Dear Families,

What a wonderful sunny morning we had for our Father’s Day breakfast on Thursday! It was a great community event as fathers and special friends were treated to a scrumptious breakfast of pancakes and egg and bacon rolls.

Special thanks to Anna Abbott, Lisa Johns, Mel Dieudonne and their dedicated team of volunteers who coordinated another successful event to celebrate Father’s Day.

Foundation Transition 2017

Our first Foundation transition session for the 2017 Foundation students and their families was held on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see the excited faces of our new students as they experienced their first session at school. The transition program is a fantastic opportunity for our students and families to connect with each other in preparation for 2017 and beyond.

Professional Learning Communities

Recently the leadership team attended a full day of professional development based around Professional Learning Communities. Building teaching excellence is our most powerful strategy for lifting student outcomes across Victoria. Excellent teachers use a range of sources to evaluate their teaching and adjust their practice to better meet student needs. When teachers work together in collaborative teams to gather evidence of student learning, analyse that evidence and identify and implement the most effective teaching strategies to address gaps in student learning, the impact can be significant. Establishing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) supports the building of teaching and learning excellence across schools. 65 schools in Victoria have been invited to participate in this DET pilot project and we feel extremely privileged to be one of a few primary schools in the Boroondara Network to be involved. The program consists of a range of workshops and coaching sessions for our leadership team. We are extremely excited about the teaching and learning outcomes this will bring for our students, so stay tuned!

Student Safety on the Roads

Please help us to improve the safety of our HWPS students by travelling safely in the vicinity of our school and teaching your children how to be a safe pedestrian, cyclist and passenger.

Children often need assistance from adults to develop the skills needed to be safe in traffic. It may be hard for them to judge the speed of vehicles and their peripheral vision is still developing. Their height often makes it difficult for them to see cars and it is difficult for a motorist to see them. Parents, please help your children to Stop! Look! Listen! and Think!

The streets surrounding our school are extremely busy before school and at pick up time. It is important that our students use the designated School Crossings (Wood Street and Denham Street) and cross at the traffic lights (at Church Street and at Burwood Road) to ensure their safe passage to school. Our staff, as well as some parents, have observed children crossing before the designated zones, dodging between cars, and being let in and out of cars in traffic—all potentially dangerous actions.

Walking or cycling to school is a great way to reduce the traffic congestion, keep fit and decrease the impact of cars on the environment. It is important that we all work together to teach our students about road safety.
Parent Partnerships - Parent Concerns
If you ever have any concerns about your child’s social, emotional or academic learning it is important that you make contact with the school as soon as possible. The first point of contact should always be your child’s teacher with any follow up directed to the Assistant Principal and/or Principal. Following this process allows us to work in partnership to address any concerns in a timely, confidential and appropriate manner which is very important.

Big Night Out – Saturday 22nd October
Our biggest social event of the year, The Big Night Out, is coming up early next term and the organising team of Judy Somes and Mel Dieudonne have planned a night to remember. So gather a group of friends together and book your early bird tickets now. It would be great to see you there.

Working Bee – This Sunday
This Sunday, 11th September, the Buildings and Grounds Committee is holding a Working Bee. Please consider volunteering for an hour or 2 to make the playground safe and attractive for your children. The working bee will begin at 9.30 and finish at 12.30pm. Come along to the BBQ area where you can sign in and a friendly Buildings and Grounds member will help you to find a job to do. Bringing your own pruning secateurs and gardening gloves would be a good idea. Protective clothing and footwear is advisable. We hope to see you there!

State Schools Spectacular - Tomorrow
The time has arrived. Our State School Spectacular choir will be performing as part of the mass choir with students from around the state at Hisense Arena tomorrow. Our students are excited and a little nervous but certainly keen for the show to begin. We would like to congratulate our students for their commitment to the long hours of practice. The students have grown in confidence and mastered some strong performance skills through their involvement in the Spectacular.
Sincere thanks to Georgia Wilkinson, Emily Mignon, Brianna McIntyre and Catherine Wilton who have supported the choir in the lead up to this special event.

We are looking forward to enjoying the song and dance Spectacular on Saturday.

Footy Day...NEXT FRIDAY!
Next Friday 16th September is our Footy Day. We have an action packed day planned with our KABOOM incursion, an opportunity to dress up in footy colours and a footy lunch to top off a busy and exciting term. Thank you very much to Anna Stewart and her team for organising this end of term event.

Curriculum Day
The dates for our final two Curriculum Days for the year have now been finalised and approved by School Council.

- Friday 18th November
- Tuesday 20th December

Last Day of Term – Early Finish
Friday 16th September is the last day of Term 3.
Please remember that school will finish at 2.30pm on that day.

Warm Regards, Glenys and Justine
At HWPS we care. We are safe, responsible, honest, respectful and ready to learn.

Book your babysitter, gather some friends & come along to the Big Night Out for a evening of fun with a distinctive Italian flair—Prosecco, pizza & gelato!

Buy your tickets before the end of term and save! www.trybooking.com/ MOOM

HWPS PARENTS

7.30PM
SAT OCT 22

B.N.O

Big Night Out

FUNDRAISING EVENT

PROSECCO / PIZZA / GELATO
CASUAL STAND UP COCKTAIL EVENT + GREAT DJ
HAWTHORN WEST BAPTIST CHURCH HALL (Barton St)
SILENT + LIVE AUCTIONS, CASH BAR

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES WELCOME DRINK + DINNER
Pizza and gelato by the Pizza Wagon
EARLY BIRD $50 (book before 2pm Fri 16th September)
LAZY BIRD $60 (bookings close 2pm Thurs 20th October)
WWW.TryBooking.COM/MOOM
Find us on Facebook ‘HWPS EVENTS’
UPCOMING EVENTS: Consent / payment due dates:

Big Night Out, [www.trybooking.com/MOOM](http://www.trybooking.com/MOOM), due 5:00pm, Thursday 20th October

Student Led Conferences, [Compass](http://Compass)

Footy Lunch, [www.trybooking.com/MYRJ](http://www.trybooking.com/MYRJ), closes 9:30am, Monday 12th September

Kaboom sports incursion, [Compass](http://Compass), due Thursday 15th September

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**Calendar Dates**

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| Thurs 15th | • Student Led Conferences          
|           | • School Council meeting, 7:00pm, LRC                                           |
| Fri 16th | • Kaboom incursion & football lunch—WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTY COLOURS!          
|          | • Final day of term 3, **2:30pm dismissal**                                     |

### October

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Please be aware that it is inappropriate to send cough lollies or lozenges to school with children.

If your child is unwell and needs medication during school hours, the best thing to do is to keep them at home until they are well and you can medicate & supervise as necessary or provide medication to be dispensed at school by staff members under direct supervision. To do this, a Medication Authority Form needs to be filled out and signed by parents. These are available from the office.

Don’t forget to bring your hats to school to wear in the playground at recess & lunch!

According to HWPS SunSmart Policy, "from September to the end of April, students and staff must wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps are NOT a suitable alternative."
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Grade 5/6 Hoop Time

The Grade 5/6’s participated in the annual Hoop Time Basketball tournament on Tuesday. All the students had a fantastic time playing against the other schools in Kew District and there were some great results across each competition level. Thank you to all the parent coaches and teachers who managed a team on the day as we simply couldn’t run this excursion without all their time and effort. Congratulations to the Girls' All Star team who won their section and will now progress to the regional final in November.

Wednesday the 14th of September is National Health and Physical Education (HPE) Day!

The nationwide event is designed to raise awareness of the value of HPE in the Australian Curriculum and highlight the important role it plays in the learning and development of children, the benefit to all schools, and the educative value to the wider community.

To celebrate the importance of educating young people about Health and Physical Activity, Hawthorn West Primary School will be running fun activities focusing on healthy lifestyle practices, which all students can get involved in. For more information about National Health and Physical Education (HPE) Day, please visit http://hpeday.com.au/

ACHPER National encourages schools, children, teachers and communities to take photos and videos of active participation in physical activity and upload them onto social media using the #HPEday hashtag. Some great and relevant prizes to be won for the most creative entries!

Take the challenge and be involved in our #HPEday competition!
2016 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships

16 students from HWPS represented the School at the 2016 Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships that were held at Mount Buller in August. The ski race events that our students participated in included Alpine Ski GS, Snowboard GS, Ski Cross, Snowboard Cross, Moguls and Cross Country Classic Ski.

Fresh snow arrived just in time and students and their families had a great few days competing and cheering on their HWPS team members. Congratulations to all participants on their great efforts: Alice S, Jonathan & Austin W, Joshua & Jasmine L, William S, Matisse & Chamonix S, Charlie & Sam S, Jake & Zach P, Spencer E, Chloe & Fleur W, Louis E.

A special thankyou yet again to Sara Shaw for her fantastic efforts coordinating the teams and families for the event.

Ride to school day last Wednesday

Well done to everyone who rode, walked, scooted and skated to school on Wednesday. It was great to see so many students and their families joining in this event in the aim of fitness and reducing our carbon emissions. In Term 4 we will be joining the Walk to School October Program, which aims to have students achieve 60 minutes of physical activity each day for the whole of October.

HWPS End of Term 3 footy lunch

Friday 16th September.
Lunchtime for F - Grade 2: 12:10pm
Lunchtime for Grade 3 - 6: 12:30pm
Ordering options are:
- Meat pie $4.00
- Vegetable pastie $4.00
- Sausage roll $2.20

To order lunch: www.trybooking.com/MYRJ
Orders close 9:30am, Monday 12th September

To run this lunch successfully, we need 3-4 helpers for around an hour of your time (if that). If you are interested in helping, please contact Anna Stewart on 0402 900 485 - thank you!

DON’T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTBALL COLOURS!
(for catering purposes - no late orders accepted)
They’re back and we need your help!

We have had several recent cases of head lice across all the grades in the school, so now is the time to check your children for head lice and treat them if necessary, especially during the upcoming school holidays. It is only through parental vigilance and appropriate treatment that these little nasties can be eradicated!

Thanks for your help with this persistent problem. If you need any further information about head lice, please feel free to contact the school.

Dear Parents:
We are already close to the end of the term, the Holidays are upon us.
Please remember to book the kiddies for the School Holiday Program since we do not take casual bookings during this period.
We would also ask for your help, as for this Holiday Period we will be needing:
Cereal boxes, shirts, pants, belts, hats, plastic bottles, newspapers, milk carton / bottles, corks, soft toys, stones.
If you have any of these at home, and not using them, here are OSH we could make use of them!
Looking forward to see you then.
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Next Week’s Activities

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We are looking for lemon donations (off trees in your back yard or neighbours tress) and packets of sugar for the preserve stall for the fair. If you are able to donate these goods, please drop them at school & they will be collected next Friday 16th so we can start cooking over the holidays.

Thank you to Glenferrie Meats for their generous donations to our sausage sizzles. Please support this worthwhile business.

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