



Hawker School Newsletter

Adventures Through Learning

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Tues 9th
February 2021
Week: 2
Term: 1

Wed 10th Feb
Welcome BBQ

Mon 8th—Thurs
12th Feb
Getting to Know
You interviews

Tues 16th Feb
Swimming Carnival
Yr2-6
(participants only)

Thurs 18th Feb
P&C AGM
&
Help your child to
read night for
Kindy parents

Wed 24th Feb
Waste Free Day

Uniform Shop
Wed afternoon

Canteen Days
Wed, Thurs & Fri
(online orders
only)

Dear Hawker Families,

2021

Welcome to the beginning of the 2021 school year.

A particular mention and very warm welcome goes to all our new families. We have had a very settled start and the classrooms are buzzing. We were super impressed with our Kindergarten students and how smooth their transition has been.



Teachers began the year participating in professional learning on both Spelling and Mathematics. On Wednesday 27th February, Hawker staff joined two other primary schools in a day all about spelling with Christine Topfer who is a literacy leader from Tasmania. This was followed on Thursday with a school-based session on best practice in the teaching of Mathematics.

What's on this week?

Getting to Know You Interviews

These interviews are an invaluable part of the beginning of the school year. They provide an excellent opportunity early in the year for parents/carers to meet their child's teacher and to pass on relevant information about your child. Teachers have already undertaken a very similar process where the 2021 teacher had a significant amount of time talking to the teachers who taught the children in 2020. During this time teachers discuss each child and their needs, including both academic and well-being.

Welcome Barbecue

On Wednesday, February 10th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm the P&C will host a free welcome BBQ for all families who are able to join us. This is a lovely chance to connect with other families in an informal way. This event will be a Covid-safe event. Families will be asked to check in at the event and adhere to social distancing regulations. There will be free sausage sandwiches. Gluten free beef and vegetarian options will be available. Juice boxes can be purchased for \$1(card only, no cash).

Hawker School Website

Online Calendar

This year we will be utilising the online calendar which can be located on the [school's website](#). The benefit of an online calendar is that we can easily make amendments to ensure the information is up to date. The calendar can also be synchronised with other devices such as your phone. This term we will still send home the term at a glance however beginning next term we will move to utilising only the online calendar. In addition to this, important dates will still be listed in both overviews and newsletters.

Notes and Newsletters

The weekly newsletters and notes sent home can also be found on the Hawker School website. This way if notes are misplaced parents/carers will easily be able to access the information and print new copies if required.

If you have any feedback, questions or queries please feel free to contact myself or Alison Reid, our Acting Deputy Principal.

Kim McCormack
Acting Principal

Let the adventures through learning continue

USEFUL LINKS:

- * [Swimming Carnival Forms](#)
- * [2021 School Board Election Nomination Form](#)
- * [2021 School Board Elections](#)
- * [Term At a Glance Term 1 2021](#)



2021 Medical Information and Consent Forms

To all our Hawker families, last week a blue Medical Information & Consent Form was sent home with your child/ren.

It is an ACT Education Directorate requirement that this form is completed and returned to your school at the beginning of each school year. This form enables the school to have the most up to date information necessary to fulfil their duty of care of your child/ren.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the front office on 6142 2660.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL Tuesday 16th February

Permission notes are due
this Thursday 11th February.



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for you or your children

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SCHOOL PROCEDURE REMINDER

Absence from School

When a student is absent from school for any reason an explanation is required from the parents. This is a legal requirement. Phone calls (6142 2660), emails (info@hawkerps.act.edu.au) or an absence form via the school app are appreciated.

If an explanation is not provided after 3 days, the roll teacher will contact the parent/guardian.

Late Arrival

Students are expected to be at school by 9:00am for roll call. When late to school (after 9:10am) students must report to the front office with a parent/carer to sign in.

Students who report to the front office without a parent /guardian to sign in late after 9:10am will be marked as an unexplained late arrival.

Early Leaver

When students are required to leave school early parents/carers are required to report to the front office to sign out students. Emails are not required for advising of an early departure, however you must ensure that you advise a front office staff member that the student is leaving early before collecting your child.

If a student leaves early but returns again parents/carers must ensure they sign the student back in with a staff member at the front office. If students are returned to school without a parent/carer to sign them in you will receive a call for an explanation.

SMS Notifications

When a student is marked absent on the roll or is an unexplained late arrival the preferred parent contact will receive an SMS message notification. It is best practice to respond to this message in the following format:

- Name of school
- Student name
- Reason for absence or late arrival

If you are sending a note in with the student after they return from an absence it should include:

- date/s of the absence/s
- reason for the absence/s
- child's full name
- signature and name of parent/carer

If you have any further questions in regards to these procedures
please contact the front office on 6142 2660.



HAWKER HARMONISTS' CHOIR 2021

Free trial class



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The Hawker Harmonists' Choir is on Friday mornings at **8am** in the school hall with Veronica Thwaites Brown.

Choir will start Friday of **Week 2** and finish on Friday of **Week 8**.

The Hawker Harmonists' choir provides kids of any experience level with an environment where they can improve their overall singing, performance and musicianship skills in a fun and supportive environment. There are no auditions. Skills learned include rhythm, aural skills, singing technique, part-singing and performance techniques. Repertoire is at an appropriate level, with the inclusion of some more challenging pieces as students grow in confidence.

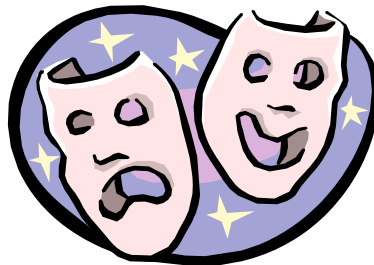
Veronica is a professional classical singer and music teacher, currently teaching at Hawker College. Previous choir performances included Singfest (IMP), 'Hawkwards' combined schools performance, the Music Scheme Concert, school fete, assemblies, Carols at Parliament House and at Bill McKenzie Gardens nursing home.

Kids are welcome to come to try a rehearsal free of charge before committing to the term.

Please contact Veronica via email to arrange: vcthwaites@gmail.com

HAWKER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES 2021

Free trial class



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Hawker School After-School DRAMA on TUESDAYS with Tutor: RUTH PIELOOR

Hawker School Drama students express themselves in a safe, fun and supportive environment. Classes are designed to develop skills in acting, improvisation, scene-devising, play-building, character development, vocal expression, ensemble, rehearsal techniques and basic stage craft. Through creative collaboration, games, exercises and role-play, participants strengthen their empathy, social connections, collective problem-solving skills, confidence, and imagination!

*There is an option to perform in the Hawker School Drama end of year play. Rehearsals begin in Semester 2.

DRAMA CLASSES \$130 per term (Hawker School students only, grades 1-6)

(8 x 1-hour classes per term. Early Bird Semester payment options \$250)

TUESDAYS in Music Room **3:05pm – 4:05 pm**

Please contact the Music and Drama Scheme registrar:

Syari Robert hawkermusicscheme@gmail.com

New students need to enrol through [MusicBiz registration online](#) and <https://www.flexischools.com.au>