Dear Families,

Today we say farewell to Hayley Jones (FD) who is commencing Family Leave awaiting the birth of her first child. We would like to thank Hayley for the enthusiastic and passionate approach she has brought to her teaching and for her commitment, hard work and inspirational leadership during her time at Hawthorn West. We wish Hayley and her partner Michael all the very best for this exciting new chapter in their lives. Emily Razay, who will be teaching FD, has spent this week working alongside Hayley and is very excited about teaching at Hawthorn West for the remainder of the year.

Parent Partnerships - Student Led Conferences
Our students are currently preparing for Student Led Conferences which will be held during the last week of term (Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th September). These conferences form part of our reporting to parents plan. The Student Led Conferences are designed to reflect a progression of student learning - highlighting significant achievements and sharing future learning goals. Over the next couple of weeks we will outline further details about the planned Student Led Conferences. Bookings will open on Compass in the week commencing 22nd August.

‘Self-reporting is the most powerful indicator of student success in learning.’ (Hattie, 2009).

National ‘Support Staff’ Week
Next week is National Support Staff Week and we would like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge the magnificent efforts and contributions that our Support staff make to the Hawthorn West Primary School community. Our Support Staff are a vital link in the delivery of public education and an integral part of our staff team. They fulfil a range of important support roles and play a pivotal role ensuring the smooth operation of our school.
Business Manager – Linda Hudson;
Administration Staff – Ann Hislop and Millie Angliss;
Integration Aides – Sandy Paice, Mary Christophidis, and Leah Khanlarian;
ICT Support – Ashley Flentjar

We thank them all for their commitment to our school and the wonderful work they do to support our school community.

School Performance – Clowing Around
Our action packed circus performance will kick off in less than 2 weeks. There has been lots of hardwork, energy, laughter and guidance as our students practise their newly developed skills in readiness for the big performance. The Circus program has provided our students with the opportunity to build their confidence through learning new techniques and tricks, collaborate as part of a team and demonstrate resilience as they acquire new skills.

The event has been posted on COMPASS and you will receive an email with rehearsal and ticket purchase details. We are looking forward to a fabulous evening of fun and skilful entertainment.

Victorian State School Spectacular
We are thrilled that our students once again have the opportunity to be involved in this most amazing annual event. This year we have 20 Grade 5/6 students in the Mass Choir.
The children have been practising feverishly for the performance and have attended two rehearsals already.
This year’s Spectacular is being held on Saturday 10th September and we encourage interested families to purchase tickets (from Ticketek) as soon as possible as places are now limited.

Special thanks to the following staff who are leading or assisting with the Mass Choir: Brianna McIntrye, Catherine Wilton, Katherine Muir, Georgia Wilkinson and Emily Mignot.

We look forward to sharing some of the songs and additional news as we prepare the students for the State School Spectacular.

Congratulations to:
Three of our grade 5/6 students, Charlie, Josh and Zach, have formed a rock band - Train Jam. They performed one of their original musical compositions at assembly on Monday which was exciting. They had the audience rocking to the beat. What a talented trio!

Warm Regards,
Glenys and Justine

From the Principal Team
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**Calendar Dates**

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| Thurs 18th | • Pyjama Day, gold coin donation for Médecines Sans Frontié  
            | • Foundation Dad’s drinks, 7:00pm, Elgin Inn                                               |
| Fri 19th   | Kew Division T-Ball, 9:00am - 2:00pm, Hislop Park, Balwyn North                           |
| Sun 21st   | Book Week                                                                                 |
| Sat 20th & Sun 21st | Tournament of Minds, 9:00am - 3:00pm, Deakin University, Burwood                         |
| Mon 22nd   | Grade 5/6 ‘Wearable Art’ Catwalk in assembly, 9:00am                                      |
| Thurs 25th | • Final rehearsal, “Clowning Around”, Kew High School                                       |
|            | • Students with surnames M - Z : 9:30am - 12:30pm                                          |
|            | • Students with surnames A - L : 12:00pm - 3:30pm                                          |
|            | • School performance “Clowning Around”, Kew High School                                    |
|            | **CHANGE OF DATE                                                                          |
|            | • Families with surnames M - Z 6:00pm - 7:30pm                                            |
|            | • Families with surnames A - L 7:45pm - 9:00pm                                            |
| Fri 26th   | • Book Week Dress Up Day—dress up as your favourite book character!                        |
|            | • Kew District Athletics Carnival                                                         |
| Mon 29th - Fri 2nd | Grade 5/6 camp, Camp Howqua, Howqua                                                      |

### September

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| Wed 7th    | • Foundation 2017 Transition Program, 9:30am - 10:30am “Story Time & Activity” & Parents Meet & Greet  
            | • Grade 4/5/6 Maths Olympiad                                                              |
| Thurs 8th  | Father’s Day Breakfast, 7:30am - 8:50am                                                   |
|            | State School Spectacular rehearsal, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Hisense Arena                        |
| Fri 9th    | State School Spectacular rehearsal, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Hisense Arena                        |
| Sat 10th   | State School Spectacular performance, 1:00pm & 6:30pm, Hisense Arena                     |
| Sun 11th   | Grade 1/2 Working Bee, 9:30am - 12:30pm                                                  |
| Wed 14th   | Foundation 2017 Transition Program, 9:30am - 10:30am “Alphabet Fun”                      |
| Fri 16th   | Kaboom incursion                                                                          |
|            | Final day of term 3, **2:30pm dismissal**                                                 |

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

Tournament of Minds, [Compass](https://www.compass.com/), due Tuesday 16th August

Kew Division T-Ball, [Compass](https://www.compass.com/), due Wednesday 17th August

Clowning Around performance, [www.trybooking.com/MPOT](http://www.trybooking.com/MPOT), due Thursday 25th August

Father’s Day breakfast, [www.trybooking.com/MLYK](http://www.trybooking.com/MLYK), due 3:00pm, Monday 5th September
Experiences from our Japanese Host Families

Last week I was fortunate to host a student from Japanese sister school in Yokohama. Shota and I clicked as soon as we met. We had so much in common. Same age, dog lovers, we loved Maths and of course we adored Pokemon. Shota impressed me with his Kendo skills which he demonstrated in the LRC and during the week. Unfortunately I had to be the villain that he beat. Throughout the week he attended all the classes with me including the Athletics Day. Shota was excited to learn and embrace our ways of learning. What holiday would be without fun? Here we are in Healsville Sanctuary riding a giant Komodo Dragon. Guess what his favourite animal was?

THE TASMANIAN DEVIL!!
Antosha E 3/4T

I had a wonderful time with Chihiro from Kamariya primary school. We went to Melbourne zoo, shopping at Chadstone and enjoyed the Athletics day together. Chihiro's favourite animal is the Koala and she was very lucky to see a Koala eating Eucalyptus leaves. While she was staying here, she was courageous enough to try Vegemite and she said "it was yummy". I have exchanged email addresses and will keep in touch with her!

Nikki F 5/6W
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CLOWNING AROUND

H.W.P.S. SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Thursday 25th August

Renaissance Theatre, Kew High School
1393 Burke Rd, Kew East VIC 3102

* Families with surnames M - Z 6:00pm - 7:30pm
* Families with surnames A - L 7:45pm - 9:00pm

Tickets: www.trybooking.com/MPOT

The HWPS Father’s Day Breakfast will be held again this year on Thursday 8th September.

Invite Dad, Grandad, Step-Dad, or a special person before school to celebrate Father’s Day.

Thursday 8th September
7:30am – 8:50am

Pancakes from the Little Dutch Pancake Man (with choice of 3 toppings) + orange juice $8
Egg and Bacon Roll + orange juice $5

The Little Coffee Van will be there again serving a range of hot beverages too! (cash on the morning)

Book via TryBooking http://www.trybooking.com/MLYK

Bookings close Monday 5th Sept at 3pm (for catering purposes - no late orders accepted)

Any queries contact Lisa Johns 0415 149 158
We’re looking forward to seeing you there!
Dear Parents,

We would like to remind parents that we are happy to receive recycling items, boxes, and bottles of any type.

We would also like to remind parents to please book the kiddies into OSH in advance. We appreciate and thank those parents who do their bookings at the beginning of each term. KEEP UP THE GOOD JOB ;)

We are constantly working to improve our service, so please let us know if you have any enquiries or suggestions.

Next Week’s Activities

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Pyjama Day!

Pyjamas! They come in all different shapes and sizes. Green, yellow, red, some with dots while others have stripes. On Thursday 18th August, we are asking all children to come to school in their own pyjamas. Now there’s one day in the week that there won’t be the late morning rush and we can also donate money to a charity. The charity is called Médicines Sans Frontières (MSF) which translates into Doctors Without Borders. MSF is a French organisation which helps countries that are going through tough times. Volunteer doctors, dentists, optometrists and many more medical specialists go over to a country for six months without pay. So please help this magnificent organisation by bringing a gold coin in. We hope everyone has a great day! If anyone wants to learn more about Médicines Sans Frontières, feel free to look at their website. [https://www.msf.org.au](https://www.msf.org.au)

By Elodie D on behalf of JSC
THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

2016 / THE ELEMENTS

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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Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollymites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter:

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What's more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Superior prize – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

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