

## Family Bulletin: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Upcoming Dates:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11	17/11 Swimming School Open Day
20/11	21/11 School Council	22/11	23/11	24/11 Swimming
27/11	28/11	29/11	30/11	1/12 Swimming
4/12	5/12 Farm Excursion	6/12	7/12	8/12 Swimming
11/12	12/12 Party with Ponies	13/12	14/12	15/12 Swimming End of year celebration.
18/12	19/12 Last Day for Students	20/12 Last Day for Staff	21/12	22/12

### Important reminders:

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Informal Open Day**

- Please RSVP if you will be coming for a tour of the new school and afternoon tea as soon as possible.

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Farm Excursion**

- RSVP for this excursion for catering purposes needs to be returned by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

# Our School Vision



Hamilton Parklands School's vision is to prepare young people to become active, engaged, and responsible citizens of the local communities.

We provide learning experiences that allow our students to reach their full potential, socially, emotionally, and academically.

At Hamilton Parklands School we provide a positive culture, which is a safe, inclusive and stimulating environment for all.

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## General News:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week most of our students participated in an extended day excursion and had a great time. I would like to thank the staff who participate in these events and who willingly give up their time to help give our students a wide variety of activities. The excursion was a great success and staff would highly recommend Flip Out in Mount Gambier where the students all had a fabulous time and behaved incredibly well.

There are a number of cases of COVID in the community again. Please make sure you are keeping your child home while they are unwell, kids with runny noses, sore throats and persistent coughs will be sent home from school. We have COVID tests still available from school, so if you need any, just let us know.

Thank you for your patience while the OPTUS network was out. The school phones are on the OPTUS network and therefore were out. We are having other issues with our phones and while we are trying to get the problem fixed, please keep being patient – thank you. We know there is currently no answering machine message, but please leave a message if we don't answer the phone – we will get the message and get back to you.

There are a number of events happening in the last weeks of term, so keep an eye out for notes going home and make sure they get back to school if necessary. We have a farm visit coming up in December to celebrate Brooke's graduation, we have a day out at the races with the "Party with the Ponies" and our end of year celebrations. There are also some shorter local trips and activities coming up.

We are also holding an Open Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, when you can have a guided tour through the school and enjoy a small afternoon tea. You will need to let Gene know if you would like to come so we can cater for you.

Enjoy the warm weather, remember to stay Sun Smart, and encourage your child to drink plenty of water.

Enjoy the rest of the term, and as always, please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Sonya



Happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating a birthday during this fortnight.

Reed

Hunter



## End of Year Celebration: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

We will be holding our end of year celebration on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. There will be more information to follow, please add this to your calendar as a reminder as this time of year can quickly become very busy.

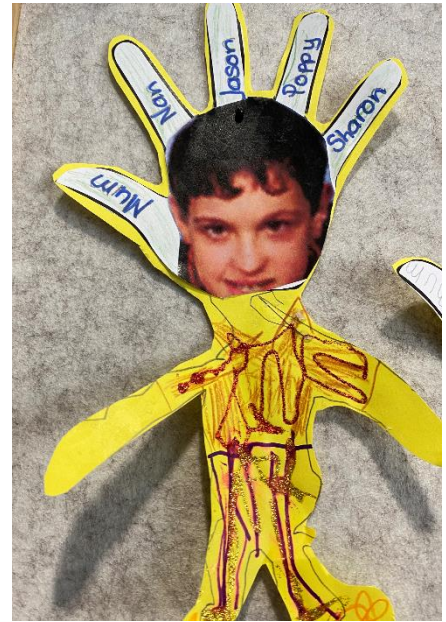
**Last day for students:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Last day for staff:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Junior Health

### Safe Strangers

Students have been looking at who they may go to talk to if they felt unsafe about something. We first looked at who the people in our close safety network were. We then looked at who might be safer strangers if we didn't know anyone. A Safer Stranger is someone who wears a uniform and works in the community to help other people. We can ask a police person, a firefighter, a nurse, a doctor or even a pharmacist. These people are in the community to help us. We may not know them, but they are 'Safer Strangers'.



## Senior Health

Over the past few weeks we have been learning about consent, what it means, when it can be withdrawn and what are the consequences if we do not get consent. The following laws are to be abided by if and when teenagers/ adults choose to engage in sexual activities.

### **It MUST be LEGAL!**

- There must not be more than a 2-year age difference between the sexual partners if one of them is below the age of 18.
  - The person cannot be younger than 12.
  - Sexual partners must not be a family member.
  - Consent must be given by both persons.
- Sex must be in a private place. No public places such as playgrounds or parks.
- If the two partners have agreed to have sexual intercourse with a condom, a condom must be used. It is a legal offense to remove or not use a condom if it was agreed upon beforehand.
- You **MUST** tell your partner if you have an STI/ STD. It is a legal offence to withhold this information from your partner if you knowingly have an STI/STD.