Dear Families,

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all our grade 3 - 6 students who participated in the House Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. The carnival was a great success and a wonderful way to begin 2016. Children, parents and staff all had a wonderful morning and it was terrific to see our students all decked out in their house colors. There was a great atmosphere and house spirit as students joined in house chants and cheered their team mates on. Special thanks to Sam Harris and her team of staff and parents who assisted on the day. Sam’s careful planning ensured the program ran without a hitch. The winning house will be announced at our assembly on Monday and the house captains will be presented with the swimming carnival cup.

District Swimming Sports
We wish our Swimming Team all the very best as they participate in the Kew District Swimming Competition next Wednesday at the Boroondara Sports Complex.

Moonlight Cinema
Our next school event, the Moonlight Cinema, will be held next Friday night (19th February).

The movie that will be screened this year is “Alvin and The Chipmunks: A Road Chip”. Please come along and join us - it will be a perfect opportunity to relax and spend time with family and friends. Pizza will be served and ice creams will be available to snack on prior to the movie starting.

Please book and pay for your tickets and pizzas on Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/KKCG

The Bar will be open for adults, however due to our licensing restrictions, BYO alcohol is not an option. We do ask that you print your tickets and bring them along as proof of purchase.

Meet the Teacher - What is happening in the Learning Communities?
You have a very special chance to learn more about learning at Hawthorn West Primary School next week. Our Meet the Teacher evenings provide an opportunity to hear about the curriculum programs, structures and activities planned in each of the learning communities. The sessions will run for 45 minutes.

2016 Parent Payments
Thank you to all those parents who have already paid for essential items. Payment information has been uploaded in Compass accounts. Your attention to these payments would be greatly appreciated by the School Council.

Parent Participation
Thank you to the parents who joined our fundraising ‘Think Tank’ today - Jodie, Vanessa, Maree, Janelle, Danielle & Anna. Thank you also to those parents who sent through feedback for us to consider. Your input is highly valued. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the success of previous fundraising events and discuss improvement ideas. A fundraising calendar is currently being developed to distribute to families.

We are still seeking parent representatives for many of our 2016 classes. Information on the Parent Representative role has been sent home today in your Compass account.

Congratulations to:
Zoe B (Grade 5) who played the keyboard at assembly on Monday with poise and confidence.

Warm Regards, Glenys and Justine

From the Principal Team
To ensure this night is sensational, we need some help! If you can assist, please email Anna Stewart directly on anna.stewart@anz.com and indicate the area you would to help: set up, bar, pizza, ice creams or pack up. Thank you for your support.

Get ready for a road chip because Alvin & the Chipmunks are coming to HWPS...

Catch up with old friends and welcome new families to HWPS with a picnic from 7:00pm, then sit back and enjoy ‘Alvin and The Chipmunks 4: The Road Chip’ under the stars after sunset.

When: Friday 19th February, 2016
Time: 7:00pm picnic & the movie will be screened at dusk
Where: Basketball courts, HWPS
BYO: blankets, chairs & bean bags
Tickets & pizza orders: www.trybooking.com/KKCG (ticket required for entry)
Food: Pre-order whole large pizzas (margherita or hawaiian)
      Ice creams and soft drink & water available for sale on the night
Drink: A bar serving wine & beer will be operating on the night - no BYO
      alcohol is allowed to ensure we comply with the conditions of the liquor license

We need volunteers to serve on the bar—are you able to help on the night?
At HWPS we care. We are safe, responsible, honest, respectful and ready to learn.

### Calendar Dates

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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](mailto:jodie@automaton.com.au)

Don't forget to download the tiqbiz app on your mobile device so you can stay on top of HWPS events & receive alerts prior to the events!
UPCOMING EVENTS: Consent / payment due dates:
Moonlight Cinema, [www.trybooking.com/KKCG](http://www.trybooking.com/KKCG), pizza orders close 2:00pm, Wednesday 17th February, tickets orders close 5pm, Friday 19th February
Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports, [Compass](https://compass.vic.edu.au), closes Friday 26th February

**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.**

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Dear Parents,
We hope you are all settling in into this new academic year. We would also like to remind you to book children in when they are coming to After School and Before School care.

And finally, please keep in mind the following is the procedure we follow when a child doesn’t arrive to After School Care and is booked with us:

- School ground is checked. If child is not found then:
- A PA announcement is put and school is informed, child is to meet OSH staff at the school office. If child doesn’t arrive 5 minutes after this announcement then:

  - Parent will be called to confirm whether they have collected child from the school, if child is not found then:
  - OSH manager will contact 000 and this matter will be treated as a “missing child procedure”.

Please remind to book your child in, and to let us know if your child is not attending OSHClub on a specific afternoon.

Thanks,
Rosie Valencia

**Next Week’s Activities**

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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 for $1 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

Icy Pole Roster: February 18th
Steve Lake
Janine Kelly