



# THE WAY

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## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

### **The Manners Matter focus this week was 'Being on time'**

Our focus topic last week in Junior school was 'being on time', whether that be to College, class lessons or to one of our before College programs such as Junior Concert Band or sports training. Being on time is respectful and means we do not miss even one minute of learning- every minute matters!

We can encourage students to be prepared, packed and ready for the day ahead by using weekly planners, timers or even visual reminders on what to pack the night before College. Please partner with us to ensure all students are arriving on time as this gives them a calm start to the day. Not to mention, good role modelling!

### **Grandparents Day**

Our Grandparents Day a few weeks ago was a huge success, with close to 700 Grandparents in attendance. Highlights included special student performances and the College Cheer Group, classroom visits and exploring our bookfair. We are so thankful to the many families who attended and shared this day with their grandchildren.

### **2024 Orientations**

We held our Kindergarten orientation sessions last week for new students joining us in 2024 and they were alongside our current prep students moving into Kindergarten. There were many happy

and excited faces who were eager to explore our classrooms, meet our Kindy teachers and make some new friends. This week we also will welcome our new Prep families for their Orientation. This is a new chapter for families and an exciting opportunity for our incoming youngest learners to have a taste of what is to come and be filled with wonder and develop a sense of belonging – the start of their ‘big school’ journey. I’m excited for you to connect with us and see all that Thomas Hassall has to offer.

#### **Year 4 Band Performance**

Our Year 4 Band program has been a great success and was great to see all of the Year 4 students showcase their skills and demonstrate their growth and effort during our end year performance today. It was wonderful having so many parents attend as well.

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Deputy Principal & Head of Junior School

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