Dear Parents,

Term one seems to have flown by! There has been a lot happening and the students are to be commended for the manner in which they have settled into their 2016 learning communities. Activities in term one have included:

- Literacy and Numeracy testing program for students in Years P-4
- Swimming for Year 3 and 4
- Summer sports matches for Year 6 students
- Interschool swimming sports
- Year 6 trip to Canberra
- FAMPA –Year 3
- Election and induction of student leaders
- Movie Night
- Three choirs and the drum band have been formed
- Participation by many students in the TRYathlon
- Fabulous art work done by all year levels, which was highlighted at assembly yesterday

Each learning community has also been involved in an inquiry unit and in some cases there has been an excursion related to this unit of work. At the start of the year all students were involved in a transition program. This involved an examination of the school values as they relate to each learning community, clear expectations re: behaviour and work standards and individual goal setting. I congratulate all students for their excellent work throughout term one.

**Multicultural Morning Tea**

The multi-cultural morning tea held in the staffroom last Friday morning was a big success and was attended by approximately twenty five parents from classes across the school. These people came from many different backgrounds—South Africa, U.K., Qatar, China, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Canada, Korea,
Greece and Vietnam. (I may have forgotten one or two countries and I apologise if this is the case).

We started the meeting with everyone sharing their background and experiences since arriving at Hartwell. We discussed ways to support families new to Australia- simple things such as how to organise a play date and what an Aussie birthday party is usually like. Then the discussion focussed on how we could make our students more aware of the different cultures within our school community and how to celebrate these cultures. A small committee was formed with two main purposes:

1. The organisation of a morning tea for all parents, but particularly those from a different cultural background, which will be held on the last Friday of each month at 9.00am in the staffroom.
2. The exploration of ways to introduce some simple ways to promote an understanding of different cultures for the benefit of the student population.

As I mentioned it was a very successful morning tea and I would encourage other families no matter what your background, to attend the next one. A note will be sent home early next term to remind you of the date - the last Friday in April.

Working Bee
The working bee held on Saturday afternoon was well attended and was very successful. Thanks to all the families who attended the working bee and especially to the Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability Committee that organised and prepared for the afternoon. Most of the scheduled tasks were completed. These included:

- Levelling and covering the area between the new portable and the junior learning community
- Extensive clean-up including sweeping of all paths, a large amount of weeding in the central garden and at the front of the school, mowing, spreading soft-fall under the play equipment, cleaning walls etc.
- Tidying of the south western corner of the playground including removal of rubbish
- Re-planting in the garden in the central courtyard etc.
- Tidying around the boundary of the school

All in all it was a very productive working bee.

Hartwell Fete
Early next term we will have a meeting of the fete team. Please read carefully the note in this newsletter from Nicole Bainbridge who is heading up the fete committee. Nicole is asking for parents who want to be on the fete committee to contact her. There are also details about a fete committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday 22 April at 9.00am.

Hartwell P. S. Annual Report
The School Council Reporting Meeting was held last night. There are copies of the Annual Report available at the school office for those who want to read a hard copy and the report will be put on our website in the next few days. This document 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. I encourage all families to read it carefully.

Chess Club – Term 2
We are again running a Chess Club in Term 2 on a Wednesday at lunch time. Last year we had many enthusiastic participants from all year levels learning the rules, new strategies and playing games against each other during the lunchtime sessions.

The sessions are run by Northern Star Chess who will bring all the equipment and provide the coaching expertise. We plan to run 6 lunchtime sessions starting in Week 2 of Term 2 - Wednesday 20 April. The cost of each session will be $8. Therefore the total cost for the term to participate will be $48. As there are a number of school activities that impact on Wednesday’s lunchtimes; Year 1 & 2 swimming program, Year 5 camp and excursions we have left some gaps to make up sessions.

If you are interested in your child participating in the lunch Chess Club could you please obtain a form from the office and return it before the end of term.

If you have any further questions please feel free to Garry Collins at school.

School Council 2016
The 2016 School Council membership and roles are as follows:-

President: Kylie Bloch
Vice President: Jenny Martin
Secretary: Kirsten Neilson
Treasurer: Andrew Major
Parent Members: Sarah Wright, Kirsten Neilson, Kylie Bloch, Andrew Major, Trudy Balchin, Ryan Willemsen-Bell, Jenny Martin, David Palfreeman, Chris Gillon, Teacher Members: Lisa Banks, Adrian O’Connor, Louise Gardiner, Garry Collins & Kris Moore.

Parents who are not on School Council are invited to join one of the sub committees, which meet approximately twice per term. In the next edition of the newsletter I will list these committees and their roles.
Term 2 Important Dates
Please note these dates on your calendar:-
- Curriculum Day-Monday 11 April
- School tours for prospective prep families- Tuesdays at 9.30am
- ANZAC service- Friday 22 April at 11.15am
- Year 2 swimming starts-Tuesday 26 April
- Hartwell Cross Country –Prep-6
- Year 1 swimming starts- Monday 9 May
- Prep school tour Saturday 14 May starting at 9.30am
- Prep Information Evening- Tuesday 17 May at 7.30pm
- Year 1 Teddy Bear Picnic -Thursday 19 May from 3.30-5pm
- Glen Iris District Cross Country competition- Friday 20 May
- Parent Information Night-Hugh van Cuylenberg- 7.30pm: The parent launch of ‘the Resilience Project’.
- Term 2 ends Friday June 24 at 2.30pm

There are also several dates to be finalised including the date that students reports will be sent home and parent-teacher interview dates for next term.

School Contributions
I would like to remind parents who have not yet finalised school contributions that these are now due. Whilst several parts of the school contributions are voluntary, there is an ‘essential items’ element which is not. Therefore all parents are required to pay this levy. We rely heavily on these contributions- both the optional and the voluntary amounts, to provide the rich and diverse range of programs and facilities that the students at Hartwell enjoy. Thanks for your understanding of this matter.

Reminders
- Thank you to those parents who have already sent in enrolment forms for siblings for next year. I really appreciate your support with this matter. It would be helpful if the remaining Prep enrolment forms for 2017 could be handed in at the office by the end of this week. This is really important so that we can accurately ascertain how many students will be in Prep at Hartwell next year. Thank you for your help with this matter. School tours are being held each Tuesday morning commencing at 9.30 in the foyer outside the school office. They will be conducted until the end of term three.
- The first day of term 2 for Hartwell students will be TUESDAY 12 APRIL. We have a pupil free day scheduled for Monday 11 April.
- Term one concludes on Thursday 24 March at 2.30pm. An assembly will be held at 2.00pm. The senior choir will be performing at the assembly and there will be a sports slide show.
- Please check the lost property baskets for items of school uniform. At the end of each term we donate the unclaimed and un-named school uniforms in lost property to a charity.
- Sibling photos will be taken tomorrow March 23. Most home-group photos were taken today.

Notices Recently Sent Home
- Crazy Hair Day
- Good Food Shop – Volunteers required for Term 2

Kris Moore
Principal

MUSIC - Year 6 Musical - The Lion King
We are very excited to announce that next term the Year 6 students will be working on their performance of The Lion King. Each Year 6 student will be involved, and students who played smaller roles in our 2015 production will be given the opportunity to play bigger parts. We will perform at the end of Term 2 for students, families and community members. The show will be performed in the gym and will be much more low-key than the whole school musical, but it will still be a lot of fun! Stay tuned for more information next term.

Clare Hyland
Music Teacher

PE UPDATE
GEELONG GEMS!
Congratulations to our super ‘TRYathletes’ who participated in the Geelong event on the weekend. Each year we have a handful of students who head down to Geelong and this year was no different. From all reports, the Hartwell students were outstanding and they all had a wonderful time. Thank you to all families for making the trek down the highway. I will present a slideshow of the Tryathlon at our final assembly this Thursday afternoon.

Premier’s Active April
Wonderful to see some of our families register for Active April. Our school is participating in the Premier’s Active April which encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of activity a day during April. This is a free program simply to encourage good health and physical activity. Registration comes with some great giveaways and benefits. Students can track their progress on line. I have set up a team for Hartwell families, so if you register as an individual you can then nominate to join a team. Our school ID is hartwell-primary-
school. I am looking forward to tracking the activity of our team! Head to the website for more information [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au). This is certainly not compulsory but certainly worth a look. Come and see me if you do register as I have an Active April pack for you.

**Running Group**

Although I mentioned at assembly on Monday that our running group will meet this Wednesday morning, due to the staff photo morning, our running session will be held on the last day of school this Thursday at 8am at Lynden Park. All Year levels are welcome. I will need some parents to assist with walking the children back to school if you are able to stay for the session. In fact parents are more than welcome to join in and have a run! See you there this Thursday morning (not Wednesday!)

We have had a wonderful term in PE. Thank you to all families for their support of the PE & Sport program at Hartwell. Have a great break.

**Thank you.**

Jo Bayes
PE Teacher & Sport Co-ordinator

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**THE GREAT FETE 2016 – the date is Set!**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED**

Well who can believe that term 1 would fly by so quickly! The date has been set for Saturday November 19th for this year’s Great Fete and we need your help. This is an extremely important event on the Hartwell School calendar. The GREAT FETE is an excellent opportunity for both new and current families to become involved in the BIGGEST event for the year and contribute to making it a successful and memorable day for everyone. We will be having a meeting in the in the staff room on Tuesday 22nd April at 9am (after school drop off) and would welcome anyone that would like to join us on the Fete Committee and assist us in coordinating the event. There are various roles available and I would love to meet with you. Please feel free to contact me on 0414 504 856 if you would like to discuss anything prior to our meeting. Looking forward to meeting lots of new faces!

Nicole Bainbridge
Fete Committee

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Order your new Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership **before 12 April 2016** and you will receive **over $120 worth of additional offers** that you can use right away!

Books will be available for pick from the school office from 15th April 2016.

Please see attached flyer for more details.
Get involved in the School Banking program

Hartwell Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is THURSDAYS. Each week you need to BRING YOUR DEPOSIT BOOK AND MONEY.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items. This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are 8 new reward items for 2016 from the Outback Savers range: Flying Snake Tail Wildlife Writer Set Mud Splat Handball Outback Pat Bag Tag Backtrack Eraser Pen Jump and Skip Rope Bush Fly Fan Wriggly Glow Worm

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
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**Good Food Shop**

**Volunteers for Term 2 2016**
Thank you to all those who have offered to assist in Term 2! We are very grateful for your assistance. If you are able to help please return the attached flier. A new roster will be distributed prior to the end of this term.

**Special Food Day last Friday**
An enormous thank you to all those who helped in the GFS on Friday, we had a hugely busy day, and your assistance was invaluable! Thanks particularly to Chris Howell who efficiently cooked all the chicken burgers. Unfortunately the delivery of Asian foods arrived late which meant the children had to queue at the canteen windows for these items. We hope despite this that the children enjoyed the special menu items.

**Term 2 Menu**
A new Term 2 Menu will be distributed at the start of next term.

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**Uniform Shop**
The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.45 to 9.00am on the following Tuesdays for fittings only:
- **Wednesday 23rd March**
- **Tuesday 14th April**

All orders must be processed in the school office first. If you need to place an order, please pick up an order form from the office or download one from the school's website and place the order through the office. There will be approximately a two-three week wait on all orders as we are unable to store large quantities of stock.

**Hats and folios** are available to purchase from the office.

Alison Watson  
watson.ali@icloud.com  
Claire Lugger  
dm.cl@hotmail.com

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**Sick Bay Washing Roster**
Thank you for volunteering to go on the sickbay washing roster. The roster for 2015 is below. If you are unable to do the week you were allocated, please swap with someone else on the roster. Could you please collect the sheets on Friday and return them some time the following week. If you require any assistance please see the office staff.

**TERM 1 2016**

| 15.4.16 | Sarah Wright |
| 22.4.16 | Colleen Young |
| 29.4.16 | Kathryn McKendry |
| 6.5.16  | Nicole Strydom |
| 13.5.16 | Bernadette Renggli |
| 20.5.16 | Jacqui Hilton |
| 27.5.16 | Yan Chen |
| 3.6.16  | Victoria Foletta |
| 10.6.16 | Melissa Ellwood |
| 17.6.16 | Noel Jones |
| 24.6.16 | Liz Tritton |

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**TERM 2 2016**

| Thurs 24.3.16 | Amy Kimpton |
Looking for a unique creative activity these holidays?

Book into one of our craft workshops in Camberwell.

Fri 1 Apr  Mini Embroidery Hoop Necklaces (7+)
  10am-12 noon | $35

Sun 3 Apr  DIY Tassel Necklaces (9+)
  4pm-6pm | $45

Mon 4 Apr  Beginners Weaving (10+)
  10am-4pm | $65

Wed 6 Apr  Mini Embroidery Necklaces (7+)
  10am-12 noon | $35

Thu 7 Apr  Macrame Planters (6+)
  10am-12 noon | $35

Sun 10 Apr  DIY Tassel Necklaces (9+)
  4pm-6pm | $45

All materials, tuition and nibbles provided.

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When:
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Visit the Ashburton Primary School Grand Fair on Sunday 20th March 10am - 4pm
A great Family day out - with over 30 stalls, fun rides and lots of activities.
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2.30pm Procession
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Hi, I'm Bruce!
Come and meet me on Sunday 20th March 2016 between 10am - 4pm