

The

Harston Herald



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School News

Here we are at the end of Term 1 already! I'm sure everyone is looking forward resting and recharging!

We have had NAPLAN taking place over the last few weeks - well done to those students involved, and to the teachers for their support.

We participated in the Interschool Athletics Day on the 24th March - this was a great day, and congratulations to Ollie who was very successful in his events!

Our Dream City incursion took place on the 25th March with Undera, Ardmona and Dookie P.S joining us at Harston - a wonderful experience was had by all. Read more about this later in the newsletter. A reminder that we continue to strive for excellent attendance by all our students at HPS!

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable school holiday break, and a very Happy **EASTER** 🐰🥚🌷

Staff Timetable:



Mrs Batson	Every day 😊
Mrs Dalla Via	Mondays & Tuesdays
Ms Greenaway	Tuesday & Wednesdays
Mrs Gillie	Thursday
Mr Gillie	Friday
Maggie Armstrong	Speech Therapist - Mondays or Fridays
Mrs Archer	Business Manager - Thursday/Friday
Megan Burgess	Educational Support - every day
Kate Ryan	School Counsellor - every fortnight - Monday
My Future Academy	Sport - every fortnight
Ms Cowan	Art Van - every fortnight - Monday afternoon
Ms Smith	Library Van - every fortnight - Wednesday mornings

Dates for the Diary



April

- 2nd Smile Squad Dental Van visit
- 4th Last day of Term 1
- 21st Easter Monday Public Holiday - No school
- 22nd First day of Term 2
- 25th ANZAC Day Public Holiday - No school

May

- 8th School Council meeting
- 11th Mothers Day
- 12th Curriculum Day/Pupil Free - No school
- 13th-16th School Camp - Cottage by the Sea

June

- 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Food Bank Family Day Cooking Classes at school
- 6th Pupil Free Day - No school
- 9th King's Birthday Public Holiday - No school
- 10th Bravehearts at Merrigum P.S 10am



Happy @ Harston

Check out our video -
"Where on earth is Harston?"





Reminders

- ✓ We are striving for excellent student attendance at HPS
- ✓ School Counsellor - Fortnightly on Monday mornings in 2025



School Council

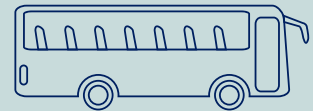
Welcome and thank you to our elected School Council office bearers for 2025!

Sally Sherman - President
Kerensa Russell - Treasurer
Nur Syafiqah - Secretary

Thank you also to parents who have attended our recent meetings/expressed their interest in attending future meetings as general members of School Council - your support is appreciated.



Our Bus Service



A friendly reminder to our families - please continue supporting and utilising our school bus, to ensure that we do not lose access to this wonderful service.



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Dream City Incursion

On Tuesday 25th March we enjoyed an incursion with Dream City.

The Dream City team guided students through a presentation on safely using high-tech Virtual Reality equipment, explaining the basic engineering concepts that make the technology work, how VR is used across various industries to help others and address problems, and possibilities of VR for the future.

Students then had the opportunity to explore an interactive virtual world, applying their new skills. Our activity was 'Neonatal Nurse'. Group discussions focused on safety, confidence, and setting up rules for engaging in the virtual world.

Students identified traits of good caregivers (caring, patience, persistence, empathy, resilience) and related these to their community. Using high-tech infant simulators, they learnt to hold, rock, settle, and feed a baby. They also measured and recorded their baby's weight and length.

This hands-on experience helped students practice caregiving skills, solve simple problems, and communicate personal strengths. This aims to encourage positive choices and outcomes, and acknowledge the importance of family, friends, and school dynamics.



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SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM COOKING CLASSES

Want to learn new cooking skills and nutrition knowledge in a fun and engaging environment?



Food Bank Family Days

We are delighted to offer your family the opportunity to participate in the Foodbank Victoria School Breakfast Clubs Cooking Classes program.

This program is a food literacy, cooking and nutrition education program, focused on bringing families together in the school environment to learn life-long healthy eating habits and gain cooking experience to build confidence in the kitchen and beyond. The program aims to provide a hands-on environment, where families will cook and share a meal together during each session.

This free program is fully funded by the Department of Education and Training. Sessions will be run during school hours, one day per week for four weeks during Term 2. Classes will be delivered by a trained Foodbank Victoria Facilitator, and will include take home recipes and weekly food hampers! Whether you're looking to eat healthier food, learn new recipes or build skills in the kitchen, this program is for you!

Dates: Term 2 – Tuesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th June

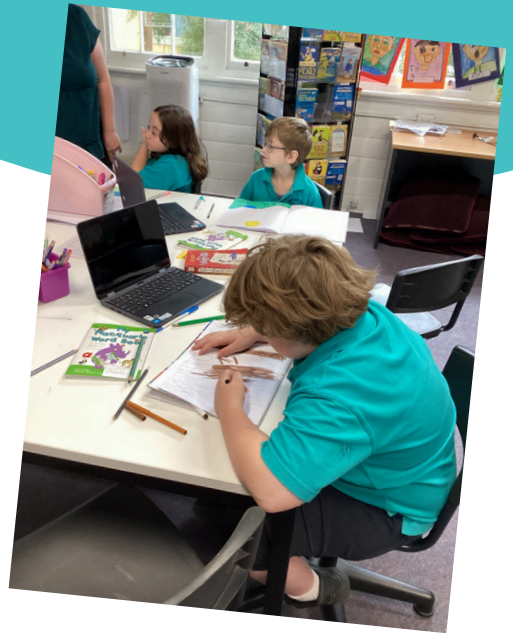
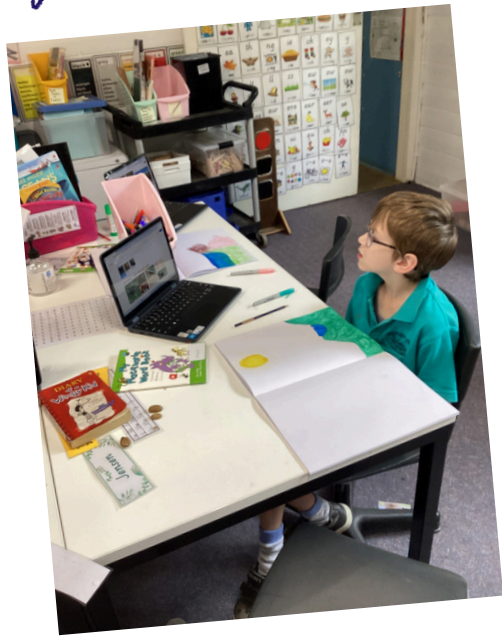
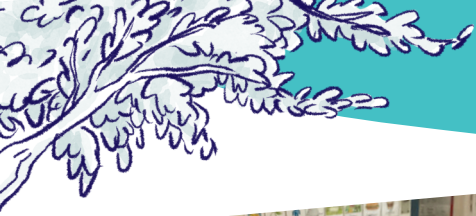
Duration: 4 consecutive weeks (1 day per week)

Cost: FREE



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Animal Fact Files and
Dioramas with Mrs. Gillie



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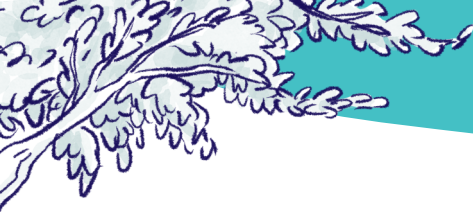
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More fun with Mrs. Gillie!



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Banmira

Celebrating the opening of Shepparton's newest school – Banmira Specialist School (formerly Verney Road School) has fantastic new facilities to deliver learning and life skills for students with an intellectual disability.

Room provides a feast for the senses

Community and education leaders, school councillors and other high-profile guests were “blown away” by Banmira Specialist School’s new junior campus at its official opening on Friday.

The modern facilities impressed, as does a design that purposely pays homage to the welcoming, courtyard feel of the former Wanganui Park Secondary College.

Yet there is one room that has a particular “wow” factor.

Banmira’s new multi-sensory room is, literally, a feast for the senses. With a mix of high-tech equipment and aromatherapy, students can express their thoughts and feelings through sight, sound, smell and touch.

Projected images on the floor deliver everything from a maths quiz to an underwater reef to a game of virtual

soccer, while more technology on the walls, ceiling and even the furniture itself delivers multiple means for students to express themselves.

Not just a play area, Banmira’s Jesse Whittaker says the sensory room is an important evidence-based tool in contemporary, specialist education.

“It allows students, particularly our young people with multiple learning disabilities, to regulate themselves and their emotions. It’s a safe, calming space that readies them for learning.”



Scan the QR code for the official opening of our newest school!



Student leader Victoria tests the technology



Student leader Eliza immerses herself in the sensory room

Jesse Whittaker projects soothing ocean scenery for students to enjoy



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Water Play!



School Garden



Mud Kitchen!

Birthday Cakes!



Learning Tutor

Speech Pathologist



Foodbank Food Fight!



Fun Science Activities!

School Counsellor



activities in the park

WHAT'S ON

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Qigong in the Park

Date: Monday 7

Time: 9.00am - 10.00am

Where: Queens Gardens, Shepparton

Kids Activities

Date: Tuesday 8

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Maude Street Mall, Shepparton

Chuckin Chickens Game & Temporary Airbrush Tattoos

Date: Thursday 10

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Maude Street Mall, Shepparton

Sumo Suits

Date: Friday 11

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Murchison Public Park and Gardens Reserve

Converge on the Goulburn - Silent Disco & Lake Activities**

Date: Saturday 12

Time: 12.00pm - 7.00pm

Where: Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton

Running as One

Date: Sunday 13

Time: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Where: Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton

Invent Your Own Nature Fidget

Date: Sunday 13

Time: 10.00am - 11.30am

Where: Australian Botanic Gardens, Shepparton

Qigong in the Park

Date: Monday 14

Time: 9.00am - 10.00am

Where: Queens Gardens, Shepparton

Playground Escapade in Small Towns**

Date: Monday 14

Time: 9.30am - 12.00pm

Where: Meet in front of Shepparton library

Kids Activities

Date: Tuesday 15

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Maude Street Mall, Shepparton

Playground Escapade in Small Towns**

Date: Wednesday 16

Time: 9.30am - 12.00pm

Where: Meet in front of Sports Stadium, Shepparton

Temporary Airbrush Tattoos & Free Fairy Floss on a Stick

Date: Thursday 17

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Maude Street Mall, Shepparton



FOR MORE INFORMATION



** Activity requires booking

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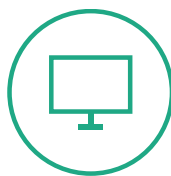
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