

# Huntingdale News

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## Term Dates 2014

Term IV 6 Oct - 19 Dec

## Term Dates 2015

Term I 30 Jan - 27 March

Term II 13 April - 26 June

Term III 13 July - 18 Sept

Term IV 5 Oct - 18 Dec

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## DATES TO REMEMBER



### November

- Thu 20 Grades 5/6 excursion to Immigration Museum
- Fri 21 Grades 1 - 2 Sports and Picnic Day
- Mon 24 Japan Trip information night - 6.30pm in Hall
- Tue 25 Prep Info Night - 6.30pm
- Wed 26 Pre-School to School Transition - 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Thu 27 SRI Christian Christmas Concert - 12.30pm

### December

- Thu 4 Volunteers and Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- Thu 11 Christmas Concert and Picnic - from 6pm
- Mon 15 Reports to go home
- Thu 18 Grade 6 Graduation - 7pm

## Principal Report

We are full steam ahead into 2015 planning with interview panels, portable set up, book orders, class lists, furniture orders all at the top of the to do lists of staff. The new portable is in place and there were certainly some budding young builders or crane drivers in the mix seeing the cranes bring in the pieces of the Mod5 and put the five sections together to create the portable. There will be significant work done on this portable over the course of the term to ensure it is ready to start the 2015 school year.

We have a number of updates to our staffing profile for 2015. With great unrest Mrs Valerie Troup, one of our Teaching Assistants (Integration) has decided to retire, this was a difficult decision for her to make and we wish her good health and happiness in her retirement. We have also granted Ms Yukiko Shoya a year's leave without pay for her to pursue her musical interests, plan her wedding and work in a reduced capacity. We look forward

to seeing Yukiko return for the start of the 2016 school year.

### Japan Trip 2015

The Japan Trip 2015 has been planned and we are awaiting final numbers after the parent information session to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of November at 6.30pm in Gillian Penfold Hall. The Japan Trip Subcommittee and Mrs Naomi Mori-Hanazono have done a fantastic job of getting this valuable learning experience organised. Further details will be provided on the 24<sup>th</sup> for those parents of current Grade 4 and 5 parents who either expressed an interest earlier or who are now interested in sending their child to Japan in 2015 as Grade 5 and 6s.

### November

You may have noticed some extra hair on top of some of our male teachers upper lips this month! They have taken up the cause to support Men's Health. The Movember Founda-

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tion aims to change the way people think about men's health by putting a fun twist on this serious issue. Using the moustache as a catalyst, the idea is to bring about change and give men the opportunity and confidence to learn and talk about their health and take action when needed. If you wanted to check out the HPS team page feel free to visit <http://au.movember.com/team/1798865>, better still you can donate to a worthy cause. I know I've already logged on and donated.

## **National School Chaplaincy Program - (NSCP update)**

You would have read in previous newsletters about the NSCSWP ballot which we traditionally hold this time of the year. Due to new application procedures for the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program being implemented, our Chaplaincy Ballot will not be required this year. The Commonwealth has provided funding to enable Victorian schools to support the engagement of a Chaplain under the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) between 2015 and 2018. The aim of the NSCP is to support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community. We are in the process of applying for this grant to continue this invaluable service at Huntingdale.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

**Kate Spithill  
Principal**



## **Assistant Principal's News**

### **City of Glen Eira Rotary Club Japan-Australia Cultural Afternoon Huntingdale Performs!**

On Sunday 9 November, I had the privilege of attending the City of Glen Eira Rotary Club Japan-Australia Cultural Afternoon. Our Taiko Drumming Group, led by Shoya sensei performed to a willing audience. Our group practised each week for over 3 months to perfect their routine as well as writing and practising speeches. On the day our students performed magnificently! They spoke clearly using the microphone and worked together as a team to perform their piece.

A performance like this takes great team work. Thank you to Shoya sensei for working tirelessly with our students each week to learn the routine. Thank you also to Jarman Donohue for performing some routine maintenance on our drums in preparation for the event. Thank you to our parents for supporting this event and bringing your children to the performance on the day. Finally thank you to our students- Indie, Riel, Hanami, Stacie, Samuella, Dylan, Matthew, Damon, Jungmin, Emily, Minami, Ted, Amanda, Jenna, Aila, Kei and Milo for showing your 'personal best' in practising and performing!

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## Working Bee

Thank you to the many parents and students who attended Saturday's working bee. Our school grounds look 'spick and span' after all of your hard work. Working Bees are a great way to help our school as well as getting to know other families. Thank you to our School Council President Stuart McPhee for organising this event and Mr John Powell for assisting. We look forward to having more working bees in 2015 and seeing even more of our families there.

## Swimming Feedback

Thank you to the parents who emailed their feedback on the swimming program. The classroom teachers have also given their feedback to the Clayton Pool. This feedback will enable us to plan the 2015 Program.

Have a great fortnight!

*Ruth Biddle*

## John Monash Science School Little Scientists Program

During August and September some of the Grade 5's - Ted, Damon, Emma and Hina, were lucky enough to be invited to the 2014 JMSS Little Scientists program.



Year 11's at John Monash Science School ran this program. They invited grade 5's from local schools and taught us all what they knew about science. As a finale we were invited to John Monash's Science Fair to present a project to all of the other students at JMSS.

The program took place every fortnight on a Wednesday for eight weeks. The first week we focused on physics, then we learnt about biology and then nanotechnology. Last, but not least, we worked on a project for the science fair. Every fortnight we were very excited to go to John Monash with Mr Herskope. Mr Herskope looked after us and helped us out when we were stuck.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October we went to the Science Fair. Ted and Damon did a project on which side of the body is favoured, Hina made a model of a tongue and Emma did her project on Guinea pigs faeces. We were very happy to be included.

*Ted, 5/6T*

## PARENT SURVEY!!!!

If you struggle reading English, please seek out a friend, your class rep (if they are available), a teacher, or come along to homework club on Tuesday from 3:30-4:00 and someone will help you there as this is important and we value your feedback.

At Huntingdale Primary School we continually reflect on our practices and look for ways to continue to improve.

A couple of years ago we had our School Review where some of you may have met with Tracey, our critical friend, who helped us look at whole school improvement areas to help us revise future planning. We also complete surveys annually from the Department within the school such as Parent Opinion Surveys, Staff Surveys and Student Surveys to help shape future directions at HPS.

The Parent Representatives program was a program which was started at HPS in 2013 as a response to this data as one of the ways we would like to bridge communication between home and school and develop a deeper sense of community.

Unfortunately the Department Parent Opinion Survey only allows schools to survey a small proportion of our school community, hence not giving us a substantial/ reliable data set to base school decisions on.

To continue to ensure that HPS moves forward in a direction led by our school community with the focus on what's best for our students we urge all of you to complete the following survey. We would also like to encourage you to have the courage to answer as honestly as you can.

Simply enter the link below into your address bar on the internet and follow the instructions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RFX2637>

We thank you for your time and help in advance.

Regards,  
Kim Philpott



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ハンティングデール 小学校 日本語ニュース

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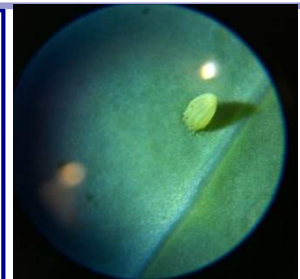
Grades 1 & 2 have been observing the life-cycle of the butterfly, starting with the hatching of the egg, to becoming a caterpillar, to forming a cocoon, to then finally becoming a butterfly.

1,2年生はあおむしのせいちょうを ちょうになるまでかんさつしています。



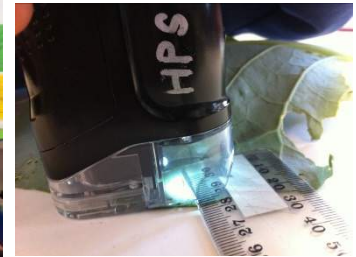
Children found the butterfly eggs and caterpillars in our school garden.

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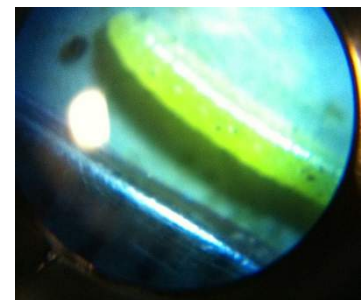
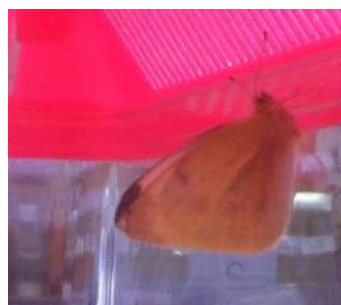
Using microscopes, the children closely observed the eggs and baby caterpillars.

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The children were excited to see our first butterfly emerge from its' cocoon. Shortly afterwards, we freed it outside.

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Grade 1s have started to play the pianica mini-keyboards in their music classes. They are doing a great job learning how to play it!

1ねんせいのおんがくのクラスで、ピアニカをはじめました。



## OSH Newsletter

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before Care Activities</b>	Wool House Dancing	Golden Tickets Yoga	Design an Oompa Loompa Broken Window	Hairdressing Chicken Run	Poison Ball Dinosaur masks
<b>After Care Activities</b>	Lego competi- tion Wool House	Golden Tickets I am Hats	Soccer Chalk drawings	Swiss chocolate Cheerleading	Masks Jump rope
<b>Menu: Morning</b> Toast with vegemite, jam, Weet bix, cheerios, rice bubbles, corn flakes, apple juice, apple and blackcurrant juice <b>Menu: Afternoon</b> Apples, grapes, oranges, pears, mango, rockmelon, strawberries, cucumber, carrots, capsicum, watermelon, blueberries, pineapple, bananas, <b>celery</b> PLUS see below					
<b>Menu: Afternoon</b>	Rice crackers with dips	Rainbow Sand- wich	Salad wraps	Rice cakes	Pasta with bakes beans

### PARENT INFORMATION

OSHC program phone: 0429 363 990 - OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000  
 Coordinator: Daniel Thomas - Assistants: Mona Devi, Sheetal Sethi -  
*All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator directly at the program.*

### PROGRAM UPDATE

Hello everyone! Hope you have had a wonderful fortnight and are looking forward to the end of the year which is fast approaching. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mona who finished up with us at OSHClub last week. Mona has been with us for a very long time and has put lots of hard work into the program, making my job much easier. I would like to personally thank Mona for all this hard work and wish her well for the future. For the remainder of the year, Merve will be taking over as Assistant and will also be Coordinating when I am taken away to other programs.

This week, we have a range of craft activities, cooking and challenges for students of all ages, which will focus on a couple of themes. We will also be working on our surprise for the end of year, which will be announced in the next newsletter :)

As always, we are looking for old clothes, toys, books, recyclables or even craft materials to help us learn and have new experiences. We would absolutely love donations to the program and always appreciate the thought! We had a wonderful donation last year which has really helped us improve our program!

Just a reminder that if you need to contact the program for any reason, whether it be late bookings, cancellations or any other reason, please contact Dan on 0429 363 990.

Have a great week!

## School-Parent Communication App - Trial

The school is conducting a trial to see if we can change the way we communicate with parents.

At the moment communication with parents is done via paper notices delivered by the school to parents via their children.

We are trying to radically improve our mode of communication with parents. We are trialling two mobile phone applications: Skool Bag and Tiqbiz.

This Monday, 17 November we have started the trial with Tiqbiz. With Tiqbiz you will receive all news from school on your mobile phone: newsletters, permission slips, messages and more. You can sign permission electronically and send the permission back to the school. You can choose the language in which to read all notices (Tiqbiz translates in 80 different languages). You can give notification of your child being absent by phone, you tell us about a change in your personal details and more. You can use the app with your mobile phone, PC, Mac, or tablet.

**It is not too late to join the trial.** At the end of the trial you will let Rosella know with applications suits you best. The application will be in use from the beginning of next year. Follow this link for information on how to download the app on to your phone/tablet/PC or Mac: <http://www.schoolapptiqbiz.com.au/> and send a message to Rosella at [dossi.rosella.rd@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:dossi.rosella.rd@edumail.vic.gov.au) to let me know that you have joined the trial.

Thank you for your co-operation

*Dr Rosella Dossi  
Business Manager*

*P.S. If you download the application and English is not your first language, Tiqbiz will translate it for you. At the top right hand corner click "Select Language" and then select your language among the 80 languages long list.*



## Japan Trip 2015 Information Night

**DATE: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**TIME: 6.30pm**  
**TIME: Gillian Penfold Hall**

Thank you to those parents who have lodged an expression of interest in sending their child to our Japan Cultural and Language Program in 2015.

For those who have not, **it is not too late.**

Please come along to our first Information Evening to learn further details about itinerary and cost.

*Naomi Mori-Hanazono  
Japan Trip Co-ordinator*

## Second-hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday, 26th November  
Gold coin donation  
Before school only



# Hannah's & Erica's Newsletter

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## Japanese DS/3DS games 日本語のDS/3DSゲーム

In the past 2 weeks we, the newsletter monitors, have been going around to all classes to find out what everyone's favourite Japanese DS/3DS games are.

この2週間、私達、ニューズレターモニターは、全クラスにまわり、どんな日本語のDS/3DSのゲームが人気なのかをしらべてみました。

The games bellow are the six most popular Japanese games in H.P.S. We recommend these DS games in order to help learn Japanese. 下のDSゲームは、ハンティングデール小学校の中で6位までに入る日本語のDSゲームです。こちらのDSゲームを私達はおすすめします。こちらのゲームを遊ぶことで、楽しく日本語をならうことができます。

Position	Title	Vote	Picture	Position	Title	Vote	Picture
1 <sup>st</sup>	どうぶつのもり	13人		4 <sup>th</sup>	ほしのカービー	6人	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	ポケモン	12人		5 <sup>th</sup>	ようかいウォッチ	5人	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	ともだちコレクション	9人		6 <sup>th</sup>	たいこのたつじん	4人	

By the Newsletter Monitors : Hannah.N & Erica.B  
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**Kindness** **Courage** **Personal Best** **Creativity**