Dear Families

**Lapathon – 6 days to go!!**

The Lapathon is less than a week away. Please return sponsorship forms by Tuesday and remember to dress up in house colours.

There are great prizes to be won! Every student who returns their sponsorship money goes into the raffle draw for a fabulous prize.

Parents are most welcome to come along and support our students and stay for a sausage afterwards.

- **11:00am:** Lapathon begins
- **12:00pm:** Lapathon ends – students head back to school
- **12:10pm - 1:00pm:** Students return to classrooms with their teacher.
- **12:30pm - 1.50pm:** End of Term lunch – sausage sizzle, ice-creams, cake stall. (Lunch time)
- **2:30pm:** Students dismissed

We are all looking forward to this active community event!

**School Council**

Last night we had the first meeting of the 2016 School Council. The evening began with an induction session for all councillors.

Our 2016 office bearers and Sub Committee Convenors were elected and are as follows:

**School Council President:** Richard Bryant  
**Vice President:** Lloyd Elliott  
**Treasurer:** Pat McGrath  
**Minute Secretary:** Linda Hudson  
**Executive Officer:** Glenys Williamson  
**School Council Sub Committee Convenors**  
- **Finance:** Pat McGrath  
- **Buildings and Grounds:** Cherie Lee  
- **Education and Policy:** Melissa Bull  
- **Community/Fundraising:** TBC

I would like to congratulate and thank all new office bearers for taking on leadership roles within the School Council structure and look forward to working with them and the council over the next 12 months to improve the learning opportunities for all our students at HWPS.

**Annual Reporting Meeting**

The School Council Reporting Meeting will now be held on Thursday 21st April at 7:00pm. The Annual Report is one of the school’s main accountability documents. It includes information on student achievement, some aspects of the student and parent opinion surveys and an overview of what the school is doing. The Reporting meeting will conclude by approximately 7.30 and will be followed by our School Council meeting. All parents are invited to the School Council Reporting Meeting.

**Foundation Enrolments - 2017**

Can you believe it …..we are beginning to plan for 2017? We have already had numerous enquiries from new families wishing to enrol their child in Foundation next year. I encourage all families with a Foundation student due to start at HWPS in 2017 to complete an enrolment form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Our school tours will officially begin on the 19th of April and will be offered each week until the end of term 3. If you know of any family that is interested in enrolling their child / children at our school please let them know about these tours which are listed on the school website.

Warm Regards,

Glenys and Justine

From the Principal Team
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**Calendar Dates**

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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

Mother’s Day drinks, [www.trybooking.com/KTIA](http://www.trybooking.com/KTIA), closes 8:00pm Monday 2nd May

Grade 3/4 camp, [Compass](https://www.trybooking.com/KTIA), due Monday 11th April

**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.
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National Ride to School Day

Well done to everyone who rode, scooted or walked to school last Friday. It was great to see so many students and families joining this national event. There will be more Ride to School Days scheduled for the year.

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.

Specialist teachers

Joel is the music teacher. He has experience in Primary and Secondary education in Melbourne and London. He is a guitarist in a local rock band and books bands for local radio station Triple R. Joel is enthusiastic about building a strong music department that builds confidence in students as performers and musicians.

Caroline continues as our Japanese teacher. She has taught Japanese and German at Primary and Secondary level and is passionate about teaching Languages and travelling. She is excited about building upon our sister school partnership with Kamariya Elementary School, Yokahama by providing students with more opportunities to communicate via Skype and emailing pen pals.

Melanie teaches Visual Arts at Hawthorn West Primary. In her own time she uses mixed media, fine liners, pencils, paint, clay and pastels to create art. She regularly visits galleries and sculpture parks and seeks out artists to learn new skills from. (Currently she is developing her Manga drawing skills). In her spare time she plays in two ukulele performance groups, loves boogie boarding, helping friends make films and is an avid traveller. Melanie agrees with Picasso - “Every child is an artist.”

Samantha Harris is the recently appointed Physical Education Teacher at Hawthorn West Primary School. She is thrilled to be teaching the students at HWPS and getting to know all members of this welcoming community. She began her career in marketing but has found the transition to teaching Health & PE extremely rewarding. She enjoys taking part in a variety of sporting and recreational pursuits such as hockey, tennis, scuba diving and skiing to name a few. Above all she is passionate about instilling a lifelong love and uptake of physical activity amongst young people.

Kristine Bright has taken on the new role of Science teacher within our school. She is working with all grades from Foundation to Grade 6 to build student engagement in learning while working collaboratively with all staff members to achieve this common goal. Kristine is enthusiastic about building the learning capacity of all students through an interesting and ‘hands on’ program.
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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 is always 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
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Please join us for

Mother’s Day Drinks

MAY 5
THURSDAY

BOUZY ROUGE
470 BRIDGE ROAD, RICHMOND

TICKETS: $30
(INCLUDES DRINK ON ARRIVAL, CANAPÉS AND RAFFLE TICKET)

FROM
7.30 PM

BOOK VIA TRYBOOKING AT WWW.Trybooking.com/KTIA
WEAR THE MOST SPECIAL MOTHER’S DAY GIFT YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED!
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.

Tickets available in multiples of 3 (3 tickets for $10) and can be purchased online from Trybooking: 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@ymcevents.com.au (0419 04 05 04).

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

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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
* coat hangers
* egg cartons
* plastic bottle tops
* socks
* newspapers
* boxes of all sizes
* plastic bottles
* tin cans
* milk bottles

Thank you in advance.

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Have you applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the 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 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses 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 achievements.

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 the CSEF website.

Applications close 3 June 2016.

Where: BBQ/Playground at Burnley Park, Park Grove, Richmond
When: Sunday 20 March from 4pm - 6pm
Who: All 5/6 Families including carers and siblings
BYO: Food, Drinks, Chairs/blanket - there are BBQ/toilet facilities available. There is also a basketball court & big playing field next to BBQ/playground area so bring a ball/bat/frisbee etc.

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