Dear Families

Moonlight Cinema
Come and join us tonight at the Moonlight Cinema. Once you roll up make sure you select a good spot on the basketball court and set up for a fabulous evening. Pizza will be served from 7:15 pm and the Bar will be open for adults. Ice creams, lollies and soft drinks will be available to snack on prior to the movie starting.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the students who represented Hawthorn West Primary School at the Kew District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 17th February. As a team they demonstrated great sportsmanship and commitment as they strived to achieve their best. Many members of our team qualified to swim in finals after successful heat results. Special congratulations to the students who will now progress to the Division Carnival. We are all very proud of their marvelous efforts.

Special thanks to Samantha Harris for her organisation of the team and to Charlotte Maskell for her assistance on the day. Thank you also to the parents who attended and supported our students and school. Once again, congratulations to all our swimmers on a fantastic effort and representing Hawthorn West Primary School with pride.

‘Meet The Teacher’ Evenings
The teachers have been delighted with the response from families to the ‘Meet The Teacher’ evenings held this week. It is really important that the education of the students is a partnership between the teachers and parents and we are certainly off to a great start in this regard this year. Thank you to all the families who attended these sessions.

School Council Elections
As part of the School Council election process, I formally declare that the following nominees are duly elected to the HWPS School Council: Parent Members - Richard Bryant, Karl Divers, Pat McGrath, Nick Somes and Josephine Wright; DET Member - Justine Poulter. No election was required as the number of nominations equaled the number of vacancies.

The 2015 School Council consists of the following members:

Parents: Richard Bryant, Karl Divers, Lloyd Elliott, Cherie Lee, Tansy Lewis-Lyon, Pat McGrath, Nick Somes, Anna Stewart, David Wightman, Josephine Wright.

Staff: Justine Poulter, Melissa Bull, Emily Kurts

Office bearers will be elected at the next Council meeting in March.

We would like to thank our retiring School Councillors – Deb Goode (School Council Vice President 2014, Education and Policy Sub-committee Convener 2014-2015), Mandy Johnson (Sustainability Sub Committee) and Peter Jenkins (Education and Policy Sub Committee) for their significant contributions to our school during their time on School Council and demonstrating a strong commitment to building a connected, supportive and highly engaged school community at Hawthorn West.

We are looking forward to another productive year where we build on the positive work of our previous School Council.

Traffic Management
This is one aspect of our school that continues to cause concern in our community particularly as we have such limited parking around the school. We are asking all parents to be patient and tolerant particularly at drop off and pick up times. It is important to respect the parking restrictions and observe the ‘No Standing’ and ‘2 minute zones’. It is vital that your children cross the road at the designated school crossing and do not dart out across the road to a waiting car. Please also consider others when parking and pulling out into the traffic. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Congratulations to:

Alicia (Grade 5) who entertained us at assembly on Monday with her rendition of ‘Wild Honeysuckle’ on the keyboard.

Warm Regards, Glenys and Justine

From the Principal Team
### Calendar Dates

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**HWPS Kew District Swimming Competition Team**
At HWPS we care. We are safe, responsible, honest, respectful and ready to learn.

This event will go ahead, regardless of the weather so please come along, enjoy your pizzas and the movie, reconnect with old friends, make new ones and have a terrific evening!

HWPS Moonlight Cinema

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](http://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—please contact the school on 9818 2233 if you can help on the night*
Thank You

Amongst our community of many valued people who greatly contribute to the welfare of our children are the Lolly Pop Ladies and Gentlemen.

One such School Crossing Supervisor, Georgina Bouloros sadly may not continue to be the reassuring face that greets all who cross the traffic lights on the corner of Burwood Rd and Church Street as we arrive and depart from our school.

For 25 years, rain, hail, or shine Georgina arrived early and left late on her shift to ensure our safety and for this we wish to acknowledge her commitment and offer our gratitude and also send Georgina our best wishes as she concentrates on her health.

Thank you to all our valued School Crossing Supervisors,

Thank you, Georgina.

Dear Parents,

Hope you are enjoying the lovely weather.

We would like to invite you to bring any type of boxes, or unused material that you may have at home that we could use for craft activities.

We would appreciate them and children would love them.

Thanks, Rosie

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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"

Icy Pole Roster: February 18th
Steve Lake
Chloe Kurts

Back to School asthma spike

Every year there is a well documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers.

Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

Asthma Kids

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! www.asthmakids.org.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!
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
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