



NEWSLETTER

23rd October 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In this newsletter I will be sharing some information and changes at Hartwell for the 2026 school year. We have had a busy and productive 2025 and as mentioned last week, planning is well under-way for next year!

2026 PLANNING AND PREPARATION

CANTEEN

We have been incredibly fortunate over the years to have had our canteen onsite for the students and community at Hartwell. Our Green Canteen has been very successful, and we have certainly benefited from their organization and support. Lena Mendez, who owns and operates the canteen, informed us that this will be her last year. Our School Council have been looking into options and have decided to engage Classroom Cuisine as our service provider. We are excited to move forward and pleased to be able to facilitate this service for our families.

<https://classroomcuisine.com.au/about>

On behalf of our school, I would like to thank Lena, Emma and Rose for their contributions to Hartwell and wish them all the very best.

MOBILE DEVICES POLICY

As you are aware students who bring a mobile device to school are required to place this in safe storage during the school day. **From 2026 this will extend to watches and/or other devices.** The policy is below, and I ask you take the time to read this. Exemptions will only be granted via the Principal Class Team and a management plan in place for this exemption. We believe this fully supports the announcement made last week by the Department of Education to reduce screen time in the school environment. [Policy](#)

CLASS PLACEMENTS and REQUESTS

In previous years we have asked parents to notify us in writing of any extra-ordinary factors they would like considered when class groupings for the following year

2025 Dates to Remember		
	November	
Monday	3	Curriculum Day
Tuesday	4	Melbourne Cup 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

were being formulated. ***As has been the case for the last few years, I am asking you NOT to write, instead I urge you to put your faith in the teachers who work with your children each day, and trust that they will organise cohesive groups of students who will work well together. They understand both the academic and social needs of your children really well.***

Each teacher is aware of which groups of children work co-operatively and those which are better separated. They have information gleaned from parent meetings, the students themselves, an array of conversations and other situations which we believe need consideration when home groups are formed. Our process works well and whilst I understand you may be anxious, please keep this in mind when I say that **only letters outlining extra-ordinary factors**, e.g., cousins who may end up in the same class, twins being separated or placed together etc., should be sent to me. ***I am not able to accommodate and therefore cannot accept requests regarding teachers.*** Nor should such requests be sent to teachers, but rather they can be sent to me by Monday 26th November via our school email: hartwell.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Teachers take into account social interaction, maturity and safety of students, friendship groups and of course academic ability when organising new home groups.

As I said earlier, in our flexible learning spaces the students mix with more students than those in their home groups on a daily basis. Thank you for your support with this process.

STUDENTS LEAVING

It is important that we are aware of students who will not return to Hartwell for the 2026 school year.

You are required to put this formally in writing with an email to the school office. If you are a family whose child/children are not returning to Hartwell next year, please do this as soon as possible, thank you.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Next year we will reorganise our school communications. Currently, feedback tells us that important information is not being read or not being accessed. Soon you will receive a short survey to guide us with this organisation. My thanks for your feedback.

STAFFING

As with every school year, we see changes to our school staffing. This year Shiranee Jansz and Gretchen O'Donnell are retiring from the education service. Both Gretchen and Shiranee have been at Hartwell for over 20 years and we thank them for their wonderful contribution to our school. We will be having a celebration for them both later in the term.

TERM 4 PLANNING

A reminder that teachers are participating in a Professional Practice Day on **Monday 3rd November** and students are not required at school. There is a Team Kids program available for those families requiring their support.

We look forward to our **final Parent Walkthroughs** for the 2025 school year, please find the dates and times below:

Prep – Thursday 4th December 3:10pm
Year 1 – Tuesday 25th November 8:50am
Year 2 – Wednesday 3rd December 8:50am
Year 3 – Thursday 4th December 8:50am
Year 4 – Friday 28th November 3:10pm
Year 5 – Tuesday 2nd December 3:10pm
Year 6 – Wednesday 3rd December 3:00pm

LAPATHON SUCCESS

And finally, our Lap-a-thon has been a wonderful success with just over \$40,000 raised. A huge thanks to you all for your support of this activity and well done students of Hartwell. Next week we hope to announce our prize winners!

Kind regards,



Lisa Banks

Principal

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- **'10 to 9' Be On Time!** – please remember that students are required to be at school at 8.50am when they should be entering their learning community to organize for the day ahead. Learning begins promptly at 9am. If your child is late, after 9am, you are required to come into the school with them to sign them in. *The children are not permitted for safety reasons to sign themselves in or out of school.*
- **MOBILE DEVICES** – please remember that all mobile phones are stored in teacher offices during the school day and all devices must be on school mode.
- **JEWELLERY/HAIR** – a reminder that in line with our policy students should have long hair tied back and minimal jewellery at school. Earrings should be small studs or sleepers to minimize the risk of injury.
- **SUNSMART** – thank you and well done to the children this week who have remembered to bring and wear hats. It is very important and we are a 'sunsmart' environment.

TEAMKIDS

It's time for a spook-tacular celebration!

TeamKids is brewing up some fang-tastic fun next week for Halloween! 🎃

There'll be costumes, games, and treats so good it's un-BOO-lievable!

Don't miss out on all the frightful fun! 🍁



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CNC - CAMBERWELL NETBALL CLUB 2026 SEASON

Looking to play netball in
2026?

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teams:

Primary school (from year 3)
- High School & open age
groups.





Junior

Toptenn offers Hot Shots programs (for ages 3-12), teen groups, and advanced squads for junior players of all levels — available on school mornings or after school at local clubs.

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Pickleball

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Spooktacular 2025

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IS GOING FULL GHOUL

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
4PM-8PM

4-8PM: *Dark Encounters* HAUNTED MAZE

4-6PM: TRICK-OR-TREAT SCAVENGER HUNT

5:30PM: ALL AGES COSTUME COMP

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