Dear Families,

**Student Attitudes to School Data**
This week we received the results of ‘Attitudes to School’ survey that our grade 5/6 students completed in May this year. The survey data assists us to gain an understanding of students’ perceptions and their experiences of school. It provides us with valuable data on students’ views of their wellbeing, teaching, learning, and school in general.

We are thrilled to announce that the 2016 results are outstanding in all categories. We would like to thank our committed and passionate teachers, parent community and our fabulous students in achieving this tremendous result. We are still in the process of digesting the fantastic results and will give you a more in-depth summary next week.

**Awesome Authors**
The finale of the Grade 5/6 Poetry unit was the Poetry Slam - a poetry recital competition that most of the grade 5/6 students participated in at the end of last term.

The winners of the Poetry Slam (Leanne and Harris) confidently performed their original poems for us at our assembly on Monday. What talented authors we have at Hawthorn West.

**I Was Once A Refugee**
*Leanne (5/6B)*

I was once a refugee  
Stuck in a cage of fear  
I've put my life on the line  
And death was always near  

I was with my mum  
And my dad had tipped the bucket  
Both of us sat trembling  
Not knowing what would hit us  

I sit and question myself  
What does my future hold?  
And yet the answer's unknown  
I have to stand bold

But then my eyes catch the sight  
Of a shore stretch in front  
Blue seas, glistening sand  
I only manage to stand there in awe  
I can't believe it  
Here I am!  

I took a big risk  
I risked my whole life  
But yet,  
I held my head high  
I was once a desperate  
I was once a refugee

The journey took weeks  
What felt like a million years  
Drowning in a pool of despair  
And my thoughts just were not clear

**Steph Curry**
*Harris (5/6M)*
Poppin’ them threes,  
Doing it with ease.  
Criss-Cross Lebron,  
Make him trip over his knees.

Running down the sideline, tuning on the jets  
About to splash at three against the Brooklyn Nets.  
Sweat dripping quickly down my leg  
Dribble past defenders, now comes a meg!

Should I pass it off, or keep it in my hands?  
I can’t make up my mind, I should listen to the fans!  
Catching the ball from Marresse Speights  
Crossover’, they look like they’re on skates!

The game is tied, very intense  
We need to score, but we’re on defence.  
I can smell overtime, we need to win  
Tasting victory, so we can bring home the ring!

We had won the game! The crowd roars!  
Spraying Champagne! Shaking the floors!  
Holding the trophy, I think I’m not breathin’  
Now we’re the Champs!  
Let’s get ready for next season

**Working Bee – Attention all Grade 1/2 Families**
Our next working bee will be held next Sunday 7th August from 9:30am – 12:30pm

Please keep this day free so that we can have as many hands on deck as possible to complete the identified tasks and ensure that our school playground is both attractive and safe for our students.

Warm Regards,

Glenys & Justine
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Calendar Dates

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UPCOMING EVENTS: Consent / payment due dates:

Grade 3/4 Hooptime, [Compass](#), due Monday 25th July

Grade 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival, [Compass](#), due Friday 29th July

Grade 5/6 Camp, [Compass](#), due Wednesday 3rd August

Tournament of Minds, [Compass](#), due Tuesday 16th August

Foundation Dad's Drinks:

Date: Thursday 18 August

Time: 7:00pm onwards

Location: Elgin Inn, 75 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

Invitees: Dads of kids in Foundation

RSVP: not required, just come along, food available to order
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**Sister School News – Kamariya Elementary in Yokohama**

It is only three weeks until our two visitors from Kamariya Elementary School in Japan arrive. Their names are Chihiro and Shota and they will be staying with their host families Nikki and Antosha. This is a great opportunity for all our students to showcase our school values by being curious, confident and connected towards our visitors and making them feel welcome. We would like to encourage our students to take the opportunity to practice their Japanese with our two visitors and further learn about life and culture in Japan.

**Grade 5/6 Learning Community**

By Charli L 5/6W

We recently received new furniture in the grade five and six area. There are many different seating plans because, as you know, all people learn in different ways.

In the classrooms we have booths, they're for more independent learners. We have happy stools and because they move around they are great for people who like to wiggle. There are also some chairs that have indents in them so you can sit on them frontwards or backwards.

In the five and six classrooms there are new tables - round ones, squiggly shaped ones and high tables so you can stand to do your work.

In the ‘Breakout Space” we have a whole bunch of new beanbags and in Melinda and Will's classrooms there are two new T.V’s.

All the five and six students had a big input into the purchase of the new furniture with their ideas. A special thanks goes to the 5/6 teachers for all their help win organising this, the parents for their wonderful donations and Glenys for the marvelous budget.

We love our new furniture!!
Dear Parents:
We would like to remind you to do your bookings 24 hours before the select session this prevents you from receiving a Late Booking Fee, and also enable us to request more staff if needed.
We would also like to let you know that, in conjunction with AFL Victoria and as part of OSH Club’s After School Care students can now enrol in a 6 week AFL program. Children who are not currently enrolled in after school care can also join the program.

The Play On Footy program is designed to be fun and appealing to both girls and boys. This program is ideally suited for Prep-3rd Grade children (this does not mean we will not accept older children, but let them know it is more of a beginners level footy)

The Play On Footy program will be managed by fully qualified coaches that have all the necessary experience and skills to deliver an AFL endorsed program, powered by NAB AFL Auskick.

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**Green Leggings**
To purchase green leggings, please go to:
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Schools with Students Participating in the Spectacular

Victorian State Schools Spectacular – Get your tickets!

We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the 2016 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: The Elements.

This year’s Spectacular will be held at Hisense Arena on Saturday 10 September, with two shows at 1pm and 6:30pm. The three-hour Spectacular will be filmed for broadcast by Channel 7.

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure discounted tickets.

Talented young skaters, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student’s performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals.

Discount Early Bird tickets for the Spectacular will be available for 11 days only from 10am on Friday 3 June. Standard ticket prices will apply then.

Early Bird tickets – available for one week only from 10am on Friday 3 June

Adult – $35
Child Under 15 – $18
Concession – $30

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

General Admission tickets – available from 9am on Tuesday 14 June

Adult – $40
Concession – $30
Child Under 15 – $20

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketek.com.au or phone Ticketek on 132 849.

For more information about the event and program, go to the Spectacular Facebook and website page:

https://www.facebook.com/performingartsunit

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