Dear Families

It has been a fabulous start to the school year and we would like to congratulate all students for starting 2016 in such a positive manner! There is a real sense of calm as we move around the school as well as a feeling of energy and enthusiasm for learning. Justine and I have visited each class a number of times this week and have enjoyed seeing the students engaged in their learning.

Our youngest students arrived on Friday for their first day at school, resplendent in their new uniforms and accompanied by parents, grandparents, special friends, brothers and sisters. It has been a delight to see how quickly our new Foundation students have settled into school and are confidently learning new routines and getting to know their classmates. The Foundation Learning Community is an exciting place to visit. There is lots of fun and exploring as the students begin their new learning journey at HWPS.

Student Leadership

2016 School Captains

Congratulations to our 2016 School Captains Chloe Wightman and Darcy McKenna. In selecting our School Captains there were many skills and personal qualities taken into consideration. Chloe and Darcy have always been excellent role models to other students and we are confident that they will be wonderful student leaders and fine ambassadors for Hawthorn West Primary School. Chloe and Darcy were introduced to the community at our assembly on Monday and led the assembly with confidence and enthusiasm. They were amazing and should be very proud of their efforts.

2016 House Captains

Our 2016 House Captains will be introduced to the community at Assembly on Monday 15th February.

Parent Partnerships

Fundraising Think Tank

Next Friday 12th at 9:00am we are holding a Fundraising ‘Think Tank’ in the LRC. The meeting will provide an opportunity to bounce around ideas and set clear goals and directions for fundraising at Hawthorn West Primary School. We hope to see you there to share ideas over a cup of tea. If you are able to attend please contact Glenys on hawthorn.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Parent Representatives

We are seeking enthusiastic parents to take on the role of Parent Representative for their child’s Year Level. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of our great HWPS community. Being a parent representative is a fabulous way to stay connected with the school, fellow parents and the students in your child’s Year Level.

Role of the Parent Representative

- Liaise between the level teacher and level parents with information, issues and school events.
- Assist with level needs, e.g. class excursions, camps
- Encourage parent assistance
- Support the teacher with organisational needs
- Keep informed about what is happening in the school and understand and support the school policies and practices.
- Support the vision of the school by being an ambassador for the school in the wider community. Word of mouth is a strong promotional vehicle for the school.
- Promote school initiatives and activities.
- Serve as a resource for information and provide guidance for parents.
- Welcome new families to the school and help them get to know other parents and feel part of the community.
- Encourage parents to be involved in the life of the school eg. Moonlight Cinema, Lapathon, School Fair etc.
- Organise social gatherings. The majority of parents will have a long association with the school. Developing relationships amongst the parents assists in building community spirit and sense of belonging.
- Provide feedback on a range of items through parent...
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Donations Wanted - Buckets, Spades, Outside Toys, Sand toys

To help our new foundation students settle into life at Hawthorn West, we are looking for families to donate any items such as buckets, spades, outdoor toys that the students can use for creative play in the sand pit during their lunch and recess.

Please drop any items in the box near the office - next to the photocopier.

Any questions, please contact Jodie Byass (Sadie’s mum) - jodie@automaton.com.au
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## Calendar Dates

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### Welcome to Term 1

Dear Parents:

WELCOME/ WELCOME BACK TO OSHCLUB!!

Is the beginning of the year and we are happy and excited to have you around.

Please remember to book the little ones into Before and After school care with anticipation, and to check with us in case they are attending OSH as a casual or last minute booking.

We would also encourage you to contact us in case you decide to cancel your child's booking at the last minute.

Have a great weekend on behalf of the HWPS OSHClub team.

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School Council

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016 – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council for Hawthorn West Primary School.

All DET Government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of the school within centrally provided guidelines.

There are 3 possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected parent category. Department employees can be parent members at their child’s school.
- A mandated elected Department employee category. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members
- An optional community member category. Its members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills interests or experiences.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the membership must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual School Council elections. All you need is the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

Nomination forms for the vacancies on School Council are available from the Office. If you cannot come to school to collect forms, we would be pleased to receive a telephone call from you requesting that we send forms home with your eldest child.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Vacancies:

- 6 Parent members of Council
- 1 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development member.

Nominations close at 4:00 pm on Friday 12th February 2016.

Please see the ‘Notice of election and call for nominations’ in this newsletter.

If you require further information about School Council or the process for filling vacancies, please contact Glenys.
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Hawthorn West Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00 pm on [insert date and year].

The ballot will close at 4:00 pm on [insert date and year].

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

G. Williamson
Principal
Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Epilepsy, Diabetes - updates & new action plans due by Friday 12th February

Please be aware that we need current information / documentation regarding medical issues related to your child. We _would appreciate all current details being provided to us by Friday 12th February_. It is important that epipen bags are returned to school and that the epipens in these bags are not out of date. Forms for anaphylaxis plans can be downloaded from the following website: [www.allergy.org.au](http://www.allergy.org.au)

Please also be aware that for some families the fear of their child having an anaphylactic attack is very real and frightening.

Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must, on the first day of Term one, or on the first day of Term two:

- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, 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
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Applications are available from the school office and close on 29th February 2016.

REMINDEERS:

**MOONLIGHT CINEMA** - Save the date: Friday 17th February

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL** -

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday at the Boroondara Sports Complex. We are looking forward to a terrific day.

**LUNCH ORDERS** –

Lunch Orders commence next week

**SCHOOL BANKING** -

School Banking re-commences on. Our school receives a commission for every deposit made as well as for each account opened. Forms can be collected at the office. It’s a great way to instill saving habits in your child from an early age.
Outside Provider Programs

This year students have the opportunity to participate in several programs that will be offered on a Friday afternoon (from 1:00pm – 3:30pm) by outside providers (ABC Music, Violin, Tennis). Chess and Smart Art programs will continue before and after school as in previous years. Involvement in a program is subject to availability with costs determined by the provider. School Council has endorsed the provision of the listed programs on a set afternoon each week. Information has been sent home to all families outlining the program options that are available should you wish your child to participate.

"Icy pole Thursday"

Each Thursday lunchtime, icy poles are sold to students in the playground. This much loved activity will start for 2016 on Thursday 18th February.

To support this, we need two volunteers each week.

If you are available, please contact Liz Reid on 0413 370 566 or wongreid@gmail.com
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All Families are invited to a special event...

Building Resilience in Children & Adolescents

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About Our Presenter:
As a trained social worker and teacher Chris Daicos has extensive experience in working directly with children and adolescents in schools. Her work has involved counselling students and their parents individually and in-groups. She has facilitated many successful professional development sessions for teachers and parents on a range of topics.

After her wonderful presentation to our school community in 2015, Chris is back with us in 2016 to further explore this important topic.

Where: CPS school hall (on the main campus)
When: Thursday February 11th from 7:00-8:00pm
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**Junior Engineers**

Learn complex computer science and software programming in a fun way

The software programs that we teach are stepping-stones toward professional-level tools

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**Fun Computer Programming Course**

Students learn to program in a fun environment
- Classes run every Monday
- 45 minutes – Course material provided
- Suitable for Year 3 and above

First session on Monday, 15th February
- Course runs for 6 weeks in Term One
- 3:40pm – 4:25pm
- Term One fee $150 (+annual $40 registration fee)

Now teaching at Hawthorn West Primary

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