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Dear Parents,

As you all know, parent-teacher “Getting to Know You” meetings are scheduled for this week for most year levels. We hope that this opportunity to exchange information and share expectations will set the scene for a very successful 2016. The partnership between parents and teachers is vital in ensuring the best possible learning outcomes for our students.

In the week starting February 29th Information Evenings will also be held for all sections of the school except Year 5 & 6. Their information night will be next Monday 22nd February at 7pm. At these forums the teachers will outline excursions, camps, homework expectations, the curriculum areas that will be covered by each grade level and other relevant information. I urge each family to attend as participation in these sessions sends a very clear message to your child that you value the parent-teacher relationship and that you intend working in concert with your child’s teachers. It is also an indication to your child’s teacher that you want to work in conjunction with them and support and be involved in your child’s education.

Below I have included a poem for your enjoyment as I do most years. I believe it portrays very clearly the importance of this relationship between school and home.

“I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child’s mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher—the tools she used
Were books and music and art:
One was a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was deft and sure
While the parent laboured by her side
And polished and smoothed it o’er.

And when at last their tasks were done
They were proud of what they had wrought, For
the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.
And each agreed they would have failed
if they had worked alone.
For behind the parents stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.”   -Anon.
2016 Student Leaders
Year six students will be presented with their leadership badges on **Friday February 26**th at a special assembly commencing at 9.00am in the Performing Arts Centre. All year six parents are invited to this assembly.

Science
As you are probably aware we have introduced Science as a specialist lesson this year. Emily Durham is our science teacher and the science lessons are being held in the junior learning community next to the new portable. The students are excited to be learning science and have so far enjoyed their lessons. The science lessons this term will cover the following areas:
- Reversible and irreversible change (Chemistry) - Grade 5 and 6
- Life cycles of flowering plants (Biology) - Grade 3 and 4
- Who, where and how water is used (Earth Science) - Grade 1 and 2

Hartwell Movie Night
'The Good Dinosaur' is the movie being screened on Saturday 27**th** February at our annual movie night. It starts at approximately 8pm. Prior to this pizza, choc-tops, drinks, icy poles and popcorn will be on sale. Why not book your tickets soon? You will need to bring your own seat / rug when you come along to enjoy this movie as the bean bags are sold out! This is a great way to support the school whilst catching up with friends that you haven't seen over the holidays. It is also an opportunity for new families to meet other Hartwell families. Tickets are $30 per family and $8 per bean bag and are on sale from the school office. Please note that for this activity students MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Channel 10 Weather Report
It was great to see so many of our Year 6 students and their buddies featured on the Channel 10 news last Monday afternoon when their news cross was to our Prep learning community. Opportunities such as this don't come about by accident, In this case Sally Tobin, one of our parents, nominated our school for participation in this activity. Thanks to Sally and especially Lisa Banks, many of our students had the opportunity to be on TV. Thanks also to the parents who brought their children back to school and to the teachers who remained at school during the weather cross. I'm sure the students involved enjoyed seeing themselves on TV.

Home Group Reps
We have had a steady response to our request for volunteers to be home group representatives this year. At the time of writing we have had several parents volunteering to assist with two or even three home groups and will rationalise which home groups these parent are aligned to in the next week. There are still many home groups with no representatives or with just one parent. Ideally we would suggest that each home group has two parent representatives. Please therefore consider whether you could undertake this role. If you can assist with this matter, please complete the attached form and return it to the office ASAP. An information session for class reps will be held shortly. A role description will be distributed at this meeting.

Traffic Management
This is one aspect of our school that continues to cause concern, particularly at this time of the year when our Prep students are still very new to school and need to be brought into their classrooms. I am therefore appealing to all parents to be patient and tolerant at drop off and pick up times. It is important that we respect our immediate neighbours and that we refrain from parking in or across private driveways, on corners that are clearly marked “No Standing” and for extended periods in the “5 minute zones”. Please also consider others when parking and try to avoid taking one and a half spaces, so more cars can be accommodated in our limited parking areas. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Reminders
- **Year 5 & 6 Information Evening** (incorporating Year 6 Camp Information)- Please note that this information session will be held at 7pm next Monday 22**nd** February. All year 5 and 6 parents are invited to attend.
- Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds at any time. Please make sure you leave your dogs at home or have someone mind them outside the school grounds. We currently have an issue with dog droppings each morning.

Notices Recently Sent Home
- Prep Newsletter

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**Kris Moore**
**Principal**

**PE UPDATE**
**HPS Swimming for Success!**
Congratulations to our 37 swimmers who represented Hartwell yesterday at the Glen Iris District Swimming Carnival. The sunshine was glorious and the level of commitment, behaviour and sportsmanship of each and every competitor was of the highest standard. Thank you to Mr.
Maloney for taking on the role of Team Manager and to Nick Holdsworth for assisting me with running the overall event. Once again our parent support was outstanding. Thank you to Ann Cornish (ribbons/results) and timers Peter Kendy, Kayt MacDonald, Caroline Pedder and Jo Murphy. Our team had many wonderful results and once again our consistency across the team, which included many first time carnival swimmers, saw Hartwell take out the title of GIDSSA Swimming Champions for the second year in a row. Congratulations to our Captains Simon L. and Imogen M. on their humble and articulate acceptance speeches. We have eleven individual swimmers and four relay teams who will now go on to represent Hartwell and the District at the Boroolandara Division meet on Monday 29th February at the Monash Aquatic Centre. Well done to the Hartwell Swimming Team.

**Weetbix Tryathlon**

Congratulations Hartwell ‘Tryathletes’, we have reached our target of 100 competitors! This is a wonderful achievement and shows the level of support and commitment, not only to Physical Education at HPS, but to the health and well-being of your children. Thank you and well done. Entries for the Tryathlon have not closed and I will be adding another sheet of paper to the Wall of Fame.


Our first training session, which was held last Saturday, was a huge success with at least 75 kids swimming laps of Ashburton pool, before heading to the park for a ride and a run. A session like this is certainly not possible without parent support. Thanks to the many parents who rode bikes and happily ran with a group of kids, along with those who supervised the road crossings. You could see by the happy (but red) faces, how much the students enjoy these sessions. Our next non-compulsory training sessions will be on:

- Saturday 27th February @ 4pm meeting at the Ashburton Pool.
- Sunday 6th March @ 4pm at Catani Gardens, St. Kilda.
- Go Hartwell!

**Year 6 Sport**

The Year 6 Interschool Sport teams had another very successfully outing last Thursday as we went to visit Solway PS. A week of PE sessions and some lunchtime practices by the very committed, saw a big improvement in skills this week. We came away with wins in Newcombe, Volleystars, Tennis, Kanga Boys’ and Mixed/Boys’ Tee Ball. Our Girls’ Tee Ball team battled it out in a close match and our Mixed Kanga team were much improved and are certainly getting close to snaring a win. I did omit to highlight the successful result of our Kanga Boys’ and Mixed/Boys’ Tee Ball team in last week’s round also – well done to these teams. We do not have a match this week, however the teams will be training in preparation for our following round. Go Hartwell.

**Please remember all students do need a hat for PE during Term 1.**

**Jo Bayes**

**PE Teacher & Sport Co-ordinator**

**MUSIC**

**Brass and Woodwind Instrumental Lessons**

James Horsman is a highly recommended instrumental teacher who teaches oboe, flute, clarinet, sax, bassoon, trumpet and trombone. All instruments well suited to our Jazz Band! He teaches at a number of schools and has lesson times available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Canterbury Primary School. James studied music at the Defence Force School of Music and the University of Melbourne. He has many years of experience in the Australian Navy Band, the Australian Army Band and with popular Sydney band BigyToy. He has taught in many schools in NSW and Victoria and has been at Canterbury PS for over 7 years. Hartwell students can enquire or enrol to learn with James by calling 0432891196 or emailing horsmanjames@hotmail.com.

**STUDENT BANKING**

Parents please note that student banking will recommence on Thursday 3rd March. All bank books should be sent to school via the students and handed to the classroom teacher.

If you wish to open an account for your child with the CBA please call in at the school office and pick up a pack or contact the office on 9889 4012 for more information.

**CAMPS, SPORT & EXCURSIONS FUND**

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

b) Be a temporary foster parent, and

c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

**Applications are available from the school office and close on 29th February 2016**
PREP FAMILIES - PLAY AT THE PARK
Please join us for an informal afternoon at Lynden Park, Camberwell, for the chance to get to know other prep families from Hartwell. Sunday 21 February, 3pm to 5pm at Lynden Park (Lynden Street, off Highfield Rd). Free icy poles for the kids! Bring your own snacks, blanket, games etc. Siblings welcome. Hope you can join us! (Please check Skoolbag app on the Friday before in case we need to cancel due to bad weather)

MOVIE NIGHT
The 2016 Hartwell Movie Night is only 11 days away!

Saturday 27th February – from 6.30pm.

Stomp on down to the school for a roaring good time, to watch this Summer’s feel good animated movie - The Good Dinosaur.

Thank you to those who have returned your forms, please contact the office if you have not received one.

Q: Why are all dinosaur jokes so bad?
A: Because they are pre-hysteric

Make sure you get your form and payment back to the office by THIS FRIDAY.

Sorry – ALL BEAN BAGS ARE SOLD OUT, so we cannot take any more orders.

Any help on the night would be appreciated, either record your availability on the form or email jacqui@noisybeast.com

2016 HOME GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

NAME ________________________________________________________________

CONTACT NUMBER ______________________________________________________________________

CHILD’S /CHILDREN’S NAME:

1. __________________________________ HG __________________

2. __________________________________ HG __________________

3. __________________________________ HG __________________

I am willing to undertake the role of Class Rep for 2016

Signature _________________________________________________________________
**Support Services, Rosters, Community & Social Events**

**Good Food Shop**
The new summer menu is available on the website and the skoolbag. A hard copy was sent home via the students last week and is available at the school office.

**Good Food Shop Rosters for this week**

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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:

**Tuesday 16th February**
**Wednesday 24th February**
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

**Sick Bay Washing Rosters**
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.

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TWILIGHT MOVIE NIGHT 2016 - SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY

- Don’t miss the most ROARSOME family night of 2015 - the annual Hartwell Twilight Movie Night.
- Join us from 6.30pm, get a good spot on the synthie turf and collect your bean bags. Kids games start at 7.00pm.
- Once again the tickets are family tickets - $30 a family, with additional non-family kids $5 a head.
- The Bar will be open for adults and pizza will be served from 6.30 – 7.45. We do not have the option of BYO alcohol, due to our licensing restrictions. Bottled water will also be available.
- Choc tops, icy poles and popcorn will be available to snack on while you watch the movie.
- The movie ‘THE GOOD DINOSAUR’ will start around 8.00pm and runs for approx 1hr 40 mins.
- Bean bags are available for hire, to collect on the night, but need to be pre-purchased. Please detail below the number of bean bags you want, they are limited and it is on a first come first served basis. They continue to be very popular, and make for very comfy viewing.
- As always, the wet weather option of the PAC is available so the show will go on regardless!
- Please return your booking form and payment to the office no later than Friday 19/02/2015

Eldest Child Name ___________________________ Eldest Class _____  = $30
Additional Children’s Tickets @ $5.00  ____ x $5.00 = $___________

Number of Bean Bags required @$8.00 a bag (ONLY PRE PURCHASE AVAILABLE) _____ x $8.00 = $ ____________
TOTAL = $___________

Approx. no of Pizza Slices required ($2.50/slice – this is not an order – to be purchased on the night) _________

Email address if able to help on the night __________________________
Preference  SET UP 5pm – 6.30pm  SERVING 6.30pm – 8pm  CLEAN UP 9.45pm–10.05pm
YOUR INVITATION TO THE FIRST SCorpions SOCIAL EVENT 2016

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE EAST MOUNTAIN RSL FOR CASUAL DRINKS ON SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY FROM 2PM.

DING THE KIDS, BRING YOUR PARTNERS AND BRING YOUR RACING SHOES! THE BAR WILL BE OUR AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT.

EAST MOUNTAIN RSL, 1680 MOUNTAIN ROAD, EAST MOUNTAIN

We would love to see you all there!

ENTRY TOTALLY FREE - CLUB UMPIRES - SINGLE COMMISSION.

2016 Winter Registrations
Open Wednesday 10th February

The Glen Iris District Basketball Club announces that the 2016 Winter Basketball Season will commence on Saturday 26th March 2016.

Player Registrations open Wednesday 10th February at 7.00am and close strictly at midnight Wednesday 24th February for all new and existing players. Any late registrations will incur a late fee of $25 per family and positions will be filled on a first in, first served basis, depending on availability.

Step 1 Registration
- Registration costs are $175 per player for Under 8 to Under 14 age groups.
- Costs are $230 for players in Under 16.
- A $100 deposit will apply for any additional players.
- Register before midnight Wednesday 24th February.
- A late fee of $25 per family will be charged for any registrations after midnight Wednesday 25th February.
- To register click on this link: http://www.trybooking.com/TE3A or paste the link into your web browser and follow the prompts.

Step 2 Uniforms & Merchandise Orders
- Registrations and uniform orders are due online and require payment by credit card.
- Uniform orders open Monday 29th February and close on midnight Thursday 4th March.
- To order a uniform or merchandise click on this link: http://www.trybooking.com/TE3A or paste the link into your web browser and follow the prompts.
- Hoodies and Scorpions bags are available to order via the same link.
- All new players require a uniform (t-shirts single and shorts) to play. Remember any player wishing to update or renew a uniform also needs to order in the specified uniform booking period.

Please note no new measurements for both singles and shorts will be available for the Winter Season 2016. Come to the Thursday training sessions between 4.20pm-5.30pm on Feb 25th or Mar 3rd for this size.

Club Registration and General Enquiries
Please email your registration queries to the club registrar: gldistrictregister@gmail.com

Registration Age Groups - Players must be within their registered age group as at 31 December 2015.

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