Dear Parents,

The Year Six students and the nine teachers who travelled to Canberra last week arrived back at school late on Friday afternoon. Reports from the teachers indicate that the students were cooperative, enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed the activities, with ‘Questacon’, The War Memorial, swimming at the AIS and Parliament House being acclaimed the favourites by most. Many thanks to the nine teachers involved in this activity - Garry Collins, Clare Hyland, Emillie Hunt, Catherine Buckley, Megan Donnelly, Katrina Hall, Libby Cotter, Karl Burton and especially to Adrian O’Connor who was the teacher in charge of the camp. All the teachers deserve credit for their impeccable organisation and care for the students. Being ‘on duty’ twenty four hours a day is both a huge responsibility and extremely tiring and our staff attend camps each year without question. Thanks you all very much for your professionalism and enthusiasm.

Multi-Cultural Morning Tea

We will be holding a multi-cultural morning tea on Friday March 18 at 9.00am in the staffroom. Mums and dads who are new to Australia or Hartwell and who come from different cultural backgrounds are invited to attend to get to know other parents and to help us to work out how we can be more inclusive in our school community. Please come along and help us to understand how we can do this. A reply slip is included in this newsletter.

School Council 2016

The following parents (in alphabetical order) were elected to School Council at the recent Council elections: Andrew Major, Kirsten Neilson, David Palfreeman and Sarah Wright. Thanks to all the candidates who put themselves forward for this important role. I hope that each of the parents who were not elected on this occasion will decide to join one of our Council sub-committees. At the March Council meeting the new council may decide to co-opt one further member. They will then decide on the office bearers for the 2016 school year.

Special Religious Education –SRI

As you are probably aware, the government decided that from the start of this school year, SRI
classes can only be taken before or after school or at lunchtime.

As more than half of our families had their children in the program last year the SRI teachers have been exploring options for running the classes at lunchtime.

We do have a small number of teachers willing to supervise SRI lessons on a short-term basis.

The option being explored at present is to offer SRI classes to Years 1 and 2 students for six weeks in term 2 and then to students in Years 3 and 4 for six weeks in term 3. There would be a cost of $10.00 per student for the series of lessons.

Before developing this notion further I need to know whether families with students in these Year levels would be interested in their child participating in the lessons. They would be held in the hall and would involve some large group singing and listening to stories and some small group activities / discussions. The entire lesson would last for 30 minutes. A note has been sent to all families with students in these year levels, who participated in the SRI program last year and also to new families in these year levels. If other families want their children to participate in the lessons as detailed above they should ask at the office for a form to be returned by Thursday. We will then make a decision as to whether we will offer SRI in this format for 2016.

Preps Attend School for Five Days

Prep parents are reminded that from tomorrow the prep students come to school on Wednesdays. Any Prep parents with issues or questions about this should contact me at school or see their child’s home group teacher.

Working Bee

There will be an important working bee on Saturday 19 March from 1-4pm. The working bee will conclude with a BBQ and drinks. The main jobs listed include:

- Levelling and covering the area between the new portable and the junior learning community
- General clean-up including sweeping, weeding, mowing, spreading soft-fall under the play equipment, watering, etc.
- Planting the garden in the central courtyard
- Adding sand to the prep sandpit and sweeping sand back into the long jump pit
- Repairs to the garden near the double gate in Milverton Street

A detailed note will be sent home this week. Please try to make yourself available for a few hours on this date as then we will be able to ensure that the playground remains an attractive place for our children to play. There is a form in this newsletter that you can complete if you are able to assist at this working bee.

Sibling Enrolments – Prep 2017

We have been approached by several new families wanting to enrol their students in Prep in 2017. Therefore to start the process of enrolment for next year’s Prep students, current families with a Prep student due to start school next year should complete an enrolment form and drop it into the office by Thursday 24th March. Thank you for your help with this matter.

If you have friends or neighbours who have Prep students for 2017 they should telephone the office and book into a school tour and also complete an enrolment form, available on the school website. Notices outlining this process will be dropped into the pre-schools this week.

School tours will be held each Tuesday morning from today till the end of term three. Each tour will commence at 9.30am from the school office and will conclude by 10.40am.

Student Leaders

Each of our Year 6s has a leadership role at school and they received their badges at a special presentation assembly before they went to Canberra. Over the next few weeks I will list in the newsletter the student leaders and their specific roles for 2016. The first of these are listed below.

**Principal Action Team:** Caitlin Murphy, Jordan McCurdy, Ivy Ingles, Romy Taylor, Isabella Hind, Laura Browne and Jacqui Tobin

**SRC:** Bridget Gatt, Simon Lewison, Jemima Halprin, Malachy Wright, Imogen McKendry, Luke Kuflik

**Italian Action Team:** Ethan Smith, Josh Shaw

**Music Action Team:** James McKellar, Emily Cirulus, Faisal Al-Sabbagh, Scott Newman, Eric Chen, Miller Artz

**Art Action Team:** Sascha Stoll, Violet Zheng, Scarlett Strong, Monique Shelton, Lachlan Walliss, Dominic Marmara

**ICT Action Team:** Jordan Junkeer, Scott Zheng, Alex Polatsidis, Max Chudasko

**Canteen Action Team:** Olivia Millot-Jones, Eloise Longford, Sarah Ford, Kelly Jenkins, Aidan Hunter, Thomas Rigby Blake, Zach Blair, Kiara Johnston Giannias

**Reminders**

- This Friday, March 11th and also Monday April 11th will be Curriculum Days at Hartwell. Camp Australia will be running a child care program at school on this day for parents who would like to enrol their children, providing they receive twenty enrolments for each day. Please let Karl or Camp Australia know if you need to use this service.
• The Hartwell Fete is on November 22nd. Please keep this date free as this is a major day on our school calendar and is lots of fun.

• This year the school photographs will be taken over two days- Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 March. Class and individual photos will be taken on 22 March and sibling photos on Wednesday 23 March. More details will follow. Please remember that students should be in full school uniform on these days.

• One of our parents lost a pair of Prada sunglasses and an Akubra-style hat at the movie night. If anyone knows where they are please contact the office staff at school so they be returned to their owner. There is a small reward for the person who finds them.

• Basketball and netball teams that use the school courts for training are reminded that there are brooms and rakes available in the disabled toilet for you to use when there are gumnuts on the courts. There is also a small brush and shovel. Please place the gumnuts that you sweep up back on the garden rather than in the rubbish bins. We all love our huge gum tree near the courts and unfortunately the gumnuts are something we all have to deal with as best we can at various times during the year. Please return the rakes and brooms to the disabled toilet after you have used them.

• Please make sure you notify the ladies in the office if your contact details have changed. This is vital to enable us to contact you promptly if your child is unwell.

• School contributions can be paid at the school office during the week between 8.30 and 4.00pm.

• A reminder that most parking on the school side of the streets surrounding the school between 3.00 and 4.00pm and between 8.30 and 9.30am is for two/five minutes only. Parents who want to park for longer and get out of their car to meet their children, should park elsewhere and walk to the school. These ‘zones’ were introduced to enable a quick pick up and move away and to keep the traffic around the school moving.

Please respect the parking limits and be aware that from time to time traffic infringement officers from the City of Boroondara attend and book cars that are illegally parked. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Notices Recently Sent Home
• Class List Information Request
• Year 5 Inquiry Incursion
• Multi-Cultural morning tea

• Prep Enrolments for siblings
• SRI – 2016 Information

Kris Moore
Principal

PE UPDATE
HPS Swimmers all the way to EMR.
Congratulations to our extremely talented swimmers who competed at the Eastern Metropolitan finals our at the new Aquanation pool in Ringwood yesterday. An outstanding effort to reach this level, our swimmers came away with some wonderful results. Our Year 6 campers were all granted invitations to allow them to swim, since they were away last week.

Well done to:

Emerson Y - 9/10yrs Backstroke: 2nd in her heat and a bronze medal in the final and two PBs for the day! Congratulations Emerson, this is an outstanding individual effort.

Emerson, Rhys C, Hannah M, Madi H – 9/10yrs Freestyle Relay: 1st in their heat and a bronze medal in the final. Awesome girls!

Lachie F-B, Simon L, Logan T & Sam K – Open Medley Relay: 5th in their heat, qualified 9th fastest for the final and came away with 8th in the final. Excellent result team!

Caitlin M - 12/13yrs Backstroke: finished 7th in her heat and a placing of 14th overall. Well done C! Imogen M - 12/13yrs Breaststroke: finished 7th in her heat and 15th place overall. Great swim Immy.


Thank you very much to all parents for their support of this event and ensuring all swimmers were able to get to the event. What a terrific experience for these swimmers. Well done!

WEETBIX TRYATHLON
At least 60 “Tryathletes” and their families headed to St. Kilda for our final training session last weekend (the big event is this weekend). And what an exciting session it was! This group of children showed such determination, courage and resilience as we were forced to move out of our calm, sheltered bay into the real ocean due to the State Kite Surfing titles going on. So off we marched up the beach and into water that was choppy with waves breaking constantly. But in true Hartwell spirit, every child had a go and revelled in the challenge. Thank you very much to the wonderful parents who did such a great job in the water ensuring all swimmers were safe and well supported. You were terrific. Then it was back to the park for a ride and a bolt along the track. The
buzz in the air was amazing. Again, thank you to our parents who took these kids on a ride or run. It has been a wonderful lead up to the event, seeing so many children trying something new, challenging themselves, developing their self-efficacy, resilience and having so much fun. Thank you again to all of the parents who have supported these training sessions. Your help is much appreciated.

The Hartwell banner will be flying high this Sunday close to the finish line area. We will have some marquees set up so make sure you come and find us and we can cheer the team on together. The early birds will be arriving with me around 7am! Please check the Weetbix Tryathlon website for last minute details re start times, check in times etc. Parking will obviously be an issue so please be prepared to park and walk. You will most likely need to find a park in a street well back from Beaconsfield Parade and walk. I know some people are still waiting on event packs; they should arrive this week I have been assured. Remember to encourage your child to drink plenty of water in the days leading up to the event. Remind them when riding to stay well clear of the bike in front. And at any-time throughout the event if they are feeling anxious or unsure, there will be many of the official support crew along the course to assist them. See you all on Sunday and again congratulations to our 117 ‘Tryathletes’. This really is a wonderful effort. Go Hartwell!

Year 6 Sport
This Thursday our Year 6 students will walk up the hill to St. Dominic’s Primary School for their Interschool Sport competition. Hot Shots Tennis, Newcombe and Volleystars will be played at St. Dom’s, Tee Ball and Kanga Cricket will be played across the road at Highfield Park. Go Hartwell.

Premier’s Active April
A reminder that 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, although Hartwell families are no doubt very active! If you register there are some great giveaways and benefits. Kids 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. We can track the activity of our team! Head to the website for more information 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
With Cross Country coming up in Term 2, I thought it would be a great idea to finish the term with a couple of running sessions to encourage runners to do some training in the holidays. Our first session will be on Wednesday 16th March on the top oval of Lynden Park at 8am. All Year levels are welcome. I will need some parents to assist with walking the children back to school if you are happy to help out. In fact parents are more than welcome to join in and have a run! See you there.

Please remember the weather is going to be warm this week, all students do need a hat for PE.
Thank you.

Jo Bayes
PE Teacher & Sport Co-ordinator
**Good Food Shop**

***Special Food Day – Friday 18 March***
We would like to operate a Special Food Day on Friday 18 March. Please see attached flyer for further information and menu items. A separate flyer will be distributed to the children today. Orders are due by Wednesday 16th March.
The new summer menu is available on the website and the Skoolbag App. A hard copy is always available for pick up from the school office.

**Uniform Shop**
The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.45 to 9.00am on the following Tuesdays for fittings only:
- **Wednesday 9th March**
- **Tuesday 15th March**
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 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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**Social Calendar**

**Prep Parents Night**
7:30pm Friday 18th March
**Café Paradiso**
213 Camberwell Rd Camberwell
$27pp inc canapés – Drinks at bar prices
RSVP 11th March
kellie@holidayconcepts.com.au

**Note change of venue**
HARTWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

ALL SCHOOL WORKING BEE
SATURDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2016
1.00PM - 4.00PM

BBQ AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Projects scheduled include:-

➤ Levelling and covering the area between the new portable and the junior learning community
➤ General clean-up including sweeping, weeding, mowing, spreading soft-fall under the play equipment, watering, etc.
➤ Planting the garden in the central courtyard
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➤ Repairs to the garden near the double gate in Milverton Street

ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT TO WORKING BEE BY PARENTS

• Shovels
• Wheelbarrows (as many as possible)
• Extension ladders
• Rakes
• Buckets with handles
• Karchers

• Pitchforks
• General weeding tools
• Plastic shopping bags – many needed
• Gloves
• Hoes
• Brooms

• Please name all items you bring along to avoid any mix-ups.

WORKING BEE - SATURDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2016
1.00PM – 4.00PM

Name: ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

☐ I / we will be attending the Working Bee from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

☐ No. of Adults ☐ No. of Children

Please reply by Thursday 17th March for catering purposes
***Good Food Shop Term 1 Special Food Day***
Friday 18 March 2016

The GFS is offering Special Food Items for Recess and Lunch on
Friday 18th March 2016
These Special Food Items must be PREORDERED by Wednesday 16 March

For Recess children are able to order:
* Hot Chocolate $ 1.50
* Hot Cross Bun $ 2.00

For Lunch children are able to order:
* Mini Thai Chicken Burger $3.00
  (chicken burger with lettuce, tomato and sweet chilli sauce)

  *Frozen Fruit Juice Box $ 2.50
    (Ribena or Tropical)

These special food items must be PRE-ORDERED please
With orders handed in to the office by Wednesday 16 March.
Orders received after this date will not be accepted.

Orders should be made on a paper bag with the child's name, grade, their order and correct money and handed in to school by Wednesday 16 March

*** The ONLY other lunch items available on the day are:
  *Sushi (all GF if discard "fish" soy sauce) - Vegetarian or Chicken or Tuna
    *Vegetarian Fried Rice or
    * Vegetarian Gyoza
    *Vegetarian Spring Rolls
Orders for these items may be made on the Friday***

***ALL current recess menu items will be available over the counter as normal***

Catriona McCraw
Canteen Manager
Tel: 9889 4012
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