



## NEWSLETTER

21st August 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting beginning of Semester Two! There have been so many fantastic activities and achievements across the school and we are just halfway through. We have acknowledged 100 Days of Prep, Science Week and this week celebrate National Book Week. What a fabulous book parade we had on Monday, well done everyone for such outstanding costumes!

Madagascar Jnr. - No doubt for many of our students and families Madagascar Jnr. will be the highlight of the 2025 school year. It was an incredible production that really showcased the talents of our Hartwell children and the commitment of our staff to ensure such a high-quality production can be offered. Congratulations to the senior students whose acting, singing and dancing led the way; to all the children who performed beautifully each evening and our wonderful crew of tech and stage support behind the scenes. My thanks in particular to Jos Markerink, Anabelle Barker and Jude Insole for their leadership and to the many teachers and parents who supported the show in so many ways. We are already looking forward to our next production year!

**STUDENT SUCCESS** – Over the past weeks we have had a number of student achievements. Watch out next week for our special addition detailing our wonderful students at Hartwell.

### 2026 – the Year Ahead

**SCHOOL CANTEEN:** We have been fortunate for many years to have a canteen onsite for our students and families to access. Lena Mendez who currently operates the Green Canteen has let us know that she will finish at Hartwell at the end of the 2025 year. Our School Council are currently looking at a number of options and are hopeful that we will still be able to offer a food service to our families. We thank Lena, Emma and Rose for the wonderful canteen that has operated at Hartwell and the service this has given to our families.

### 2025 Dates to Remember

	August	
Monday	25	Year 5 Excursion
Thursday	28	House Athletics Carnival (Yr3-6)
Friday	29	Ready Set Go 2026 Prep Session 1
	September	
Tuesday	2	Tricky Talks Evening Presentation
Friday	12	Year 4 Excursion
Monday	15-17	Year 5 Camp 'The Summit'
Thursday	18	Pre-Yr2 Tabloid Athletics
Thursday	18 -19	Yr 2 Camp Activities
Friday	19	End of Term 3 2:30 finish
	October	
Monday	6	First Day of Term 4
Friday	10	Lap-a-thon
	November	
Monday	3	Curriculum Day
Tuesday	4	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Saturday	8	Trivia Night
	December	
Friday	5	Curriculum Day
Thursday	18	Year 6 Graduation
Friday	19	Last day of Term 4 1:30pm finish

**FUNDRAISING:** As mentioned in previous communications we are seeking a group to co-ordinate fundraising activities. Our School Council is considering establishing a Friends of Hartwell or Parents and Friends Association and work towards this continues. Whilst we had a couple of people willing to assist with organisation we do not yet have a core group to move forwards. Therefore, at this stage we will probably not have a Great Fete or significant fundraiser in

2026. This is a great shame not only for our community but also the benefits which are added to our school through fundraising activities.

In turn, this means that as a school we will now begin to review activities, operations, equipment, buildings and grounds planning that are supported through fundraising and parent contributions. Please be aware that this will directly impact the number of camps we can offer, our ability to provide our own ICT equipment, First Aid and the improvement of the grounds.

Please consider supporting our next two fundraisers for this year, if you can:

#### **SAVE THE DATE: Trivia Night – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

My thanks to Liz Pearse who again is organizing our Hartwell Trivia Night. Please find attached to the newsletter a call out for Raffle/Auction items for the evening. We would really appreciate your assistance with this.

**Lap-a-thon** - this will be run by Jo Bayes in Term 4 and one that the children really enjoy.

I thank you in advance for your support of this event.

#### **PARENT/TEACHER MEETING TERM 3**

Please be aware that we will be offering families the opportunity to meet with class teachers or specialist teachers during the week of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September (week 8). These meetings will in person and we look forward to meeting with you.

Kind regards,



Lisa Banks  
Principal

#### **GENERAL REMINDERS:**

- **School Times:** please remember that our school day begins at 8.50am. We have been very successful in promoting the '10 to 9' be on time approach and noted how settled the children are with their day, thank you for your assistance with this.
- Equally, please note that children need to be collected promptly at 3.30pm. We have many meetings after school and I appreciate the teachers being able to attend these promptly.
- **CHILD SAFE – WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:** please ensure you have a current WWC check please and the school has a copy for our records. This is a requirement for all schools: [Working with Children Check | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check)

#### **UNIFORM SHOP - SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD**

Please contact Spartan for all uniform supplies.

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**Website:**

<https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/hartwell-primary-school>

#### **SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Please note the Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 8.30am-9.15am.

#### **THE GREEN CANTEEN (TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS only)**

Please direct all recess and lunch queries to The Green Canteen:

Phone 0432 393 064

email: [thegreencanteenau@gmail.com](mailto:thegreencanteenau@gmail.com)

Orders can be placed until 9am each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

#### **HARTWELL CHRISTIAN CONNECT**

At HPS we have a group of parents who aim to develop connections with each other and meet together regularly to pray for our school community. We have a prayer meeting coming up on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2:15pm. If you would like more details please contact: Jess Steer (0438 515 703), Basma George (0414 194 977) or Amanda Tey (0410 550 848).





## Hartwell Trivia Night

Dear Hartwell Families,

Hopefully you already have **Saturday 8th November** marked in your calendar for our Hartwell Trivia Night. A reminder that the theme this year is 'Back to School'. Further details will come out in the next few weeks regarding ticket sales. We will have tables of 10 available, so start to gather your friends. Individual tickets will also be available for those who wish to be placed on a table! This event is BYO food and nibbles only, we ask that all alcoholic drinks are purchased at the bar as this is a major part of our fundraising.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** We are now seeking donations for our Silent Auction, Live Auction and Raffle prizes. Maybe your workplace has something they could offer? Or next time you are out shopping for a birthday present you could get something extra to donate? If you own a Business, would you be interested in one of our sponsorship levels? This is a great opportunity for the community to hear more about your business!

Need Ideas? Do you have a beach house you can donate for a weekend? Homewares hamper? Are you part of a gym that you could approach for a donation? Toys, Books, Games? Memorabilia? Your help is much appreciated!!

Please drop all donations to the office. If you want to help but you're not sure how, please reach out!!

If you have an online voucher please forward to Jossie Mora  
[josmmora@gmail.com](mailto:josmmora@gmail.com)

Thank you

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- Box Hill High School, Box Hill
- Trinity Marles Playing Fields, Bulleen
- Hays Paddock, Kew East
- M.L.C, Kew
- Camberwell Hockey Club, Canterbury
- Carey Bulleen Playing Fields, Bulleen
- Cheltenham Secondary College, Cheltenham
- Doncaster Secondary College, Doncaster

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