [Register online](#).

Parent and community webinars

Experts from the Royal Children's Hospital will hold a Facebook live session – 'COVID-19 vaccinations for 5- to 11-year-olds: Your questions answered' on Thursday 16 December at 11am.

Refer to [the Facebook page](#) for more information.

The Department of Health and leading medical research organisations will run webinars for parents and carers about COVID-19 vaccinations for 5- to 11-year-old children. Details to follow.

More information

Resources are available to help you and your child or children prepare for the vaccination:

- [Needle phobia - The Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre \(MVEC\) \(mcricri.edu.au\)](#)
- [Tips to help a child afraid of needles and stop it becoming a phobia - ABC Everyday](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination social scripts - Amaze - Autism resource](#)
- [Sesame Street ABC of COVID vaccines](#)

The Victorian Government's coronavirus.vic.gov.au website also has [information about COVID-19 vaccines in 63 community languages](#).

To ensure the safest start to the 2022 school year for your child or children, I encourage you to help them get vaccinated before they return to school.

Kind regards

Stephen Fraser
Deputy Secretary
School Education Programs and Support