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Newsletter
P & C meets
every third Wednesday of the month
Principal's message

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

A note has gone home this week regarding the organisation for this annual event. We would love to see you. If you require a snack before the meeting starts, please return the sausage sizzle form so we can cater for you.

CLASSES

Classes are set now for this year. We have 23 classes – increasing by one class this year. Our current enrolment is 582 students.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop opened this week. The opening hours, uniform price list and order forms are on the school website and were sent home last week.

Remember…..the rejuvenated HPPS uniform is not compulsory until the beginning of 2015.

School shoes: school uniform requires students to wear black leather school shoes except on sports day. Teachers will be monitoring this and reminding students to wear full school uniform.

Jewellery: earrings are studs or sleepers. No “bling” for school. Necklaces are to be worn under school uniform. If these are excessive in length and are considered a safety issue, your child will be asked to remove the necklace and put in their schoolbag. Necklaces with religious significance should have small size adornments. Expensive jewellery is encouraged to be kept at home. The school will not be responsible for lost or broken jewellery.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This Thursday is our swimming carnival for years 3-6 and for year 2 students who turn 8 this year. It is a compulsory day for students to attend, unless they are sick or have been granted leave by the Principal. If your child cannot swim, they must still attend. There will be other activities for them to participate in. All teachers for these students will be at the swimming carnival.

Students cannot stay at school as there will be no supervision for them. The K, year 1 and 2 teachers will have their own classes and will not be supervising other students.

COMMUNICATION

This information is for parents and families who are new to our school and will serve as a reminder for all other families.

The school communicates in several ways:

1 – The fortnightly newsletter. One copy is given to each family.

2 – School website. There are often updates on the front page and other interesting information which the DEC (Department of Education and Communities) updates regularly. The newsletter is also on the website.

3 – Notes that are sent home with your child.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year the school sets a nominal amount for voluntary contributions. These are not school fees. School fees in high school are compulsory. Primary schools are not allowed to charge compulsory fees. We run the school with a sound financial background overseen by the finance committee comprising of the Principal, Deputy Principal and the School Administrative Manager. The school budget is set at the beginning of each year and is presented to the community at the first Parents and Citizens meeting of each year.
The voluntary contributions are relied upon to assist all students in the school. This year the school will subsidize a new online literacy program which will be available for all students to access quality, individualised homework tasks. In future years we will need to replace and maintain air-conditioning units throughout the school. Voluntary contributions go towards this. The goal for this year is $5000. The costs are as follows:

Single child - $ 50.00
Two or more children - $ 70.00

At the beginning of term 2 we will have a draw for all families who have paid: The prizes will be 1 x $100 and 2 x $50 uniform gift vouchers.

PARENTS & CITIZENS MEETING

HPPS P&C meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm. This meeting is open to everyone. You can attend occasionally or regularly. It is entirely up to you. The P&C value your input.

CHILD PROTECTION AND PARENTS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Part of the role of all teachers in our school is Child Protection. We are finding that many parents are coming to school during the day and not signing in. This might be to see how their children are, to give them a special delivery of lunch, etc. After this newsletter, all parents will be required to sign in at the office. We expect that students will have their lunch with them or a lunch order. Parents do not need to bring food to school for them.

Many parents are arriving at school far too early to wait to collect their children. We understand that parking is at a premium but having parents on the school grounds from 2.00pm is a child protection issue. We cannot be expected to monitor everyone who enters the school grounds early and therefore cannot carry out our Duty of Care effectively. The school bell rings at 3.00pm. Parents are asked not to enter the school grounds until 2.45pm. This will be enforced from next week, Monday 18 February when parents will be asked to wait outside the school gates until 2.45pm. If you are required occasionally to be on school grounds before 2.45pm, or are a parent helper, please sign in the Visitors Book at the office.

OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS IN THE MORNING

The area between the office block and the hall and canteen is an out of bounds area. Children are waiting with parents in the morning in this area. This is becoming an issue when other students are coming up to visit their friends. Please ask your child to go into the school playground upon arrival at school.

HOMEWORK 2013

This year we are following a K-6 approach to homework. Homework will not be individual sheets or spelling lists. Students will be set individualised Mathletics and Reading Eggs tasks each week as well as daily reading practice. Stage 3 will have additional project based tasks each semester. This will be addressed at stage meetings at Meet the Teacher evening. This will provide more individualised homework which will be more beneficial for students.

Have a good fortnight,
Kylie Donovan

PRINCIPAL

Classroom Helpers

We would also like to invite any parents/carers to come at anytime and help teachers in classrooms. We need helpers to assist students in reading, writing, speech programs, social skills and fine motor skills programs. It may not be in your child’s class but we have many students who will benefit from your support.

Please call the office and register for our classroom helper program giving days and times you are available and we will contact you.

Thank you for your support.
Rhonda Pastor and Violetta Reppas
(Learning and Support Teachers)
### Upcoming events – Term 1

#### Week 3
- **Feb 14**: Swimming carnival
- **Feb 15**: K-2 assembly – 2.10pm

#### Week 4
- **Feb 19**: Meet the teacher night (bbq)
- **Feb 19**: Gymnastics
- **Feb 20**: P & C meeting
- **Feb 21**: 3-6 assembly – 2.10pm

#### Week 5
- **Feb 26**: Gymnastics
- **Feb 28**: Scripture begins
- **Feb 28**: K-2 assembly – 2.10pm
- **March 1**: PSSA begins – round 1

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### MULTILIT Reading Program

We are having a parent tutor training workshop on Tuesday 26th February at 2 pm in Support Room 2.

We will be training parents in the MULTILIT (Making Up Lost Time In Literacy) Program.

This is a very effective reading tutor program which requires each student to work at least 3 times a week one on one with a trained tutor or teacher. The students will develop their fluency and accuracy with reading and spelling. For this program to be successful we require more parents to help and we would really appreciate your support.

If you could spare 1 hour a week please come along and learn more about the program. You would also be learning some useful strategies to help your own children with their reading and writing. Please call the office and let us know if you can come along as we will be providing light refreshments.

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### FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA

We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to the families who attend your school.

We would be most obliged if you could advise the parents and carers about our free service in your school newsletter and include a link to our website on the links page of your website.

We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at [www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au](http://www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au) to assess the suitability of including our website on your links page. If you are happy to include a link to our website we would be most grateful if you do so by arranging for your webmaster to post the following code:

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<a href="http://familylawmattersaustralia.com.au" title="Family Law Network Australia - Where you find information on separation and divorce, parenting arrangements, property settlement and child support">Family Law Network Australia</a>
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We thank you in anticipation of your assistance and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries I can be contacted on 044 814 8145.

Best regards

**Julie Dye**


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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year 2013, hope you all had a nice holiday. We still have Tuna Sushi in our menu as a “green” food. It is currently selling for $2.80 per roll or you can get Sushi and salad for $4.20. Please note the food on the list has different letter classifications indicating healthy choice foods, eat sometimes foods and Halal. The G on the menu indicates a green food and can be eaten every day. The A on the menu indicates an amber food which should be eaten occasionally. The H on the menu indicates that the food is Halal. As per usual our breakfast program continues, so please encourage your children to choose the healthier option. Check with your child for the new ‘Healthy Choice’ canteen list as every child will be given a copy soon.

Thank you for your continual support and make a healthy choice.

Julio and Susana

Canteen Managers
Our school is supporting and implementing Crunch & Sip in all classrooms this year.

What is Crunch&Sip®?
Crunch&Sip® is a set break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon – assisting physical and mental performance and concentration.

Cool Kids Crunch&Sip®!
Don’t forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch&Sip® everyday!

Fruit Salad... Yummy Yummy!
Fruit salad is a great idea for Crunch&Sip®, full of colour, flavour and nutrients.
Why not chop up your child’s favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container. Don’t forget a fork!

Why have Crunch&Sip®?
Crunch&Sip® encourages fruit and vegetable snacking and drinking water. Schools model healthy eating in the classroom, reinforcing the nutrition curriculum. The Crunch&Sip® break gives children the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox or not be eaten at all.

What can parents do?
For the Crunch&Sip® break parents will need to provide their children with:
• An extra piece of fruit or salad vegetables to eat in the classroom
• A small clear plastic water bottle to keep in the classroom
The Crunch&Sip® break does not replace fruit and vegetables eaten at recess or lunch.

Is dried fruit OK for Crunch&Sip®?
Although fresh fruit is the best choice, a small amount of dried fruit (eg sultanas or apricots) is an acceptable Crunch&Sip® option.
Dried fruit tends to cling to the teeth, so is best eaten with a meal or when a toothbrush is handy.
NOTE fruit strips, bars or rolls are NOT permitted as they contain large amounts of sugar.