

SEPTEMBER 2021

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13	14 School Council	15	16	17 Last day term 2.30 school finish	18	19
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OCTOBER 2021

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4 First Day Term 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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A message from our Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are at the end of term three and what a challenging term this has been.

The State lockdowns and frequent rule changes have kept us all on our toes and sometimes second guessing which set of rules we are supposed to be following.

Thank you for your patience and understanding; appreciating that the school needs to follow the state government and Department of Education and Training rules and regulations.

This means that I am unable to tell you whether your child will be onsite learning for term four, however, fingers crossed for some 'normal' learning. Please watch your emails or 'seesaw' notifications as I will send out notices before October 4th to let you know what is happening.

Due to the seven weeks of remote learning that have occurred this year so far, our teaching team have decided to postpone our end of year camp and try to catch up on some of the learning that may have been missed. If we can, we will be having an extended day for all students to celebrate the end of a difficult year.

I would like to thank all the staff at Hamilton Parklands School. Their work during remote learning has been fabulous and yes, I know, it is their jobs, but we have also been caring for elderly parents, young people at home and ourselves. They have gone well beyond their job descriptions and ensured that we have maintained learning opportunities for all the students.

Let's say goodbye to the challenging term three and keep our fingers crossed for a more settled term four.

Please stay safe and healthy and take care.

Sonya

SEE—SAW APP.

The school has been using “See-Saw” during term 3 as a way to engage with students and families. This has been very successful especially during the current block of remote learning. Student love seeing photos and videos of their learning and sharing this with their family.

A couple of very important things to note:

1. If you have not yet downloaded the free “See-Saw” app. It would be appreciated if you could do so as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulty, contact the school and we will endeavour to assist you.
2. If you have not received an invite with log in details / QR code from your child’s teacher please contact the school and we will arrange another copy for you.
3. Students are using this app. at school, and staff will be posting information, photos etc , so you need to check in regularly.
4. Families are only able to see items that are within their child’s folder - folders are not shared
5. PLEASE do not use “SEE-SAW” as a way to send messages to the school. This is not a message service and some days teachers may not be using the app. so important messages may be inadvertently missed.

Sonya and Gene may sometimes post information into “SEE-SAW” but they do not monitor this app. and they will not receive any messages that are sent to the school by a parent. If you have messages or questions that need to be addressed by Sonya or Gene, you will need to contact the school please DO NOT USE SEE-SAW for messages.

Last day—Term 4

Friday 17th September 2021

School will finish at 2.30pm for those onsite.

Term 4 is due to commence on 4th October 2021.

At this point in time we are not sure how this will look. Hopefully we can get all students back into the classroom.

Sonya will send an email to each family before the 4th October to let everyone know what is going on. PLEASE make sure that we have your current email account on file.

Covid Vaccinations:

As part of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, from Monday 13 September, all Victorians aged 12 and older are **eligible to book and receive a COVID-19 vaccine** at a state vaccination centre, a Commonwealth vaccination centre, or through a GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service.

Vaccination is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect our school community from potential outbreaks and the spread of COVID-19.

The Victorian Government’s aim is to provide an opportunity for all children aged 12 years and older to receive at least one vaccine dose by the end of the school year.

Hamilton Medical Group: 20 Foster St Hamilton ph 55 722 422

Western District Health: 20 Foster St Hamilton – use the QR code to book your vaccinations at WDHS

For further information please speak to your usual doctor.



Footy dress up day - Friday 17th September

Please join in by dressing up in your footy colours and uploading a photo onto “See-Saw”

We look forward to receiving lots of fabulous photos, which we will share in the next newsletter.

Anyone who is on-site will be encourage to dress up

