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Dear Hartwell Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the 2026 school year. It is always a delight to see the students back in the building at this time of year as they are eager to learn and familiar with the learning routines. There are many exciting events to look forward to this term with no doubt highlights being Literacy Week, the Athletics Carnival, our Year 6 production of The Jungle Book and, during the last week, the Year 5 and Year 2 Camp programs. There's always so much to look forward to.

In each Learning Community, the students will be inquiring into and learning about:

Prep and Year 1: Where did it come from? -

An inquiry into the origins of everyday things like food, clothing, paper and the process of how things are made.

Year 2: How can I be the best me?

Year 3: How can we express our best self through movement and media?

Year 4: How can we design and create a sustainable garden?

Year 5 and Year 6: How does creativity help us manage a changing environment.

All our inquiry units are planned over a two-year cycle to ensure full coverage of the Victorian Curriculum. These units cover the areas of humanities, history, geography, economics, science and technology.

NAPLAN 2026

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will receive their NAPLAN results. I am pleased to report that the students at Hartwell continue to perform well above the State and Like Schools. Congratulations to our students, teachers and

- AEU Industrial Action

2026 Dates to Remember		
	July	
Wednesday	22	Preps 100 Days of school celebration
Friday	24	School Disco
Monday	27 - 6 August	Prep Swimming
Friday	31	Yr 4 Excursion
August		
Wednesday	12	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thursday	20	House Athletics

families who have worked together to achieve such excellent outcomes. Our results this year are as follows:

NAPLAN <i>Percentage of students in the Exceeding and Strong Proficiency Levels</i>	YEAR 3	YEAR 5
English – Reading	90%	93%
English – Writing	92%	94%
English - Spelling	85%	89%
English – Grammar & Punctuation	83%	94%
Mathematics - Number	93%	94%

SCHOOL DISCO – FRIENDS of HARTWELL

Next Friday we will hold our School Disco. We are very excited to see this activity return for our students, something we have not managed since pre-Covid. If you would like your child/children to attend, please see the information sent via Compass. My thanks to the organising committee for providing this fun activity.

AEU – INDUSTRIAL ACTION

As you will have seen in the news it has been announced that industrial action will begin again this term. Next week, Thursday 24 July, many Education Staff will participate in the strike action. I will send more information on Monday about planning and organisation. The organisation will be like the day earlier in the year and I ask where possible you continue your support of the teachers and staff at Hartwell as we continue to work towards improved outcomes for education in Victoria.

Finally, next week please look out for an update from our School Council and Friends of Hartwell. We are excited to share some of the key achievements and success from Semester One.

We look forward to a fantastic Term 3.

Kind regards,



Lisa Banks
Principal

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- **MORNING SUPERVISION/BE ON TIME FOR LEARNING**
School begins at 8.50am with the first bell.
Please note that supervision in the school yard is from 8.45am, any students at school before this time are not supervised.
- **DIGITAL DEVICES**
[Mobile Device Policy](#) As mentioned last year, our updated Mobile Devices Policy is now in use. This means that any device with mobile capacity (i.e. call or message) is not to be accessed/worn during the school day. All phones and watches with this capability will be safely stored in the teacher office for the day. Thank you for your support with this. Urgent messages for your children are to come via the school office please.



HEROES & LEGENDS SCHOOL DISCO

COME ALONG AS YOUR FAVOURITE HERO OR LEGEND
Think superheroes, community/Australian or movie/book heroes, sporting, musical or theatre legends or even just a touch of sparkle to be your own hero!

FRIDAY 24TH JULY 2026

PREP	During school hours
YEAR 1-3	4:00-5:00pm
YEAR 4-6	5:30-6:30pm

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