Dear Families,

**Moonlight Cinema**

The Moonlight Cinema, held last Friday evening, was a wonderful community event. Over 450 members of our community enjoyed the evening, munching on pizza, sipping on soft drinks and slurping on ice-creams. The weather was cool but dry and the movie, 'Alvin and the Chipmunks – The Road Chip' was a big hit with the students. Special thanks go to Anna Stewart and Midge McGlade for their efforts in organising the food and drinks for this fabulous family event. Thanks also to the team of parents and staff who assisted with the set-up, pack up and the serving of food and drinks on the night. Your efforts were very much appreciated and meant the school grounds were clean and tidy at the end of the evening.

Congratulations and thanks to our students Nicky, Magdalena, Hana, Gigi & Amelia who demonstrated initiative, creativity and confidence. They had a goal, to raise funds for the Grade 5/6 Furniture project, and set about cooking delicious cakes to serve on the night. Their stall raised $200 to contribute to the project. 

Other funds raised from the Moonlight Cinema will be directed towards the purchase of new microphones for the music program.

**Foundation**

It was a delight to welcome our Foundation students and their teachers to assembly on Monday. They received a very warm Hawthorn West Primary School greeting. It has been wonderful to see how quickly and confidently the Foundation students have settled into school.

**HWPS Lapathon – Thursday 24th March**

The Lapathon is a terrific community event that is held each year. All our students are actively involved and we encourage them to seek sponsorship from family and friends. Each student will receive Lapathon flyers / sponsorship forms next week and information will also be available on the school website. There are great prizes to be won and house points for every lap completed. All monies raised from this event will be directed towards our playground Master Plan.

We are looking for some enthusiastic parents who can assist us in organising this fabulous community event. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

**School Council Annual Reporting Meeting**

The School Council Annual Reporting Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March. School Council members from 2015 and those new to School Council this year are invited as are all Hawthorn West families. The Reporting Meeting will start at 7:45pm and should conclude by 8:00pm. Those present will be provided with a copy of the Annual Report. This document will also be posted on our website.

After this meeting we will hold the first meeting of the new 2016 School Council. Office bearers will be elected and members of Council will have the opportunity to nominate to be part of a School Council subcommittee: Buildings and Grounds, Education, Finance and Fundraising.

**Parent Representatives**

The Parent Representative Program has been operating successfully at HWPS for a number of years. This program provides a valuable link between classroom teachers and parents at the school.

We still need parent representatives for the following class groups:

- **Foundation**: FD, FH, FS
- **Grade 1/2**: 1/2A, 1/2C, 1/2L
- **Grade 3/4**: 3/4C
- **Grade 5/6**: 5/6C, 5/6M, 5/6W

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Representative, please email the school, drop into the office and leave your name or approach your child’s class teacher and offer to undertake this role. We are keen to finalise the Parent Representative by next Friday March 4th. There will be a meeting of the 2016 parent representatives & fundraising group on Tuesday 15th March at 7:00pm.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be Parent Representatives this year. This role is important and an essential component of the Home School Partnership at HPWS.

**Swimming Sports**

Seven of our swimmers qualified for the Boroondara Division Swimming Carnival at Monash Aquatic Centre next week. All our competitors showed fine sportsmanship, encouraged each other and had fun. Congratulations and well done to the following students who will compete at the division carnival: Nathan C, Noah C, Mahalia D, Antosha E, Darcy M, Jake P & Austin W.

Warm Regards, Glenys and Justine
**Calendar Dates**

### February
- **Mon 29th**: Boroondara Division Swimming Carnival

### March
- **Mon 14th**: Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Thus 17th**: School Council Induction meeting, 6:30pm, LRC
- **Tues 22nd**: Parent Teacher Learning Conversations, 3:45pm - 7:15pm, classrooms
- **Wed 23rd**: Parent Teacher Learning Conversations, 3:45pm - 7:15pm, classrooms
- **Thurs 24th**:
  - Lapathon, St James park
  - Last day Term 1, 2:30pm dismissal

### April
- **Mon 11th**: First day Term 2
- **Fri 15th**: Grade 5/6 ISS Summer Gala Day, 9:00am - 10:40am
- **Mon 25th**: ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

### May
- **Thurs 5th**: Mother’s Day Drinks, 7:30pm, Bouzy Rouge

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

- National Young Leader Day, [Compass](https://compass.com), due Monday 29th February
- Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport vs Kew East PS, [Compass](https://compass.com), due Wednesday 2nd March
- The Big Earn, [www.trybooking.com/KPIS](http://www.trybooking.com/KPIS), closes midnight Wednesday 23rd March

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"Icy pole Thursday"

**Icy Pole Roster: March 3rd**
- Michelle Bruce
- Liz Reid
NEW! Monthly Fundraiser for Hawthorn West Primary School

To help boost our fundraising efforts for 2016, we are pleased to introduce an additional fundraising program for the school, *The Big Earn*.

Commencing in March, each month there will be a raffle and/or online auction item up for grabs. We will have some great items on offer each month, coinciding with key dates throughout the year, such as tickets during footy season, pamper packs for Mother’s Day and more.

The Big Earn will kick off with a March raffle.

As our children are starting to step up their training for the annual Lapathon on Thursday March 24, Star (www.starathletic.com.au) whose major clients include but not limited to the Collingwood Football Club, Athletic Victoria, V8 Redbull Racing Team, Melbourne Storm and The Mother’s Day Classic, has leapt out of the blocks in support of Hawthorn West Primary School’s new fundraising concept.

Keeping in line with the fitness theme, you could win one of two $150 Vouchers to their online sports store (https://shop.starathletic.com.au/). Here you can purchase the latest running, fitness and leisure clothing so you are on trend the minute you walk out your door.

![Image of people running](https://starathletic.com.au)

**Tickets available in multiples of 3 (3 tickets for $10) and can be purchased online from Trybooking: [http://www.trybooking.com/KPIS](http://www.trybooking.com/KPIS)**

Prizes will be drawn at the Lapathon on Thursday 24 March.

Ticket sales are not limited to Hawthorn West Families, so as a school community we would love for you to get behind this new fundraising concept and promote this the online raffle ticket link to your families and friends.

Jenny Whiting and Judy Someo are coordinating this program and sourcing of prizes will also dovetail into coordination of prizes for other fundraising events throughout the year, such as the Big Night Out, Mothers and Father’s day activities, and the Fair. If you have any great prizes that you are able to offer or organise throughout the year, please contact Jenny or Judy jwredstar@gmail.com (0458 589 797) or judy.someo@vmsevents.com.au (0419 04 05 04).

We thank you for your support of our fundraising activities in 2016.
National Ride 2 School Day

National Ride to School Day is the perfect opportunity for Australian students and school communities to embrace a healthier start and try walking and riding to schools for themselves.

On Friday the 4th of March we will be celebrating National Ride to School Day. So this Friday please ride, walk, scoot or skate to school. On arrival see a Green Team member at the BBQ and collect your sticker and put your name into the raffle for a chance to win a prize.

Dear Parents,
Please remember to book the kiddies in for Before or After School care in advance. So we can organise the number of staff members we need on the day.

If you have shoe boxes or bigger boxes at home, please bring them to OSHCLUB, we will be happy to make use of them.

Thanks, Rosie

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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!
NETBALL

Like to give netball a Try? or looking for a new team?

We are the Magicians an U11 (at 31/12/15) netball team looking for extra players. We have Magdalena (grade 6) and Layla (grade 5) from HWPS play in the team along with girls from other local schools - we practice Tuesdays after school and play at the Richmond courts on Swan St on Saturday mornings - if you are interested please contact Kate on 0421 032 777 / kate.pickworth2@bigpond.com. No competition experience necessary.

RICHMOND JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Richmond Junior Football club is recruiting players for the upcoming season. We have teams from Under 8 to under 14 and are launching a girls team this season. The club provides a friendly family environment for girls and boys to develop football and life skills. We place an emphasis on participation and everybody getting a go. The Tigers play in the Yarra Junior Football league with games played in nearby suburbs and train one night a week.

If you are interested, more details can be found on the club website: www.richmondjfc.com.au

Registration closes on Monday 29th of February, with training starting in mid March

Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program

Register online by April 29, test to be held on May 7.

For more information about this exciting program for high achieving students, please visit www.auburnhs.vic.edu.au or call 9822 3247.