



# The Highlights

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## Nigel's Natter

Hi All,  
If I don't see you in person before the break, MERRY CHIRSMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Have a great break with family and friends.

### CURRICULUM DAY DATES FOR 2018

**January 29th, February 9th, June 22nd & September 14th.**

#### YEAR 6 GRADUATION.

A huge well done to our Year 6 graduates that did a wonderful job last night. It was a fantastic celebration and you should each be very proud of yourselves. Thanks to the team that worked so hard to make the event run smoothly.



#### UNICEF

With the money raised at the Year 5/6 Mini-Market, the children have decided to donate the following gifts;

- 3 x 200 Polio Vaccines
- 2 x School in a box
- 150 Measles Vaccines
- 2 x 10,000 water purification tablets
- 2 x 300 anti-malarial tablets
- 1 Community water pump.

That totals \$1522.00.

A wonderful effort indeed!

#### BOOK SELLING DAYS THIS YEAR.

A reminder about our Book Selling Days that are coming up before the end of term.

#### TODAY until 7pm.

Thursday 21st December 2017

8.30am – 5.00pm

But how will it work I hear you ask...

Pop into the school office during one of the times listed above. Book Packs must be paid for to be collected. Then you can either pay the remainder of the 2018 school fees on the spot, or the office staff will assist you to fill in one of the payment plan options. You will then be given your child's book pack to take home. Don't worry if you have put the Parent Payment Form in a very safe place - just ask for a new one at the school office.

#### WORKING BEE

We are having a BACK TO SCHOOL working bee on the Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 10am – 1pm. We would love if you could come along and help out, even if it is only for an hour. We will be giving the school a general tidy up in preparation for the kids starting back the following week. Sweeping up, raking the soft fall in the playgrounds, giving the gardens the once over etc. If you can come along, please return the note sent home.

MERRY CHRISMAS and I can't wait to see you all back and set for a big year of learning in 2018!

Looking forward to seeing you at the front gate.

**Nigel Holloway**  
Principal

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### DEC

20 Book Collection  
8.30am-7pm

21 Book Collection  
8.30am-5pm

22 Last Day  
**1.30pm finish**

### JAN

27 Working Bee  
10am-1pm

29 Book Collection  
9am-4pm

29 Curriculum Day

30 School Resumes

### FEB

6 Preps start

9 Curriculum Day

### JUN

22 Curriculum Day

### SEP

14 Curriculum Day

20/21 Camp  
Wilken  
Grade 4/3

### Last Day Friday December 22nd

**Final Assembly: 1:00pm at Front of the School**

**Grade 6 Farewell: 1:20pm Chaucer Street Steps**

**School Finishes: 1:30pm**

**After School Care: 1:30-6:00pm**

**No Lunch break just a recess break so just pack a snack.**

## Reporting Student Progress

**Semester Reports** WAS published on Compass on Friday, December 15. You will need to log in to Compass and go to the 'Reports' Tab. From there you can choose 2017 Semester 2. The report will download as a PDF document. From there you can view the PDF report on your computer or phone, save the PDF to a computer, or print it.

The end of semester report will tell you how your child is tracking against the Victorian Curriculum and how much growth they have shown over the past 12 months. There is also a general comment from the teacher and, for year 5 and 6 students, a record of roles or extra-curricular activities they have participated in.

Staff will be available from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on Wednesday December 20 if you need internet access or would like help to learn how to log in and get reports on Compass. Call the office if you need your login or a new password.

**Parent Feedback** – This marks the end of our first year of using Compass to continuously report to parents. We have reported on many areas of maths where we told you how your child was performing against the expected level and what they needed to do next. This came from the proficiency scales and each child's progress on the scale.

We wrote personal comments on your child's reading and writing and provided termly information on how they were tracking with behaviour and effort.

We hope that you have found this information valuable over the year, rather than waiting until the end of the semester.

There will be an 'Insight' of Compass next week for you to give us some feedback now that we are one year down. Please take the time to complete, hopefully it will only take 5 minutes.

## Grade 4/3 Camp

In 2018, Year ¾ students will attend a one night / two day camp.

**When:** Thursday September 20 and Friday September 21.

**Where:** Camp Wilkin in Anglesea

In order to assist families with budgets and planning we have calculated an approximate cost of \$140. This cost includes catering, accommodation, activities and bus travel.

Eligible families will be able to use their CSEF allocation.

Further information will be sent home during 2018 which will include payment options, permission notes, medical information and individual requirements.

Thank You,

**4/3 Teachers: Nicki Dasovic, Emily Daws, Taegan Pearson, Tania Sharp & Will Urquhart**



**Library News  
Reminder to  
families that all  
school library books  
are now due back**

Merry Christmas everyone!

I will begin the final newsletter for the year with a little housekeeping. Firstly if your child is attending Friday please ensure your child is sent with their lunch as they will not have a chance to eat it at school with school finishing at 1:30.

Secondly, if you have permanent bookings this year they will carry over to next year so if you need to make changes to these for next year contact head office or log onto the parent console to make the changes that are required. If no changes need to be made please be aware that your bookings will appear on the roll from day one next year as they have this year.

Lastly, I would like to wish the year six students that are leaving us this year good luck for the next part of their schooling life. Some of you have attended after school care every year you have been at HBPS, some have attended only this year, some have attended throughout your time here. Either way you have all made a huge impact on this program and you will be missed terribly by me and fellow students. Please don't hesitate to call in and keep me updated on how things are going. I would love to hear from you.

Before and After School Care will return on the children's first day back at school which will be the 30th Jan Thanks for your continue support this year I really appreciate it. Enjoy your break and we will see you in the new year.

See you next year!

**Mel and Georgina**

