Dear Families,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. Justine and I continue to enjoy our classroom visits and the opportunities to chat with our students about their learning. We are continually amazed by the capacity of our students to discuss and reflect on their learning.

Our Grade 5/6 students are currently engaged in a learning unit - Reno Rebels. This inquiry unit encourages our students to research, plan and solve a real-world problem – in this case the selection of new furniture for the 5/6 learning community. The students are involved in collaborative and hands-on experiences, working with their peers, teachers, and experts to research different furniture options and make selections based on comfort, durability and affordability. Learning at Hawthorn West is certainly full of many rich and varied experiences.

**HWPS Lapathon – Thursday 24th March**

Our next school fundraiser is only 13 days away and signals the end of Term 1. The Lapathon is one of our major fundraisers for the year and we are encouraging our students to seek support from families and friends through sponsorship pledges. All monies raised from this event will go toward achieving our school master plan - the redevelopment of our outdoor learning and play spaces.

**The Big Earn.**

Our raffle for the month is open and aligned to encouraging active. Up for grabs are two $150 vouchers from Star online sports store. Please follow the link [www.trybooking.com/KPIS](http://www.trybooking.com/KPIS) to find out more about and bid on these fabulous prizes.

**Baked goods wanted. Please get baking!!!**

Please support this event by baking some goodies for our cake stall: biscuits, cakes, slices would all be terrific - **no cream and no nuts.** All baked goods must have all ingredients clearly labelled, and be covered with clear wrapping. Drop off your goods by 9:00am to the library on the morning of the Lapathon.

**Parent Partnerships Meeting (Tuesday 15th March)**

Our next Parent Partnerships meeting is next Tuesday at 7.00pm. It is an open invitation to our 2016 Parent Representatives and all parents interested in joining the fundraising team at HWPS. The meeting is a great opportunity to meet new parents, clarify the role of the Parent Representative and actively contribute ideas to the HWPS fundraising plan for 2016. We hope to see you there to share ideas over a glass of wine.

If you are able to attend please contact the school office (hawthorn.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Parent Helpers Course**

Home / School Partnerships play a vital role in supporting the learning of our children. At HWPS we value parent involvement and actively encourage participation in a range of school activities and programs including classroom assistance, camps, excursions and sporting events. Classroom help will begin in classrooms in Term 2. If you are interested in assisting in the classroom, please complete the Parent Helper Course in your Compass account under ‘Course Confirmations / Payments’. You will also need a current ‘Working with Children Check’. Please provide the office with a copy of your ‘Working with Children's Check’ details.

**Attendance and Punctuality - ‘It’s not okay to be away’**

Every minute counts! We just love having your child at our school and unless they are genuinely sick, we want them here on time, every time. When students stay away from school their learning and friendships are affected. When children arrive late, they interrupt the learning of other students as well as valuable teaching time. We really look forward to the support of our families in ensuring our students absolutely maximise their educational possibilities by being here ON TIME, EVERY TIME. Your commitment to, and interest in, your child’s education is absolutely vital to their success at school.

Warm Regards, Glenys and Justine

From the Principal Team

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Term 1 - Week 7 March 11th 2016
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### UP­COMING EVENTS: Consent / payment due dates:

- Lapathon Lunch, [www.trybooking.com/KRSN](http://www.trybooking.com/KRSN), due 12:00pm, Tuesday 22nd March
- The Big Earn, [www.trybooking.com/KPIS](http://www.trybooking.com/KPIS), closes midnight Wednesday 23rd March

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**Parent Teacher Conversations**

Over the past month, classroom teachers have conducted extensive assessments to develop a complete picture of your child as a learner. The purpose of the Parent / Teacher Conversations is for the class teacher to meet with each family to discuss their child’s learning goals and future teaching actions. It is important to staff that we build a firm partnership between families and the school to support the learning of all our students.

During these Parent / Teacher Conversations, we also encourage you to share any relevant information that may have an impact upon your child’s learning.

Please log into your Compass account to make a booking. There is a user guide attached to your news feed explaining this process.

If you require a translator for the Parent/ Teacher Meeting, please leave your details at the HWPS office and our Assistant Principal Justine Poulter will contact you to make suitable arrangements.

Due to the large number of students that the Specialist staff teach, they will not be able to meet with all families.

**Please think carefully as to whether or not it is important for you to have an interview with them at this time.**
eSmart Program

Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage CyberSafety and wellbeing. eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content. eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence. Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we’ll be integrating CyberSafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology. We’ll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au

Easter Raffle

Tickets for our Easter Raffle are on sale before and after school. There are two baskets of Easter goodies to win so make sure you get in early and purchase your tickets. The raffle will be drawn after the Lapathon.

Food Safety in Lunch Boxes

Due to the recent stretch of warm weather, it is essential that we are all consider food safety when packing and storing children’s lunch boxes.

In most cases, food is stored in lunch boxes for several hours, so the lunch box needs to stay cool. Food safety suggestions include:

- Choose an insulated lunch box or one with a freezer pack, or include a wrapped frozen water bottle to keep the lunch box cool.
- Follow hygienic food preparation methods. This is especially important when food will be stored in the lunch box for many hours before eating.
- Prepare lunches the night before and store in the fridge or freezer.

- Perishable foods such as dairy products, eggs and sliced meats should be kept cool and eaten within about four hours of preparation. Don’t pack these foods if just cooked. First cool in the refrigerator overnight.
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The Lapathon Cake Stall

Calling out to the wonderful bakers of Hawthorn West Primary! We need your help to support our school by making some delicious treats to sell to our exhausted kids and Lapathon supporters following this year’s Lapathon. Muffins, cupcakes, chocolate crackles, honey joys, toffees, slices...as long as it contains no nuts or cream the choice is yours.

Your help as always is greatly appreciated - drop off times for your goodies will be from 8.30am to 10:00am the morning of the Lapathon in the library. If you have any questions please call Katie Grotegoed on 0400 020 989 or email kathryn.grotegoed@bigpond.com

HWPS 2016 Lapathon

St James Oval, Thursday 24th March, 11:00am

Dear Families,

Our annual Lapathon is a very popular event and every student actively participates to get fit and help raise money for our school.

This year we are raising money to improve our playground spaces. The Lapathon is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year and we are asking all students to collect sponsorship pledges from family and friends.

On the day, students will have 45 minutes to run and/or walk as many laps as possible around the track at St James Oval. As a rough guide, students can complete between 10 - 20 laps. F-2 students will run around the St James Park oval whilst the Gr 3-6 students will run a slightly longer course around St James park.

Prizes this year will be awarded to:
- The student who raises the most funds
- The boy and girl who completes the most laps from each level will have morning tea with the Principal
- The ‘best’ dressed in house colours

The winners will be announced at Assembly. It is a great morning and we encourage parents to come to the school from 11:00am and cheer the children on!

Remember to wear your HOUSE COLOURS! Go crazy with top-to-toe colour and we look forward to having some fun!

There will be an End of Term Lunch after the event with a Sausage Sizzle, ice cream cups and even a cake stall. Yum!

Please pre-order sausages $2.50 and ice cream cups $2.50 on Trybooking by 12:00pm Tuesday 22nd March. No late orders can be accepted as we need to place the order with the suppliers.

http://www.trybooking.com/KRSN

Thank you
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](http://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/](http://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.

*Welcome to Star Active*.

*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 Somes 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.somes@vmsevents.com.au* (0419 04 05 04).

We thank you for your support of our fundraising activities in 2016.
Dear Parents,

We are getting closer to the end of the term, and starting to plan our Holiday Program, this is why we would like to ask for your cooperation. If you have any of this items at home, we would be glad to received them at OSH and later use them for various activities:

- Buttons
- Plastic bottle tops
- Boxes of all sizes
- Tin cans
- Coat hangers
- Socks
- Plastic bottles
- Egg cartons
- Newspapers
- Milk bottles

Thank you in advance.

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**Next Week’s Activities**

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"Icy pole Thursday"

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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!