

2021

Term 2

May

Monday 10th of May
Primary and Secondary
Cross Country at Kaniva

June

Monday 14th of June
Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

Cows Create Careers



The VCAL students got two calves as part of the Cows Create Careers program, which they will have for three weeks. During that time, the students bottle-feed them, weigh them and check their general health. This opportunity helps the students finish off one of their VCAL outcomes. For each feed, one Year 3-6 student goes out to help. The Primary kids have named them Oreo and Milky.

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Hopetoun P-12 College is a Child Safe School

Cross Country

The Lakes Cluster Primary School Cross Country was a great day for all who attended. The students enjoyed the cross country run, the games and activities and the 'try-out' for winter sports. Some of our primary students will be participating in winter sports in Horsham next month.

Secondary School Athletics

We had a contingent of students attend the Secondary School Athletics in Nhill earlier this week. Performances were extremely impressive with a number of firsts and good strong competition throughout the day. Well done to all students who participated and a special note of congratulations to the girls' relay team of Lana, Taya, Issy and Rori who competed in the age group above their level and won the event. Well done girls, a great effort indeed.

COVID and Excursions

Please note elsewhere in this newsletter information about new provisions for students going on school excursions. In brief, venues can now ask for individual student contacts upon entry to their premises. If the venue requires it, we are obliged to provide individual contact phone numbers. Note, also, that Victorian privacy laws provide severe restrictions on access and use of contact numbers by venues.

Cows Create Careers

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter and on our Facebook page, we are fully involved in the Cows Create Careers program. Two calves, affectionately dubbed "Oreo" and "Milky", are in our calf feeding pen and are being fed by students from the 3-6 class under the guidance of VCAL students and staff. The project, an initiative of Jacey and the VCAL team, spans a tight time-frame of just three weeks but in that time considerable learning from all aspects of the curriculum will take place.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held next week. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the tests which will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The NAPLAN assessments provide students with the opportunity to show what they have learnt and provides good feedback to the school on areas for further improvement.

Rebuild \$10.5m

Planning continues to progress on our Rebuild project. Our architects are currently working on revising the layout of the rooms and some of the external features following feedback and advice from members of the school community. It is anticipated that a revised plan will be available for our School Council meeting which will be held next week on Wednesday 12th May.



Principal's Report

Mr Graeme Holmes

Principal

*Check out Hopetoun
P-12 College
Facebook page*

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Puberty Clues

We are inviting Mothers/guardians and daughters aged between 9 and 12 years to attend a free and informal session explaining the physical and emotional changes occurring at puberty.

Bought to you by Jess Stepnell RNWH
May 12th @Gateway BEET
from 4.30pm

Register your interest at Gateway BEET
Ph: 50833001



*Mothers
Day Stall*

Friday 7th of May
\$5.00 gifts available for primary student to purchase. Any remaining gifts will be available for secondary students to purchase during recess.

*Mothers
Day Stall*



MORE FUN THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE!



MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program for 5 to 12 year olds.
The program runs over 6-10 weeks and introduces kids to golf in a safe and friendly environment.
Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

5 weeks at the Hopetoun Golf Club
All equipment provided
Ages 5-12
Sundays 1-2pm
16, 23 & 30 May, 13 & 27 June
More info: Tom - 0427 620 422

**REGISTER NOW AT
MYGOLF.ORG.AU**

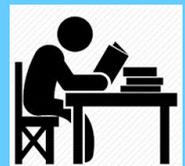


Homework Club

**Thursday afternoons
between 3:20 and 4:00 pm
for supervised homework/
study sessions.**



Fresh fruit
snacks
will be
available



Primary and
Secondary
students
welcome



Weekly Student Awards

Well done to the following students for receiving
Students of the Week



Kiara

For her persistence, determination, skill and knowledge in PE. Week in week out, she is always a positive student and friend to others.



Pearl

For always smiling and being willing to try new things.

Great Attitude!



Madison

For maintaining a positive attitude towards her work and her willingness to assist others when needed.

Policy Update

Health care Needs Policy 2018



Now, as we move towards the colder weather and coughs, colds and chills emerge, it is timely to draw your attention to our school's Health Care Needs Policy. This policy is directed towards students who have special health care needs. Where special health issues prevail, a Student Health Support Plan is drawn up in collaboration between the parents, school and, if appropriate, the student and family doctor. When a student is enrolled at our school, a confidential medical information form is completed by the parent and, if serious or complex medical issues are identified, a Student Health Support Plan is developed. A copy of the Health Care Needs Policy 2018 can be accessed through our [website](#).

Little Desert Athletics

Eleven students travelled to Nhill on Monday to participate in the next stage of athletics. Although the weather didn't cooperate (it was cold and damp), the students performed exceptionally well. Some students will have the opportunity to go on to Regional Athletics later in the year.

Oliver	High Jump	5th
Dane	Javelin	6th
Issy	800, 1500	1st
	200	5th
	400	2nd
	Discus	6th
Taya	Javelin	2nd
	Triple Jump	6th
	Long Jump	6th
Lana	100	4th
Jason	200	5th
	Long Jump	2nd
	100	1st
Rori	Javelin	3rd
	Triple Jump	2nd
	Shot Put	3rd
Kaden	Discus	2nd
Declan	100	1st
Billy	Javelin	4th
Krystal	200	3rd
15 year old girls relay	4x100	1st
16 year old boys relay	4x100	2nd

The girls' relay team was made up with Rori, Issy, Lana and Taya.

The boys' relay team consisted of Jason, Billy, Declan and Kaden.

Prep-2 Primary Prattle

Chicken Visit

On Tuesday, 20th of April the VCAL students Jacey, Kaden and Ben showed the class how to hold the chickens. I was a little bit scared because I thought that they would peck me. I got to pat Jobe the chook. He was very calm. Miss Cook thought they were going to be baby chickens. We got to look in old school lockers boxes for the eggs. There was lots of hay in the boxes. I really enjoyed it because I like chooks. **Mia**

We got to hold the chickens. They tried to fly away but the VCAL students stopped them. **Brianna**



Everyone got to hold the chickens. They were soft and cuddly. They were in a cage. We checked the black cupboard for eggs. They were speeding around. **Pearl**

Sky and Kate led us to the chook pens. I got to hold the chickens. It was fun. A chook nearly landed on my head. Ben's Chook was crazy. There were 8 big chickens. I got to hold Ben's chook. They were amazing and awesome! I loved it. I want to see them again soon because I love chooks. It was the best day at school. **Ned**



Yesterday the VCAL kids surprised us by taking us to the chicken pen. We got to hold the chickens. They were soft and calm. Some were feisty and fast and running around like crazy. We also went to check the lockers if there were any eggs but there wasn't any. I was really excited to hold the chickens. **Layne**

We went to the chickens with the VCAL students. I thought they were aggressive. They were in a cage. I didn't pat the chickens. I did not hold the chickens. I did not like the chickens. I looked for eggs in the locker boxes but I didn't find any. **George**



The chickens were soft. We got to pat the chickens. They were wild. We got to hold the chickens. They were teenage chickens. Next time there might be eggs. **Jess**

Kate and Sky took us to the chicken cage. When we went in the chicken cage. There were eight chickens. We went to the lockers to check for eggs but there was no eggs. We got to hold the chickens. They were all waddling around and then they ran. I got to pat Willo. I loved my day at school seeing the chickens. **Matilda**



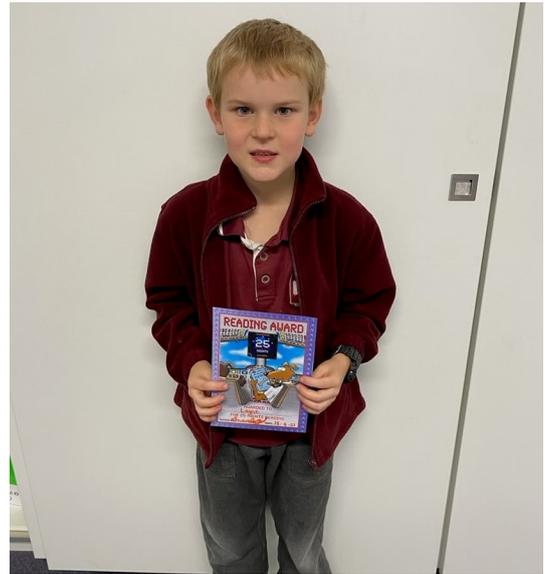
Amanda Cook
Classroom Teacher

Reading Awards

Reading Awards are given to students who have reached milestones in their nightly reading.

Congratulations to **Layne** on reading for 25 nights.

Way to Go!



Matilda and Bella received

the award for 50 nights of reading.

Keep up the good work!

VCAL Chicken Coop

VCAL has been working on re-doing the chicken coop. We have made new nesting boxes and put a roof on it so nothing can get in or out. We have cleaned it up and put hay in the coop. It's in way better condition and a lot of effort has gone into it. We have now got eight chickens and they're going really well. Unfortunately, they won't start laying eggs until around September because chickens don't seem to lay when the days are shorter over winter.

By Ben McGee



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Hopetoun P-12 College is excited to be participating.

Students will be registered by me at the school.

For more information visit www.education.vic.gov.au.

Each student to complete the challenge receives a certificate and there are some great awards and incentives to win along the way.

Start challenging yourself.

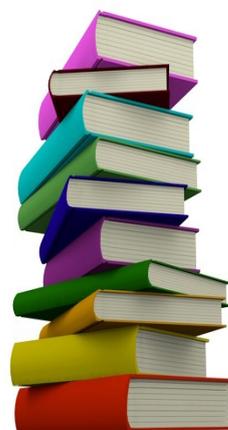
Moya Poulton

BOOK FAIR

Hello everyone! To the Book Fair and Beyond! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon, so get ready for some out-of-this-world excitement! You'll go where no reader has gone before as you explore the coolest array of books in the cosmos.

We'll be launching this stellar reading celebration in the main school building on Monday May 24th until Friday May 28th.

This is one far-out event that you won't want to miss!



***NEW* Contact tracing**

Some excursion venues are required to collect contact details and are responsible for managing record keeping for contact-tracing in line with current public health directives.

Most venues are required to use electronic record keeping that connects with an Application Programming Interface (API) linked provider or a digital system provided by Services Victoria.

The Department of Health has *strongly recommended* that a contact number for each individual student is provided. A school phone number alone is not considered sufficient. Providing contact details for individual students will expedite contact tracing so that individuals can be contacted by the Department of Health if required.

Parents/carers/guardians are advised that, when required, the school will be providing excursion venues with contact details for students. The phone number on school file for the student will be provided as the nominated contact number. Venues will be collecting student names and contact phone numbers for a legitimate purpose and are subject to Victorian privacy laws so will handle the information securely and only retain it for the required 28-day period.

Primary Cluster Cross Country

At the cluster cross country in Rainbow, we had a great day for a run. Our students were quite competitive and brought home some ribbons on the day.



George U7s 2nd

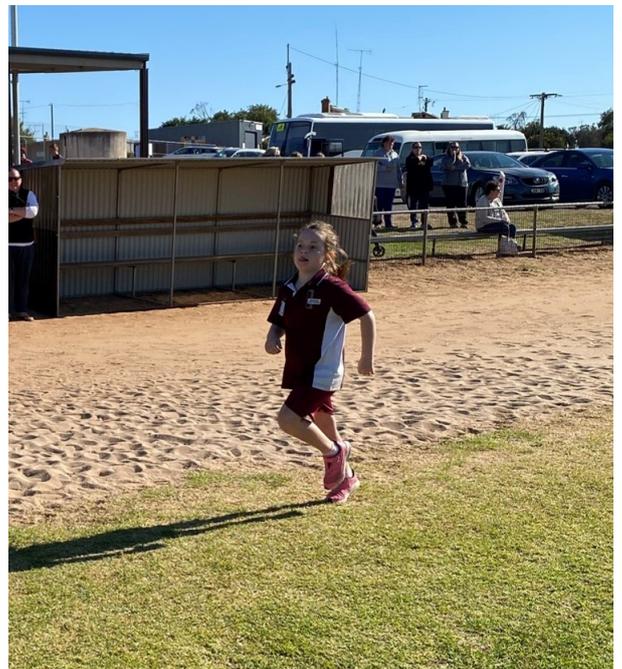


Ned U8s 3rd



Mia U8s 2nd

On the day, grades 5 and 6 boys tried out for footy and the girls tried out for netball for Winter Sports that will be held in Horsham next month. Congratulations to Alynah, Ben and Eden who will be representing our school for this.



Victorian
premiers'
reading
challenge



OPEN UP A NEW WORLD

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.



To register, visit education.vic.gov.au/prc

