



# *'The Bittern Buzz'*

~ Newsletter ~

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## POTATO OLYMPICS WALK OF FAME

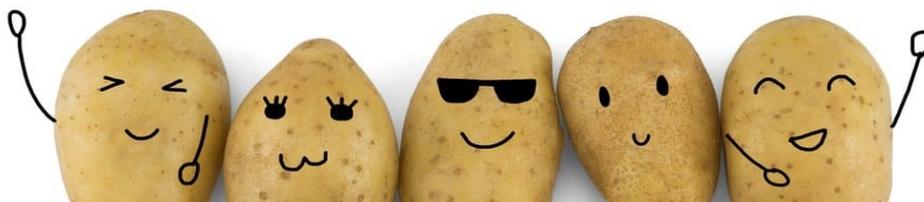
The Year 5s and 6's have been doing a Maths investigation "Potato Olympics".

We decorated our athletes and organised events. Our athletes competed in the following:

- Weight lifting
- Diving
- Rolling
- Catapult



We then used the data to calculate averages of our potatoes' mass, ordering the potatoes from smallest to largest, stem and leaf plots, frequency tables and graphs.



### DIARY DATES

2021

**June**

**1st**—RACV Safety program.

Prep—6. No cost.

**1st**—Finance meeting 2:15pm.

**8th**—Prep, 1 and 2 Chesterfield farm excursion

**8th**—School Council 6pm.

**14th**—Queens Birthday. Public Holiday.

**18th**—Free dress day.

**18th**—Student reports sent home.

**21st**—3/4 camp.

**22nd**—Parent teacher Meetings

Prep—2 and 5-6. 3:30-

6:30pm.

**25th**—End of term. 2:30pm

# District CROSS COUNTRY



Well the rain held off.....just. What a sensational day to run Cross Country at the Hastings Foreshore.

Our Bittern competitors, fresh from finishing top 5 (12 and 11 year olds) or top 10 (10 year olds) at our Intra school event were pumped and raring to go.

The expectations were high, the nervousness palpable as the starter sent them on their way around the foreshore. A 2km trek for the 10 year olds and 3km for the 11 and the 12 year olds.

Was it hard? Yes! Did we push ourselves to our limits? For sure. Now we know we can go further and harder next time. What a learning experience about ourselves.

Congratulations to every Bittern participant for pushing yourselves to your limits.

A special congratulations to those who get to do it all again and are going to Zone, finishing in the top 10 out of all local schools.

Sam F - 6th

Breanna E - 10<sup>th</sup>

Milly G - 4<sup>th</sup>

Mia S - 9<sup>th</sup>

Legends all of you.

Mr E.





In the last few weeks of Term 2, 5/6 students have explored a local artist 'Dana Kinter'. During this study, students learnt about life of a working artists and the type of platforms an illustration can be used, e.g. (textile, print & digital works). Throughout the term students practised and developed a range of techniques to develop their illustration and painting skills, which included still life drawings of flora and illustrating native birds of the Mornington Peninsula.

Mrs Diston

PS... If you have any wool you don't need, please consider donating it to the art room for a special project!





# BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

 ELYSIUM OSHC



Recently at OSHC we ran a program for the Pupil Free Day. The children enjoyed participating in many fun activities such as playing laser tag, baking Anzac cookies, building forts, a colouring in competition and we even made yummy spaghetti Bolognese for lunch! Keep an eye out for the next Pupil Free Day and Elysium's advertising to care for your children.





FROM THE  
*Principal*



**Thank you to all of our Bunnings BBQ volunteers!!!**

We can not do this community fundraising event without the continual support from our parent community. Thank you all very much for your 2 hours and then going home smelling like a 'yummy' BBQ Sausage.

We raised \$450 from the day. This money will go towards the construction of our new Student Bike Shed. We will need to purchase cement mix for the column footings as well as a gate to ensure we can securely lock the students' bikes and scooters up for the day.

A 'Working Bee' is on the horizon ... I am just waiting to hear back from the manufacturer for an estimated date of delivery.



Thank you also to those families who purchased socks from our online sock fundraiser through 'My Sock Co.'. We raised \$120 from this fundraiser which will also go towards the construction of the bike shed.





From our recent School Review, we have started to put into action/place a lot of awesome feedback from our parents, students and teachers. I hope you have noticed the removal of our old tired looking fence from along Portsmouth Road???

We aim to plant some shrubs/grasses to create a more natural barrier. The feedback already has been very positive ... so thank you for your continued support and suggestions.

Over the coming days keep updated on Seesaw in regards to COVID-Safe information from the Department of Education as it comes through to us.



**1. Limit Distractions.** Create a homework zone for your students that is away from the TV. and other places where there could be distractions such as pets, people coming and going and loud noises.

**2. Provide Tools.** Make sure the materials your student may need are readily available. It's helpful to have a stash of pencils, pens, a dictionary, etc. available. Check in regularly and make sure that any special materials needed for class projects are provided so their work won't be disturbed.

**3. Help Manage Time.** Establish a set time for doing homework. Don't wait until just before bedtime to do homework when students are tired and easily distracted. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with other classmates.



# Child SAFE Standards

## PROTECT

**Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.**

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



**It's everyone's responsibility.**

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

**Further information & resources**

[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)





**hastings community hub**



## Let's Get Physical

A 5 week mixed sports program is available for children aged 8–12 years old.

It aims to develop skills in a variety of sports using fun activities and games. Children have the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and have fun.

**When:** Thursday 3:45pm–4:30pm,  
Beginning on the 27th of May and  
finishing on the 24th of June

**Where:** Hastings Community Hub,  
1973 Frankston Flinders Rd, Hastings.

**Cost:** Gold coin donation per session



There are limited spaces available so please call to secure your place  
T:59791398

Part of the Healthier Hastings program and funded by the Mornington Peninsula Shire

## POSITIVE PARENTING TELEPHONE SERVICE

### FREE

### VICTORIA WIDE SERVICE FOR

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Carers

Caring for children aged 2 - 12 years

OUR FREE 6 TO 10 WEEK PARENTING PROGRAM HELPS YOU TO:

- Have stronger more positive relationships with your children

- Set rules and limits

Manage everyday behaviour problems

- Teach new skills



Participants complete a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls with a trained parenting educator.

All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you



Enrol now and make a positive start to last a lifetime

Please call  
**1800 880 660**

Enrolments are taken all year round



# Moonlit Sanctuary KEEPER CLUB

## Go wild these school holidays!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keeper Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 7-14. Cost: \$99



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