Dear Families,

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome our community into our school on Tuesday as part of our Education Week celebrations. The learning communities were humming with much chatter and laughter as our visiting mums, dads, grandparents and special friends joined their children and grandchildren to solve different problems as part of ‘Maths in Action’.

Yesterday we opened our school for prospective 2017 families. The visitors were entertained by our Senior Choir who performed a beautiful rendition of ‘He Lives in You’ from the Lion King and our Rock Band who performed an excellent version of ‘Heroes’ by David Bowie. Our School Captains (Chloe and Darcy) confidently shared their reflections of learning at Hawthorn West and were joined by Charlotte, Grace, Patrick and Radit from Foundation who shared some experiences of being a Foundation student at Hawthorn West. Our Grade 6 leaders conducted informative tours with small groups of parents, introducing them to our Hawthorn West learning communities. Our visitors were then invited to join us for a morning tea in the hall at 10:30am. We have had incredibly positive feedback from our visitors acknowledging the welcoming and engaging learning environment at HWPS and thanking the school leaders for the informative tours they conducted and the polite and respectful manner in which they assisted everyone. Thank you also to the Foundation parents who assisted with the morning tea in each day – setting up the area and providing scrumptious goodies to eat.

Education Week has provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase the exciting programs and learning happening at Hawthorn West Primary School.

Grade 3/4 Camp

We waved goodbye to our Grade 3/4 students, their teachers (Catherine, Daniel, Emily, Sheridan. Tom and Tracey) and parent helpers (Michelle, Ngamoana, Karl, Karen, Amanda, Anthony, Chloe) as they headed off to Camp Arrabri on Wednesday morning. There was lots of excited chatter, and hugs as the students packed their belongings in the hold and boarded the bus.

The Camp program is an integral part of our school curriculum and enables students to explore, extend and enrich their learning, and social skills (independence, leadership and teamwork) in a different setting. Students are encouraged to participate and collaborate with their peers and explore a range of new and sometimes challenging experiences. Camp Arrabri is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn and develop in a safe and structured environment supported by their teachers and parent volunteers.

Boroondara Network Conference

We will be attending the Boroondara Principals Network Conference next week. The conference is in Marysville and runs from Wednesday through to Friday. The theme for this conference is ‘Leading Change and Developing Deeper Learning for all Students’ and Simon Breakspear will be the major conference presenter. Principals and Assistant Principals from Department of Education and Training (DET) schools (including all primary, secondary and special schools) in the Boroondara network are involved in the conference. During this time Melissa Bull and Daniel Vuik will share the Acting Principal role.

Working Bee – Thank you

It was a perfect day for the working bee held last Saturday. We had an enthusiastic and hard working group of families attend and many tasks were completed ensuring our school looks great, provides a safe environment for our children and continues to be a focus of strong community pride. Thanks also to the families that supplied morning tea - a delicious bonus for the team. Thank you to the Buildings and Grounds Committee led by Cherie Lee, Nick Somes, Rochelle Rudduck and Graeme Campbell, who take responsibility for keeping our grounds in great shape and continue to consider ways that our school environment can be improved and developed.

Congratulations to:

- Lachie Rolton who played on Saria’s Song the keyboard at assembly.
- Our Grade 6 leaders for their thorough preparation, confident and articulate presentations and their enthusiastic and welcoming approach to meeting and greeting visiting families.

Warm Regards, Glenys and Justine
**Calendar Dates**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS: Consent / payment due dates:**

- Disco, [www.trybooking.com/LFYR](http://www.trybooking.com/LFYR), closes 2:00pm, Wednesday 1st June
- Grade 5/6 Ian Potter Centre: NGV excursion, [Compass](http://Compass), due Monday 23rd May
- Grade 5/6 ISS: HWPS vs Kew East PS, [Compass](http://Compass), due Wednesday 25th May
- Boroondara Division Cross Country, [Compass](http://Compass), due Tuesday 31st May
- Foundation - Grade 6 Incursion, Little Devils circus, [Compass](http://Compass), due Tuesday 14th June

**Parent Forum– Student Engagement and Wellbeing**

This year we will be running a variety of forums to gather parent feedback.

The focus of our first forum will be student engagement and wellbeing. The feedback from this forum will assist us in developing the Student Engagement and Wellbeing policy.

Increasing the active engagement of each student in their learning and enhancing the wellbeing of all students in the school are the goals outlined in our Strategic Plan.

In alignment with the AIP, we are in the initial stages of auditing and developing a consistent whole school approach to student wellbeing that develops resilient and socially responsible students who are connected with the school and wider community, including behaviour management strategies as well as an agreement of what quality student engagement looks like at HWPS.

This will be an ongoing project for 2016 and into 2017.

In developing a consistent approach we are seeking feedback at a **Parent Forum on Monday 30th May straight after assembly in the LRC.**

Topics to be discussed include:

- Social and emotional learning
- Student safety
- Behaviour Management
- Student Connectedness
- Transitions
- School culture and Values

If you are able to come to the forum please RSVP to Justine at [hawthorn.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hawthorn.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Kind regards, Justine Poulter and Melissa Bull
During terms 2 and 3 all students will participate in a circus skills program run by Little Devils Circus.

The skills covered during their weekly 50 minute session will prepare them for our school performance, ‘Clowning Around,’ on Tuesday 23rd August at Kew High School.

The cost of the 9 week incursion is $65, this includes all costs leading up to the school performance.

Students will work with a trainer at each weekly session and be supplied with all equipment and props required.

Students will learn to juggle, manage devil sticks, spin plates, ribbons and much more.

Terrific video footage showcasing examples of performances can be viewed on the Little Devils website [http://littledevilscircus.com.au](http://littledevilscircus.com.au)
At HWPS we care. We are safe, responsible, honest, respectful and ready to learn.

03.06.16
FOUNDATION—GRADE 2
6.15—7.30PM
GRADE 3—GRADE 6
7.45—9.00PM

2016

ENTRY INCLUDING
GLOW DISCO
GOODIE BAG

$12.50
ICECREAM EXTRA $2.50

HWPS KIDS’ DISCO
DROP OFF MEMORIAL HALL DENHAM STREET
PUNCTUAL PICK UP WOOD HALL, WOOD STREET

DJ MUSIC
SUITED TO ALL AGES

GLOW DISCO GOODIE BAG
DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS
DURING SCHOOL HOURS
ON FRIDAY 03 JUNE

DRESS DISCO
ROCK YOUR SOCKS

ENQUIRIES
GISELE SILK
0417 340 774
MICHELLE MCINTOSH
0425 727 576

CHILDREN MUST BE SIGNED IN/OUT
HWPS STUDENTS ONLY

TINY TYPE:
PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE QUALITY OF ALL DANCE MOVES
PERFORMED ON THE NIGHT

TICKETS TRYBOOKING.COM/LFYR BEFORE 2.00PM 01 JUNE 2016
Disco fever is in the air........

Dancing is thirsty work and in our efforts to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE, we would like all children to bring along their own labelled drink bottle on the night. We will have water dispensers available in the hall so that the children will be able to refill their drink bottles if they need to.

There will not be any food available at the disco so please ensure your children have something to eat before hand.

Children can be dropped off by signing in, and picked up by signing out at the end of their session time.
Disco will be fully supervised throughout the night.
(Parents are welcome to stay if they would like to)

The Hall will be dark as we will be having disco lights so please prepare your children especially the foundation kids.

We look forward to seeing the kids under the mirror ball.........

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**Working Bee 1 – It was glorious**

Much thanks to the Foundation parents, other parents, children, staff who pitched in for the first working bee of the year held on Saturday 14 May. We had great weather and an amazing turnout. The results have set the bar high for 2016.

Completed tasks on the day include cutting and fitting of fence palings, painting over graffiti along the extent of the external retaining wall, beautiful native planting, removing 3 self-seeded trees beginning to impact on the retaining wall, topping up all the sandpits, hazard check + removal, raking of the soft fall mulch under the play areas, cleaning drinking fountains, weeding the strip adjacent to Wood Street, weeding pruning and mulching in the sustainable garden. Importantly we’ve also got the expertise there to discuss and progress the next wave of projects. Again, much thanks to our enthusiastic workers!

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**Notices:**

If you would like to find out more about the B&G committee including collaborating on the plans for 2016 we would love to talk to you (Cherie 0457559150). Everyone’s involvement is welcome.

If you are a plumber in the school community who would be able to provide B&G community generic advice on some drainage issues we would love to hear from you.

Also, did you lose any money on the day of the working bee? I was lucky enough to pick up some cash. If this was you, give me a call.
Thank you to Glenferrie Meats for their generous donations to our sausage sizzles. Please support this worthwhile business.

A community event hosted by:

Hawthorn Early Years

OPEN DAY
Saturday 21st May
10.00am - 12.00pm

Come and view our facilities

Talk to our team of educators about how we facilitate educational programs where children “Learn through Play”

Sausage sizzle provided!

Children’s experiences include: Animal Farm, Face Painting and much more @ 10.30am

Don’t forget to download the tiqbiz app on your mobile device so you can stay on top of HWPS events & receive alerts 24 hours prior to the event!
Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for bringing recyclable items to OSH, we would like you to keep doing it. We would also like to remind you that Osh offers two sessions during the day. Before School care and After School care. At BSC we provide breakfast for the kiddies and different activities before taking them to school; and ASC we provide afternoon snack and various activities for the children to participate in before going home.

Thanks, Rosie

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Icy Pole Roster:

May 26th
Michelle Bruce
Felicity Ludeman