

# Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 2, February 10th 2017



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## From the Principal Team

Dear Families

### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our grade 3-6 students who took part in the House Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Despite the very hot conditions, the carnival was a great success. It was terrific to see our students all decked out in their house colors and practicing sun smart behaviours. There was a great atmosphere and house spirit as students joined in house chants and supported their team mates. Thank you to our staff who assisted with marshalling, timing and crowd control at the event and to the parents who attended to support their child/children. Special thanks to Nick Dinnison (PE Teacher) for organising the event in such a short space of time and for his coordination on the day ensuring all went so smoothly.

The swimming team will be announced in the coming days with presentations to be made at next Monday's assembly.

### Parent Partnerships

Positive home-school partnerships are highly valued here at Hawthorn West Primary School and we encourage you to take the opportunity to introduce yourself to your child's teacher if you have not had the chance to do so yet. This year there will be many opportunities for you to engage with the HWPS community including:

*Meet the Teacher Open Evening* on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and explore the new learning community.

*Compass*: This is our main communication portal between home and school. Please check your Compass login details are updated and correct. If you require any assistance contact our office.

*Newsletter*: The newsletter is a weekly communication tool that focuses on whole school events, celebrations and important changes in our environment. It is uploaded via Compass every Friday. It can also be accessed on our tiqbiz app and our website at [www.hawthornwestps.vic.edu.au](http://www.hawthornwestps.vic.edu.au). Please read it carefully each week so you can be fully informed about everything happening in our busy school. We also send out messages via Compass & our tiqbiz apps, both of which can be downloaded onto your phone or tablet.

*Parent Representatives*: We are seeking enthusiastic parents to take on the role of Parent Representative for their child's home room and /or learning community. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of our great HWPS community and stay connected with the school, fellow parents and the students in your child's Year Level. If you are interested in being involved send an email to [hawthorn.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hawthorn.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

*School Directory* The School Directory will be distributed to families next week.

Finally, we encourage you to regularly check the school website where you can access up to date information on school events to ensure you are taking the opportunity to share in your child's schooling.

### Parking / Pick-up & Drop-Off

A timely reminder to everyone to please follow all road rules during drop-off and pick-up times. The safety of all students is paramount during the congested before and after school periods.

Under no circumstances should parents and / or children use the staff car park to enter or leave our school without prior arrangement with the office. It is extremely dangerous with cars reversing out of parking spaces.

### School Council

The first School Council meeting for 2017 is scheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm. This meeting is for the 2016 Council members. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2016 School Council members and members of the subcommittees for their commitment to HWPS. Their input is very much appreciated and together we have achieved great outcomes for the school.

### School Uniform - Wow!

It has been terrific to see all our students all decked out in full school uniform (including their school hat) for the start of the new school year.

Warm Regards, Glenys and Justine

## Calendar Dates

### February

Wed 15th	No Foundation students at HWPS
Thurs 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet the Teacher Open Evening, 6:00pm (students &amp; parents both welcome), classrooms</li> <li>• School Council meeting, 7:00pm, LRC</li> </ul>
Fri 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running Club, 8:00am, St James Park</li> <li>• Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports, 9:00am - 10:40am, various locations</li> </ul>
Mon 20th	Kew District Swimming Carnival
Wed 22nd	No Foundation students at HWPS
Tues 28th	CSEF applications due into the office

### March

Wed 1st	No Foundation students at HWPS
Wed 8th	No Foundation students at HWPS
Wed 15th	School photos, 8:30am - 2:30pm
Wed 22nd	School photos re-take for absent students
Tues 28th	Parent Teacher conversations, classrooms, 3:45pm - 7:30pm
Thurs 30th	Parent Teacher conversations, classrooms, 3:45pm - 7:30pm
Fri 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lapathon</li> <li>• Last day Term 1, 2:30pm dismissal</li> </ul>

#### REMINDER:

All Outside Provider programs will start at HWPS next week on the day that they are usually

scheduled. If you have any questions about these programs, please contact the school office.

## 2017 Contact Lists

In 2017 we will be distributing a school directory and class contact lists in an electronic form. **Entry in these lists is optional.** The lists will contain names, email addresses and phone numbers. Each year, we are using an opt out system.

If you would like your contact details to be included in these lists, PLEASE DO NOTHING FURTHER IN COMPASS.

If you would like to **opt out and do not want your details included** in the 2017 HWPS school directory or class lists, please progress

through the course confirmation process on Compass.

If you do continue through this process, your details **WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN ANY PUBLISHED LISTS.**

Once these lists are published in week 3, they are final and will not be re-distributed if you change your mind about your details being included.

Please ensure that your email addresses & mobile phone numbers are up to date in Compass as this is where the data for these contact lists is collected.

Dear Parents,

We would like to ask for your co-operation in an important matter.

One of the children at your school is receiving medical treatment, which puts them at risk if they develop chicken pox or measles. The risk for this child can be reduced by receiving a special injection as soon as possible after coming in contact with these illnesses.

It is very important therefore, that you let us know immediately if your child develops chicken pox or measles by email Millie on [angliss.millicent.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:angliss.millicent.m@edumail.vic.gov.au).

This is so that the child at risk receives the protective injection at the earliest opportunity. This protection lasts for a few weeks only, and must be repeated every time they come into contact with these illnesses.

Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well being of one of his/her classmates does depend on your help and cooperation.

With many thanks.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund To be eligible you must be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or be a temporary foster parent. **You must submit your application to the school absolutely no later than 28th February.** Late applications will not be accepted by the Department of Education and Training (DET). You will need to re-apply this year, even if you were eligible last

year. Please [click here](#) to download a form. \$125 is for primary students and can contribute towards the cost of any camps, sports or excursions. Any money remaining from last year, is added to this year's amount. If you need any help with this, just ask at the Office. School Council Elections All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. School Councils are legally formed.

There is interest in a new basketball team starting up for grade 5/6 boys. If your child is keen to join the team, please contact Karl Divers at [karldivers@hotmail.com](mailto:karldivers@hotmail.com) to register your interest.



## Icypole Roster - Term 1, 2017

Every Thursday lunchtime at Hawthorn West Primary School icypoles are available for all students to purchase. The cost of icypoles is \$1 each.

We require 2 parent volunteers each week to run the icypole sales. You can roster on once a year, once a term or as many times as you like. This is a fun, quick and easy way to get involved and help out. This year you can sign up online for the dates that suit. (Note: This is a change from previous years where parents volunteered and were then rostered on).

Volunteering involves:

- arriving approx. 15 minutes prior to lunchtime to set up (collect and sort icypoles from the freezer)
- selling icypoles for 20-30 minutes

- counting and bagging the money and submitting it to the school office

**Location:** HWPS - next to the BBQ

**\*\*\* To volunteer, please [click here](#)**

