



Stanhope Primary School

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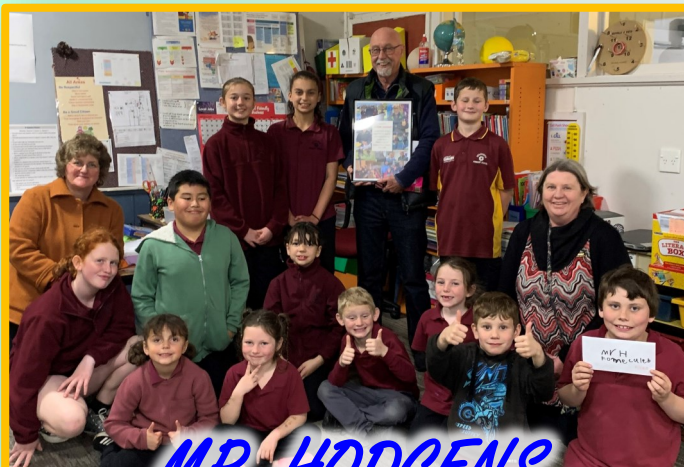
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REMINDERS & THINGS TO DO

DATES TO REMEMBER

Farewell to



MR. HODGENS

Welcome to



MRS. WALLACE

Wednesday 28th August

- ◆ School Council 7pm

RESCHEDULED

Thursday 29th August

- ◆ LIBRARY

List of overdue books attached

Friday 30th August

- ◆ Sporting Schools

Thursday 5th September

- ◆ ART
- ◆ Blue Earth Sports

Friday 6th September

- ◆ Sporting Schools

Thursday 12th September

- ◆ LIBRARY
- ◆ Blue Earth Sports

Friday 13th September

- ◆ Sporting Schools

Thursday 19th September

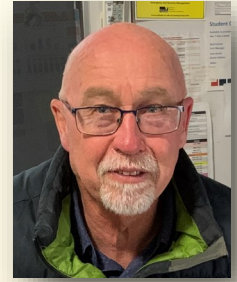
- ◆ ART
- ◆ Blue Earth Sports

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Graeme Hodgens



Mrs Wallace

Today (Thursday) is the first day for Mrs Wallace's return to Stanhope Primary School. She is very excited about returning and eager to get herself back into our school environment. Mrs Wallace has been in regular contact with the school, including speaking with Mrs Owen, and with her time here in term one she is ready to start!



Thank You

It has been a privilege to be able to come and work at this school. To understand Stanhope PS you need to look beyond the school gate and its buildings. It is full of enthusiastic people that are working to create a really positive environment. This includes all of the staff and especially our wonderful students.

Everyone has supported me, however I do need to thank Mica for her ever ready help and knowledge of the school. Mrs Depasquale has been our only permanent classroom teacher and has had to carry a larger workload than we would expect. Whilst she has had Jody, Alison, Simon and Deb supporting her over and above expectations, she still has had to take on the responsibility of directing our learning program. Simon has been my ever reliable supporter; never underestimate the power of kind and positive words! "Our" school is in very good hands.

Book Week

We are all looking forward to our Book week activities and parade today. For our grade 6 students this is likely to be the last time they can dress up and have some fun in an activity like this.

Kinder Visit

The Stanhope Kindergarten also came for a visit today and were a part of our book week activities. This is a great opportunity for our students to show support to the next generation of Stanhope PS students and for them to familiarise themselves with our school.



FROM THE
**Business
Manager**

Mica will be in the office on
Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I am happy to discuss
confidential payment
options for fees or camps
& excursions with you.

Café Lunch Orders

**3rd Wednesday
of every month**

**18th September
16th October
20th November
18th December**

**NEW PRICE LIST
ATTACHED
TO THIS
NEWSLETTER**

ISSUE 6 OUT NOW!

Earn a
**\$5 PROMO
CODE**



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

**CATALOGUE
ATTACHED AT
THE BACK OF
THIS WEEK'S
NEWSLETTER!**

*Online ordering
only.*

**Books delivered
to the school.**

Stanhope Primary School ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are welcome
for our school.

Parents or carers can
contact the school to speak
with the principal,
Christine, or to collect an
enrolment pack.

School tours by
appointment.



- ◆ Small caring environment.
- ◆ Individual learning plans to ensure high student outcomes.
- ◆ Engaging curriculum delivery.
- ◆ Parent involvement encouraged.

 **SCHOLASTIC**
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

Hang
me up in your
classroom!

Healthy reading habits are forged through Book Club.
Parents can order books easily through the
Scholastic **LOOP** platform.

- 1** Log in, or create a new account at scholastic.com.au/LOOP
- 2** New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
- 3** Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
- 4** Select your child's name
- 5** Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6** Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
- 7** Make a payment via credit card
- 8** Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned for the school



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Join us for an open day of entertainment and showcasing all things Vivid.

When: Monday 26 August, 2024

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Time: 10.00am-2.00pm

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

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- Stanhope RSL Sub Branch

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Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



HELP IS BUT A PHONE CALL AWAY

LIFELINE

13 11 14

KID'S HELPLINE

1800 55 1800

BEYOND BLUE

1300 22 4636

AWARDS

**NO ASSEMBLY HELD LAST WEEK
DUE TO THE SPORTS DAY**

<https://www.facebook.com/stanhopeps/>



Child safety and wellbeing at Stanhope Primary School

information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Stanhope Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view our school's website, via UeducateUs, and at the school's front office.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Stanhope Primary School at stanhope.ps@education.vic.gov.au or by phone on 03 5857 2514.

Victoria's Child Safe Standards

- **Child Safe Standard 1** – Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.
- **Child Safe Standard 2** – Ensure that child safety and wellbeing are embedded in school leadership, governance and culture.
- **Child Safe Standard 3** – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
- **Child Safe Standard 4** – Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.
- **Child Safe Standard 5** – Equity is upheld and diverse needs are respected in policy and practice.
- **Child Safe Standard 6** – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.
- **Child Safe Standard 7** – Ensure that processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.
- **Child Safe Standard 8** – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.
- **Child Safe Standard 9** – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.
- **Child Safe Standard 10** – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.
- **Child Safe Standard 11** – Policies and procedures that document how schools are safe for children, young people and students.
- Ministerial Order 1359 provides the framework for child safety in schools.

FOUR CRITICAL ACTIONS FOR SCHOOLS

Responding to Incidents, Disclosures and Suspicions of Child Abuse

1 RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY

If there is no risk of immediate harm go to **Action 2**

If a child is at immediate risk of harm you **must** ensure their safety by:

- separating alleged victims and others involved
- administering first aid
- calling **000** for urgent medical and/or police assistance to respond to immediate health or safety concerns
- identifying a contact person at the school for future liaison with Police.

Where necessary you may also need to maintain the integrity of the potential crime scene and preserve evidence.

2 REPORTING TO AUTHORITIES / REFERRING TO SERVICES

As soon as immediate health and safety concerns are addressed you **must** report all incidents, suspicions and disclosures of child abuse as soon as possible. Failure to report physical and sexual child abuse may amount to a criminal offence.

Q: Where does the source of suspected abuse come from?

WITHIN THE SCHOOL

VICTORIA POLICE
You **must** report all instances of suspected child abuse involving a school staff member, contractor, volunteer or visitor to Victoria Police.

You **must also** report internally to:

- **GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**
School principal and/or leadership team
- Employee Conduct Branch
- DET Incident Support and Operations Centre
- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**
School principal and/or leadership team
- Diocesan education office.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

- School principal and/or school chairperson
- Commission for Children and Young People on **1300 782 978**

All allegations of 'reportable conduct' **must** be reported as soon as possible to:

- **GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**
Employee Conduct Branch
- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**
Diocesan education office
- **INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**
Commission for Children and Young People on **1300 782 978**.

OTHER CONCERNS

If you believe that a child is not subject to abuse, but you still hold **significant concerns** for their wellbeing you **must** still act. This may include making a referral or seeking advice from:

- Child FIRST/The Orange Door (in circumstances where the family are open to receiving support)
- DHS Child Protection
- Victoria Police.

3 CONTACTING PARENTS/CARERS

Your principal **must** consult with DHS Child Protection or Victoria Police to determine what information can be shared with parents/carers. They may advise:

- **not to contact** the parents/carer (e.g. in circumstances where the parents are alleged to have engaged in the abuse, or the child is a mature minor and does not wish for their parent/carer to be contacted)
- **to contact** the parents/carers and provide agreed information (this must be done as soon as possible, preferably on the same day of the incident, disclosure or suspicion)
- **how to communicate** with all relevant parties with consideration for their safety.

4 PROVIDING ONGOING SUPPORT

Your school **must** provide support for children impacted by abuse. This should include the development of a **Student Support Plan** in consultation with wellbeing professionals. This is an essential part of your duty of care requirements.

Strategies may include development of a safety plan, direct support and referral to wellbeing professionals and support.

You **must** follow the **Four Critical Actions** every time you become aware of a further instance or risk of abuse. This includes reporting new information to authorities.

YOU MUST TAKE ACTION

You **must** act, by following the Four Critical Actions, as soon as you witness an incident, receive a disclosure or form a reasonable belief* that a child has, or is at risk of being abused.

As a school staff member, you play a **critical role** in protecting children in your care.

You **must** act if you form a suspicion or reasonable belief, even if you are unsure and have not directly observed child abuse (e.g. if the victim or another person tells you about the abuse).

It is strongly recommended that you use the **Responding to Suspected Child Abuse template** to keep clear and comprehensive notes, even if you make a decision not to report.

*A reasonable belief is a deliberately low threshold. This enables authorities to investigate and take action.

CONTACT

DHHS CHILD PROTECTION

AREA
North Division **1300 664 977**
South Division **1300 655 795**
East Division **1300 300 391**
West Division (Rural) **1800 075 599**
West Division (Metro) **1300 664 977**

AFTER HOURS

After hours, weekends, public holidays **13 12 78**

CHILD FIRST

<https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/federal-and-support-teams>

ORANGE DOOR

<https://www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence/the-orange-door.html>

VICTORIA POLICE

000 or your local police station

DET INCIDENT SUPPORT AND OPERATIONS CENTRE

1800 126 126

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT UNIT

1800 126 126

EMPLOYEE CONDUCT BRANCH

(03) 9637 2595

DIOCESAN OFFICE

Melbourne (03) 9267 0228

Ballarat (03) 5337 7135

Sale (03) 5622 8600

Sandhurst (03) 5443 2377

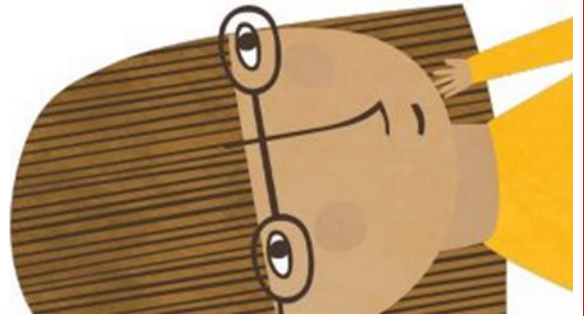
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

VICTORIA
(03) 9825 7200

THE LOOKOUT

The LOOKOUT has a service directory, information, and evidence based guidance to help you respond to family violence: <http://www.lookout.org.au>

Family violence victims/survivors can be referred to **1800 Respect** for counselling, information and a referral service: **1800 737 732**



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Stanhope Primary School

Dear families,

We want to let you know about our school's emergency management plan. Our school plans for a range of hazards, such as bush or grassfire, severe weather, medical emergencies, building fires, intruders, etc. We develop specific response procedures to address these risks.

We also conduct drills regularly, ensuring that our core procedures of on-site and off-site evacuation, sheltering-in-place, and lockdown/lockouts are well-rehearsed and understood by staff and students.

If we enact our emergency management plan, we will notify you by any of the available means at the time, including text messages, uEducateUs, and Facebook, with updates on our actions. If there is anything we need you to do, we will let you know. Phone lines will need to be kept clear during any such emergency, so we ask families to cooperate with us in this matter.

During emergencies, we will work with emergency services and the Department of Education for safety advice and support. Please know that keeping our students and staff safe is our top priority.

Yours sincerely,

Acting Principal,

Fiona Wallace

Our school is a **Category 4 School**.

We will **close** on a day forecasted as a **Catastrophic** fire danger rating in the **Northern Country**, fire district.

All school bus routes that travel through a **Catastrophic** fire district will be **cancelled**.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a **Category 4 school.**

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in, **Northern Country, fire district.**

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by SMS, uEducateUs Announcements, and, or the School Facebook page.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and have carried out maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our Facebook page, checking our website, <https://stanhopeps.vic.edu.au/>, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.]
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- Families are encouraged to action their [Bushfire Survival Plan](#) on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the [Bushfire At-Risk Register \(BARR\)](#). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the [Category 4 List](#).

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.



FISH 'N' CHIPS

Minimum chips	\$ 4.00
Battered sav	\$ 3.50
Boneless wing ding	\$ 1.50
Calamari rings	\$ 1.80
Chicken dim sim	\$ 2.50
Chicken nugget	\$ 0.80
Chiko roll	\$ 3.50
Chilli chicken strip	\$ 2.00
Corn jack	\$ 3.50
Crab sticks	\$ 1.80
Crumbed prawns	\$ 1.80
Dim sim	\$ 1.50
Fish bites	\$ 1.80
Fish cakes	\$ 3.00

FISH

FLAKE	\$ 8.50
BLUE GRENADIER	\$ 9.00
Flat head fillets	\$ 2.50
Garlic chicken ball	\$ 1.80
Hash brown	\$ 1.20
Magdala	\$ 4.00
Mini dim sim	\$ 0.75
Mini spring roll	\$ 2.00
Pineapple fritter	\$ 3.00
Pluto pup	\$ 3.50
Potato cake	\$ 1.50
Scallops	\$ 1.80
South Melbourne dim sim	\$ 2.50
Spring roll	\$ 3.50
Wing ding	\$ 2.50

CHIPS, CHEESE & GRAVY

SMALL	\$ 7.00
MEDIUM	\$ 10.00
LARGE	\$ 13.00

Tomato sauce sachet \$ ***0.30***

LOADED FRIES

SMALL	\$ 9.00
LARGE	\$ 14.00

BURGERS

Bacon & Egg Roll	\$ 8.00
Bacon & Egg Sandwich	\$ 7.50
Chicken parma roll	\$ 13.00
Chicken schnitzel & gravy roll	\$ 9.00
Chicken schnitzel & salad roll	\$ 8.50
Chicken schnitzel with the lot	\$ 15.00
Chicken wrap with the LOT	\$ 13.00
PLAIN	\$ 11.00
Fish burger with the LOT	\$ 15.00
PLAIN	\$ 12.00
Hamburger with the LOT	\$ 13.00
PLAIN	\$ 11.00
Souvlaki- beef/lamb/chicken	
LOT	\$ 13.00
PLAIN	\$ 11.00
Steak sandwich with the LOT	\$ 12.00
PLAIN	\$ 10.00

Sauces- tomato, bbq, mayo, garlic, sweet chilli, hot chilli, tartare

EXTRAS

Gravy on chips	\$ 2.00
Meat	\$ 4.00
Bacon or Egg	\$ 2.00
Cheese or Pineapple	\$ 1.00
Squeezy sauce - per sachet	\$ 0.30
Small salad	\$ 6.00
Large salad	\$ 7.00

BAKERY

Plain pie	\$ 5.50
Flavoured pie	\$ 5.90
Sausage Roll	\$ 4.80
Pastie	\$ 4.80
Salad only rolls	\$ 6.50
Meat and salad rolls	\$ 8.00
Salad only sandwich	\$ 6.00
Meat and salad sandwich	\$ 7.50
Salad wraps	\$ 8.00