Dear Parents,
On Friday you will have received a notice detailing time for the ‘Getting to Know You Meetings’ which we hold at the start of each school year. Unfortunately for this series of meetings we have reverted to a paper system because we are half way through transferring to a new online system. Notices should have been returned to your child’s teacher already. If you haven’t yet done so, please return your form tomorrow.

Teachers will allocate a time based on a ‘first come first served system’ and will notify you of your exact meeting later this week.

Meetings will be held as follows:
- Thursday February 11th: Years 5&6
- Monday February 15th: Prep
- Tuesday February 16th: Years 3&4
- Thursday February 18th: Years 1&2

Channel 10 Visit
Congratulations to the Preps and Year 6 students who participated in the Channel 10 live weather cross last night. This was a lot of fun and a great experience.

Classroom Visits / Walkthroughs
We will schedule a series of classroom visits again this year. We intend inviting you into the classroom to see a maths session run in each learning community. We will hold an explanatory session first, so you know what to look for and what teaching strategies are being used, then will take you to see each grade level [on a different day] as they are actually involved in the lesson. At the end of the visit we will debrief with you re: what you saw and you will have a chance for you to ask
questions. The entire visit for each year level will take approximately 90 minutes.
If this idea continues to be popular with parents and is well supported we will run the process again in terms two and maybe three with a focus on English and Inquiry Learning.

School Council Meeting
The first School Council meeting for 2016 is scheduled for next Monday 15 February at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by a Finance meeting at 6.45pm. All members of the 2015 School Council are invited to this meeting.
A letter was sent home to all families yesterday via the oldest child, calling for nominations for School Council for the next two years. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else you should do so via the forms which are available from the office. If there are more nominations than places available an election will be held. I am happy to answer any questions that prospective candidates may have. Please contact me via the school office. Parents who are currently on School Council are welcome to re-nominate if their two year term has expired.

The Year Ahead
This year ahead is looming as another exciting one at Hartwell. There are several significant dates and activities scheduled for the year, which include:

- A focus on parent education and parent involvement as a partner in the Hartwell learning community.
- Our whole school inquiry unit culminating in Open Night, which will be held in term three again this year. The focus of this inquiry unit for all year levels will be Geography and Civics & Citizenship.
- A Year 6 musical, most probably in term 2. More details will follow.
- The “Hartwell Great Fete” which will be held in term four – November 19th.

It definitely looks like a busy year ahead as these are whole school events and I haven’t listed swimming programs, camps, excursions, PIE programs, lunchtime clubs, Movie Night etc. I suggest that you note the dates on your calendar as soon as they are published.

Movie Night
The Hartwell P. S. Movie Night will be held on February 27th. “The Good Dinosaur” is the movie being screened, so why not order a bean bag and come along to watch the movie on the school oval with other Hartwell families. Prior to the movie starting there will be food and drinks available. Ticket order forms are now available from the office (see flyer in this newsletter). Orders are also being taken for bean bags.

8.50am – Bag Bell
One of the important organisational aspects at Hartwell is the 8.50am ‘bag bell’. At this time each morning, except on Monday [due to the school assembly], a bell will ring signalling to students that they can come into school, put their bag in their locker, unpack lunch orders, homework, notices and organise themselves ready for the start of the school day. It is also a time for students to have a chat with their teacher. Students in upstairs learning communities who come inside at 8.50am are expected to remain quietly in their learning community until school starts. Parents are asked not to expect lengthy ‘chats’ with teachers at this time so that the teachers can interact with students and complete final preparations for the school day.
As is always the case, teachers will be most happy to see parents in an emergency at this time. For other less urgent matters any parent can seek an appointment with a teacher. This can be done verbally, over the phone or by emailing the school. The teacher will then organise a mutually agreeable time to meet with you.

Home Group Representatives
To set up home group / [class] representatives this year, we have again decided to use a dual process, with the teachers approaching parents asking them to undertake this role and also calling for expressions of interest via a note in the newsletter. Our intention is not to offend anyone but to speed up the process. We are always delighted when so many people want to be involved in the school and we hope this will be the case again this year.
In the case of year six parents, all of you will be invited to be part of the Graduation Committee later in the year, but we do still need at least two parents per home group as class representatives for the year.
Please complete the form in this newsletter and return it to school, approach your home group teacher to offer to undertake this role or drop your name in at the office. This should happen by this Friday February 12th please. I will then hold a meeting of the 2016 home group representatives to answer questions, explain the role etc.

Late Phone Calls Regarding Play Dates, Changed Pick Up Arrangements etc.
It would be most helpful and appreciated by the office staff if parents did not ring expecting messages to be passed on unless the situation is an emergency. Please remind your children to come to the office if you do not meet them at the
usual time. This is the procedure we find works best. If the children are in the office for more than a short while we will phone you. I am sure you will appreciate that the office cannot be left un-staffed whilst messages are delivered around the school.

Reminders
- The Bus Zone and parking signs in Merton Street have been swapped around. Please note these carefully and remember that your children will be much safer if we all travel slowly around the school and respect the parking signs and restrictions.
- 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.
- The Good Food Shop is open each Wednesday and Friday and lunch orders can be placed at the start of each day in your home group area.
- School contributions can be paid at the school office during the week between 8.30 and 4.00pm.

Notices Recently Sent Home
- Getting to Know You Meetings – all year levels
- Year 6 Camp to Canberra
- Movie Night Order Form
- Instrumental Music Lessons
- Joining the Choir Notices

Kris Moore
Principal

PE UPDATE
HPS Swimming Team
Congratulations to the 80 students who participated in our two swimming trials. This is a wonderful turn out and another example of Hartwell students pushing themselves that little bit more, having a go and doing their best. Well done to everyone who attended and thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who ferried children to the pool. Thank you to Miss Hall, Nareen & Michaela Robinson, Caroline Morpeth and Julie Lewison for their assistance with timing and starting last Thursday. Our team of 38 swimmers will now compete at the Glen Iris District Swimming Carnival to be held at Harold Holt Swim Centre this Monday 15th February. We wish all swimmers well for the meet. Congratulations to Imogen M. (S6O) and Simon L. (S6B) who have the honour of captaining our team. Go Hartwell!

Weetbix Tryathlon
82 ‘Tryathletes’ have hit the Hartwell Tryathlon Wall of Fame! Log on to the website for more information regarding distances and 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. Please contact me if you are still trying to pair your child up to complete the event with a buddy, I will put you in touch with other students. I do have a Grade 3 girl in need of a team mate, so do not hesitate to contact me.

I must apologise for publishing the incorrect training dates in last week’s newsletter. Sessions will be held at the following times:
- Saturday 13th & 27th February @ 4pm meeting at the Ashburton Pool.
- Sunday 6th March @ 4pm at Catani Gardens, St. Kilda.

The first of our non-compulsory training sessions is this Saturday 13th February, meeting at the Ashburton Pool at 4pm sharp. The session should take approximately one hour. We will have a swim in the outdoor pool (no pool entry, a lane is booked), followed by a ride and a run along the Markham Reserve track at the end of Warner Avenue, along Victory Boulevard. The aim of this fun session is to allow the students to experience the transition between the three disciplines. Students will need to bring bathers, goggles, runners, bike and helmet. I have had many offers of help from parents which is brilliant. We will need parents to take groups of students on the bike leg and also for a run, so parents can also bring their bike and runners! Thank you.

Go Hartwell!

Year 6 Sport
Congratulations to our Year 6 cohort on their brilliant behaviour and sportsmanship last Thursday in their first Interschool hit out. They certainly represented Hartwell with pride. Success was achieved by our Volleystars, Newcombe and Hot Shots teams. Our Kanga Cricketers and Tee Ballers were competitive and have both identified areas for improvement. Their dedication obvious, as these teams have been in the gym training for this week’s match! We will travel to Solway PS this week. Newcombe, Volleystars and Tennis will play at the school on Winton Road. Tee Ball and Cricket will play at Basil Reserve in East Malvern.

Go Hartwell!

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

Jo Bayes
PE Teacher & Sport Co-ordinator
MOTHER’S DAY STALL PLANNING
If anyone is interested in helping in the preparation for our Mother’s Day Stall, we will be meeting this Friday, 8th February at 3pm at the front office or contact Carolyn Fern on 0425 751 320.

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)

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

MOVIE NIGHT
The 2016 Hartwell Movie Night is approaching! 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.
The notice should have come home with your eldest child late last week, if not please contact the office.
Q: What kind of dinosaur wears glasses?
A: A Tyrannosaurus-Specs!
Make sure you get your form and payment back to the office ASAP to secure your tickets – and your bean bags!
Any help on the night would be appreciated, either record your availability on the form or email jacqui@noisybeast.com

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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 ______________________________________________________________
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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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
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 sythie turf and collect your bean bags. Kids games start at 7.00pm.

Once again the tickets are family tickets - $30 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.

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 __________ __________ Additional Children's Tickets @ $5.00 __________

Number of Bean Bags required @ $8.00 a bag (ONLY PRE PURCHASE AVAILABLE) __________

= $30 __________ x $5.00 = $ __________

x $8.00 = $ __________

= __________

TOTAL __________

Eldest Class __________

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 __________

SERVING 6.30pm - 8pm

SET UP 5pm - 6.30pm

CLEAN UP 9.45pm - 10.05pm
Please note Hartwell Primary School does not endorse any of the products or services advertised in our newsletter.