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Dear Parents,
Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you have all had a restful and relaxing holiday with your families. The students have transitioned from their 2015 learning communities into their new learning communities in a calm manner. We have noticed that they seem particularly settled and confident and are generally interacting positively with their new teachers and their peers. This augurs well for a very successful year. Well done to all of you for preparing your children so well for the new school year.

Our Prep students commence tomorrow, with two home groups at school in the morning and two in the afternoon. On Monday our whole student population will be at school. Thirty one new students in Years 1-6 started at Hartwell today, and they have quickly made friends and settled into their new environment. It is quite a challenge to move schools - yet these students have coped admirably. The staff also deserve a special mention - teachers; administration staff; integration aides; Gavan, our handyman and of course our cleaners for their magnificent efforts in setting up the learning communities and preparing for the start of the new school year.

Holiday Happenings
Over the holidays the synthetic turf on the lower level of the playground was replaced. Thank you very much to David Stockdale who managed this project. The new surface looks fantastic and will be popular during recess and lunchtimes and will be well-used during P.E. lessons and after school care sessions. This new surface cost $45,000 and was able to be done so quickly due to the large amount raised at last year’s lap-a-thon- $27,000. Thanks to all the students for their participation in this fundraising event and to the parents who supported their children by making donations or sponsoring them.

The new two-storey building is now on site and operable and is where the Year 1 home groups will be sited. The rooms are heated and air conditioned and the whole building looks great. We will need to establish gardens around the building at our working bees this year. The Year 5 learning community and the main corridor was painted during the holidays and now looks much smarter.

Finally, thanks to the parents who were involved in the watering roster over the holidays. It is great to return to school to gardens which are flourishing despite the hot weather. Those involved were the following families: -

Li Luo
Chris Howell
Alicia Temmerman
Andrew Kegele
Angie
Andy Glenn
Lena Mendel
Chris Polatsidis
Emily Batskos
Carolyn Fern
Usha Gupta
Tina Forgione
Justine Chittick
Katy McDonald
Kim Major
Ewan Morgan
Meta Holdgate
Sally Cirulis
Alexia Gontier
Samantha Wallace

parking infringement officers are frequently patrolling the streets around our school at drop off and pick up times.
Hartwell Movie Night
On Saturday February 27th we will be holding the annual Hartwell Movie Night. It will be lots of fun and a great opportunity to catch up with parents you may not have seen over the Summer vacation and to meet families new to the school. More details will be available in next week’s newsletter, but I can let you know that the movie being screened is ‘The Good Dinosaur’.

Reminders
• The swimming program for students in Years 3 and 4 starts next Tuesday February 2nd. Forms and money should be returned to school tomorrow.
• The Year 6 Canberra trip will be held from February 29th - March 4th

This newsletter is more of a bulletin than a newsletter. The normal distribution day for the newsletter is Tuesday and on Tuesday I will write a more comprehensive edition. The main purpose of this bulletin is to welcome everyone back to school, particularly our new families. As is always the case if you have any concerns or matters you want to discuss please contact your child’s home group teacher or me and we will be happy to listen and assist you.

I hope you have a great 2016,

Kris Moore
Principal

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open tomorrow from 3.15 – 4.15pm for fittings. 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.

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