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Dear Parents,
Our very youngest students arrived on Friday for their first day at school, resplendent in their new uniforms and accompanied by parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and the ubiquitous photos being taken. The Prep students are always a great source of pleasure and delight to the rest of the school and their learning community is a very popular place to visit in these first few weeks. We hope that their first few days at school are a lot of fun and a great start to their education.

Staffing - 2016
This year we have twenty seven home groups, each with an allocated home group teacher. We also have five TALCs [Teaching and Learning Coaches] allocated across the school. Specialist classes will be covered as follows:-

- Physical Education by Mrs Jo Bayes and Mrs Nadine Halpin;
- Art and Craft by Miss Georgie Howarth and Mrs Joy Birrell;
- Italian by Mrs Palmina Di Angelo;
- Science by Ms Emily Durham;
- Music by Ms Clare Hyland and Ms Debbie Tait;
- Reading Recovery by Ms Liz Crain and Library by Mrs Pauline Miritis and Michele Ritchie (Library Technician).

Home group teachers are as follows:

**Prep** - located in the Prep learning community and the room adjacent to the library
- TALC - Lisa Banks
- Prep A - Miss Amy Belcher
- Prep B - Mr Chris Byron-Smith
- Prep J - Mrs Carolyn Johnston
- Prep S - Miss Daphne Scoutras

**Junior Learning Community** - the Year One home groups are located both upstairs and downstairs in the new portable near the oval; and the Year Twos are located upstairs in the Junior Learning Community
- TALC-Mrs Lauren Cummings
- J1M - Miss Tash Maskell
- J1C - Miss Annalei O'Connor
- J1D - Miss Megan Donelly

**Middle Learning Community** - the Year Three and Four are upstairs in the main building.
- TALC-Mrs Margaret Aitken

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**Term 1**

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J1O - Ms Erin O'Donoghue
J2M - Ms Emily Mackie
J2C - Miss Libby Cotter
J2G - Ms Jasmine Giles
J2N - Miss Emily Nitsikas

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M3S - Mrs Jen Scott
M3D - Ms Harriet Duxfield-Smith
M3F - Ms Flynn Gleeson
M4O - Mrs Gretchen O'Donnell
M4L - Mr Michael Lee
M4S - Ms Sophie Smith
M4H - Ms Katrina Hall

Senior Learning Community - The Year 5 learning community is downstairs in the main building near the library; the Year 6 learning community is upstairs directly above the main office.

TALC - Mr Garry Collins (Year 5) and Adrian O'Connor (Year 6)
S5M - Mr Ben Maloney
S5C - Ms Kim Chen
S5G - Mrs Vicky Gemmell
S5J - Ms Jessica Mahony
S6O - Mr Adrian O'Connor
S6H - Miss Emillie Hunt
S6B - Miss Catherine Buckley
Mrs Emily Batskos will teach S6O on Wednesdays to allow Mr O'Connor to plan, coach and work with the other Year 6 teachers.

Ernie Pietsch, a retired principal works with Lisa, Garry and me and the leadership team two days per week as a “critical friend”.

You may have seen Stacey Mihailidis at school for the past few days. Her last day before going on family leave will be tomorrow. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Stacey all the best for the birth of her baby.

Administration Staff, After School Care Staff and Integration Aides

We also have a number of Administration staff led very capably by Shiranee Jansz, who is the Business Manager. Our Office staff include: - Fiona Miller, Charlotte Huang and Catriona McCraw. Catriona is also the Co-ordinator of our Good Food Shop. We have four integration aides who do a superb job supporting some of our students with special needs. They are Carmel McPhee, Caryn Drew, Megan Whitford and Ann Nolan who is new to Hartwell P. S. These ladies will be working throughout the school in different learning communities on various days.

Karl Burton leads the Camp Australia program which includes the before and after school care and holiday programs. He has a number of assistants who work with him.

Curriculum Provision

As mentioned above, each learning community also has a TALC who is not in charge of a home group, to assist with data analysis, coaching and mentoring other teachers, role modelling good teaching practice and to support by teaching groups of students- in short to assist their team to provide the best possible learning outcomes for the students in their care.

Parents are always interested in the range of curricula on offer. In 2016 the following programs will be available:-

- LOTE – Italian
- Physical Education
- Music / Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- PMP for Prep students in terms 2 and 3
- Reading Recovery [selected Year One students]
- Science. [The Prep and Year 1 students will each do Science for two terms- the Year 1s in the first half of the year and the Preps in semester two. All other year levels will have Science lessons each week.]
- Library.

As always, students will participate in a range of extra-curricular activities in sport, music, PIE [Program for Individual Enrichment], etc.

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'.

Hartwell School Fete

2016 is a school fete year and no doubt many community members will become involved in our fete as the year unwinds. Please note that the date of the school fete is Saturday November 19th. The fete will run from 2.00pm - 8.00pm.

Thank You

Allison Watson, our Uniform Shop co-ordinator and her assistants deserve a special mention and a big THANK YOU! They have organised uniforms for 91 preps and 31 other new students. This is a mammoth task which has been undertaken with a minimum of fuss and maximum efficiency. Thank you so much ladies!

Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Epilepsy, Diabetes

Please be aware that we need current information / documentation regarding medical issues related to your child. We would appreciate all current details being provided to us by tomorrow – Wednesday February 3rd. It is important that epi pen bags are returned to school and that the epi pens in these bags are not out of date. Forms for anaphylaxis plans can be downloaded from the following website: www.allergy.org.au

Please also be aware that for some families the fear of their child having an anaphylactic attack is very real and frightening. For this reason we ask...
your support in not sending peanut butter, Nutella or other nut products or bars to school. Thanks for your help with this matter.

Monday Assembly
A whole school assembly will be held in the Performing Arts Centre [PAC] each Monday morning at 9.00am. Prep students will not attend for the first few weeks, although Prep parents are most welcome.

Reminders
• The canteen will open tomorrow-Wednesday February 3rd.
• The Year 3 and 4 swimming program starts tomorrow.
• The Uniform Shop will be open next on Wednesday 10th February
• Voluntary contributions and school fees can be paid at the school office any day this week.
• Please think about joining School Council. Nominations will be sought later this week.
• Children are expected to wear a hat when they are outside in term one. We are a Sunsmart School.

Notices Recently Sent Home
• Year 6 Interschool Sports Program

Kris Moore
Principal

PE UPDATE
Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break. As usual, we hit the ground running in PE & Sport.

Swimming Trials
The second trial for swimmers to be considered for our school team to compete at the Glen Iris District Swimming Carnival, will be held this Thursday 4th February 2016 at the Harold Holt Aquatic Centre (Cnr. Edgar & High St). Entry is free and the trials will commence at 4pm. By now students should have registered their interest with me, however, if your child has not done so, please ask them to see me on Wednesday morning.

Weetbix Tryathlon
The Hartwell Tryathlon Wall of Fame is growing by the day as we have over fifty ‘Tryathletes’ registered. The event is open to students aged seven and over (as at 13/3/2016). The Melbourne event is on Sunday 13th March and Geelong is on the following weekend for those who may be away for the St. Kilda race. Log on to the website for more information regarding distances and of course how to enter. Registrations do close once the event is full, so if you intend to enter, don’t delay. Students can also enter as a team which is a great way to be involved. Don’t forget to add your name to the Wall of Fame once you have registered.


Thank you to triathlete Brad Boag (Lachie & Isobel’s dad) who has offered to assist me with running some training sessions leading up to the event. These are certainly not compulsory sessions, but open to all participants if they would like to join in (and those kids unsure if they want to register but want to try out the three disciplines). Sessions will be held at the following times: Saturday 14th & 28th February @ 4pm meeting at the Ashburton Pool. These sessions will go for approximately an hour or so.

Sunday 6th March @ 4pm at Catani Gardens, St. Kilda. Fish and Chips afterwards are always a hit! Reminders will be sent closer to these dates.

Go Hartwell Kids!

Year 6 Sport
This Thursday sees the beginning of the Year 6 Interschool Sport Program. Round 1 has the Hartwell teams travel across Toorak Road to Ashburton PS. Volleystars, Newcombe and our Hot Shots teams will play at Ashburton Primary School on Fakenham Rd. Tee Ball and Kanga 8s will travel to Hartwell Sports Ground at the end of Beryl Street. All permission notices should be returned, however if your child is yet to return their form, please ensure it is returned asap. We wish all teams the best for Round 1. Go Hartwell!

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

Jo Bayes
PE Teacher & Sport Co-ordinator

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
Good Food Shop
The Good Food Shop will be open every Wednesday & Friday commencing tomorrow Wednesday 3rd February. The new summer menu will be available on the website and the skoolbag app later today. A hard copy will be sent home via the students this afternoon.

**Good Food Shop Rosters for this week**

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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.

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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 10th February**

**Tuesday 16th 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

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**Hartwell Primary School**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Saturday 27th February

_stomp_ on down to the school for a roaring good time, to watch this Summer’s feel good animated movie - _The Good Dinosaur_.

Q: What do you call a dinosaur with no eyes?
A: _Doyouthinkysaraus_

Watch for more details (and lots more dino-jokes) in the newsletter during the first few weeks of school.
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