



## NEWSLETTER

16 November 2021

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Dear Parents

It was such a delight to see our Preps for 2022 enjoy their first transition session last Friday and begin their journey into Hartwell. The children joined us for an hour to familiarise themselves with the school and make some new friends. We are looking forward to completing our Prep transition and also running a 'normal' Hartwell graduation for our Year 6 students.

### STUDENT PLACEMENTS 2022

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 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 who are better separated. They have information gleaned from parent meetings and other situations which they consider when home groups are formed.

We also ask each student to list some friends with whom they work well. 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.

This process works well and whilst I understand you may be anxious due to the interrupted two years with

### 2021 Dates to Remember

Term 4	November	
Friday	19	Ready, Set, Go-Preps 2022
Friday	26	Ready, Set, Go-Preps 2022
Monday	29 – 2 Dec	Year 5 Camp- Coonawarra
	December	
Wednesday	8	Curriculum Day – no students required at school 2022 Prep Information Night via Webex
Thursday	16	Year 6 Graduation
Friday	17	End of Term 4 – 1.30pm finish

### 2022 Dates to Remember

Term 1	January	
Thurs & Fri	27 & 28	Book Collection
Friday	28	Term 1 commences CURRICULUM DAY – No students required at school
Monday	31	Years 1 – 6 commence
	February	
Tuesday	15 & 16	School Photos
Monday	28/2 – 4/3	Yr 6 camp to Canberra
	April	
Friday	8	End of Term 1 – 2.30pm finish

Covid I am confident that we will construct cohesive classes that support each student.

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 22 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 support with this process.

### MOANA JNR. UPDATE

**Please find attached to this newsletter important information about our plans for our production.**

The children have been informed today of this and are very excited. As you read the information I'm sure you will understand the decision we have made is in the very best interest of the health and safety of our students and the school community.

### STAFFING UPDATE

As with all school years, we have some staffing changes. This year we will farewell Lauren Cummings, Sam O'Bryan, Vicky Gemmell and Mairead Hynes. All these people will be moving to new schools in 2022. Lauren has accepted a position at Waverley Christian College, Sam will be moving back to Mildura with his young family, Mairead has accepted a position at Westgarth Primary School and Vicky will be leading student wellbeing at Shelford Girls Grammar. It has been such a pleasure working with all of these teachers and they have been a very important part of our school. We wish them every success as they move into new positions and thank them for their work at Hartwell.

### Reminders

- **CURRICULUM DAY – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**
- **MASKS – please remember to supply your child with a mask (and a spare!) if they are in Years 3 to Year 6**, obviously other students in the school can wear masks if they wish. Please be aware we have a limited number of spare masks at school which we are happy to provide but we ask these are for emergency situations only. Thanks for your assistance with this.
- **TEAM KIDS INFORMATION SESSION** - On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm Team Kids will be holding an information session for the school. We will send out more information closer to the time but until then you can find out a little more information here: <https://teamkids.com.au/before-and-after-school-care-oshc/>
- **ANXIETY – what to watch for?**  
Below is the link for further information about anxiety that may be worth a quick read, particularly if you are seeing any differences at home. There are many resources available online but I always find the Royal Children's Hospital to have very practical information in easy to read

form. Anxiety can present itself in many different forms and I encourage you to chat to your child's teacher should you be concerned or with your GP for further support.

<https://blogs.rch.org.au/drmargie/2015/04/16/is-anxiety-affecting-your-childs-life/>



**Lisa Banks**  
**Principal**

### LIBRARY - Reminder

Issue 7, the final issue for the year, of Scholastic Book Club was distributed to students last Thursday.

The closing date for orders is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. I will submit orders first thing Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

You may also order from Issue 8, which was posted online earlier this term. Again the closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> November.

The best way to order is via the Parent Book Club LOOP at:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx>

The GIFT function has been activated - so if the items you select are to be a surprise - I will leave them at the office, and email you when they are ready for collection.

If you have any questions please email me at [pauline.miritis@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:pauline.miritis@education.vic.gov.au)

Thankyou for your continued support of our Library.

*Pauline Miritis*  
**Teacher – Librarian.**

**The Green Canteen** - Please direct all Recess and Lunch queries to The Green Canteen- mobile phone 0432 393 064

email: [thegreencanteenau@gmail.com](mailto:thegreencanteenau@gmail.com)

Recess and Lunch orders are available Monday to Friday. Orders can be placed up to 9am each day via the Qkr! app. Recess orders need to be collected by children from the canteen window at recess time. Lunch orders are delivered to the classroom.



HARTWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL 4055

16 November 2021

### **MOANA Jnr. UPDATE**

Dear Parents,

This is possibly one of the most heartbreaking letters I have written over the past two years and for me has really cemented how challenging Covid has been to manage at school and ensure our community is safe and well.

Along with School Council, we have been monitoring carefully our ability to perform Moana Jnr. at The Besen Centre over the term. We have been investigating the current restrictions in place for performances and aligning these with the Department of Education Operations Guide for schools. As we are now only three weeks away from the performance and due to our current situation of managing a positive case in school we have taken the decision not to perform at The Besen Centre but instead **make a Hartwell 'movie' of Moana Jnr.**

The main reasons for our decisions are as follows:

- The Besen Centre does not have enough 'backstage' areas for us to safely bubble the children – we would need 29 spaces, one for each home group.
- The children from Year 3 to year 6 would have to sing and dance wearing masks, not particularly easy for anyone.
- At this stage it is not recommended that classes mix together inside and therefore the children could not perform together onstage.
- It would only take one positive case on the day or evening performance to make a large number of students a positive close contact – something we really don't want.

As you can see we have tried to be as informed and as objective as possible with this decision, particularly as the students and teachers have worked so hard for the show. However as with all Hartwell decisions we have thought creatively and put in place an excellent plan to ensure the children perform, you can still be our audience and we can acknowledge this wonderful production.

We are in the process of engaging a company to make a Hartwell Moana Jnr. movie. This will be filmed at school and then edited together. Clare Hyland, Sally Wickes and Deb Tait will be our directors! On a practical note all ticket sale money will be returned over the next week and we will be sending further information detailing filming schedules etc.

Whilst we all know this is not our preferred option, I believe together we agree it is the safest and smartest decision for our school and its community at this time.

Kind Regards,

**Lisa Banks**  
**Principal**




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9.30am to 10.30am



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## PLAYER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN! 2022 AUTUMN SEASON

*Big dreams, big goals, teamwork  
and heart make netball*

Surrey Hills Netball Club is a community club welcoming players of all abilities from our local area.

Registrations close Sunday 28 November, please advise your child's interest at [surreyhillsnetball@gmail.com](mailto:surreyhillsnetball@gmail.com) or call Elki 0409 389 027




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