

HNPS highlights



Inclusive: Harmony Day brought the entire school community together.

HAZELWOOD North Primary School had many highlights last month.

A standout was Harmony Day, which saw a fantastic turnout by parents, grandparents and carers, who came to the school to join in celebrations, activities in the classroom and joining in a Harmony Day picnic.

There was such an amazing community atmosphere and one the school looks forward to having again in 2026. St Patrick's Day was also celebrated. It was great to see Jack and

Tom celebrating the day as well as Savannah and Adalynn sporting sparkly green hair.

This term, the school had its very first Buddy Seats installed. The school wished to pay a huge thank you to the Traralgon Men's Shed for donating these beautiful seats. Students have loved using them.

Buddy Seats are for anyone looking for people to play with at recess and lunchtime. They have been a huge success and are a wonderful addition to the school community.



Construct: Darcy and Shelley with Harmony Day artworks.



Event: Krista and Lexi on Harmony Day.



Joy: Hazelwood North Primary School student, Savannah had some creative additions to her hair for St Patrick's Day.



Irish spirit: Tom and Jack celebrating St Patrick's Day. Photographs supplied



Connections: Playgroup Victoria's Latrobe Officer Sascha Reese-Sharam shared the celebration of National Playgroup Week with Millie (4) and Oliver (11 months). Photograph: Katrina Brandon

Families take part in playgroup pop-ups

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LITTLE discoveries, adventures and connections were made from March 17 to March 21 as National Playgroup Week commenced.

Throughout the week, Latrobe's little adventurers participated in many events, such as Messy Play Monday (March 17) at Morwell Town Common, Stem in the Park Tuesday at Newman Park, Traralgon, and Little Explorers Adventure Friday at Apex Park in Moe.

Families took time to participate in local pop-ups brought to them by Playgroup Victoria.

Each pop-up shared different activities for littlies to enjoy, such as playing with play dough, painting,

dolls, science experiments and sand play. Each activity allowed children to get hands-on experience and socialise with other children their age.

There is currently 32 playgroups in the Latrobe Valley area: 15 community and 17 supported groups. Recently, a new playgroup was launched in Moe.

Another new addition to Playgroup Victoria is the Great Start Program, a perpetual fund that provides ongoing support for new community playgroups.

To keep little hands busy, Playgroup Victoria is encouraging people to look for other local pop-ups and STEM sessions throughout the area.

To stay informed about more events with Playgroup Victoria, go to: playgroup.org.au/find/

St Joseph's running riot

ST JOSEPH'S Primary School, Traralgar held its annual athletics carnival at the Geoff Watt Memorial Track, Warragul.

Students were divided into four house colors and represented their team as they participated in a number of athletic events.

The day started with a whole school warm up to music led by Mia Scalon from 'You and Me'

Fitness Group, based in Traralgar.

Students then participated in running events including hurdles, sprints and 200 metres. After this, students rotated around field events including high jump, discuss, and ball games.

Teacher Taryn Maxwell-Garratt organised the day for the school community, and a fabulous time was had by all.



Gathered: St Joseph's Primary School, Traralgar Grade 5/6 girls Zarah, Lilly, Maycee, Aleyah, Eleanor, Matilda and Pippa at the school's athletics carnival. Photograph supplied

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