Week 10 Term 4

Classes 2016
Due to the many families leaving us, we are unsure of how many classes we will have in the mainstream for 2016. When the students return on Thursday 28th January, they will be with their 2015 class and are to line up in the same spot. We are hoping to have accurate numbers to let the children know their new class on the Friday and to start in their new rooms with their new teacher on Monday 1st February. We need exact numbers for our staffing formula. If you know of anyone who has not yet enrolled, please ask them to do so asap.

Survey
Please click on the link below to fill in a short survey if you have not already done so on the iPads.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1p8vwZTV18FjnAhXMrM992Ku2H-UkBe2m3omxRRaMn8/viewform?usp=send_form

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Below is a recap of the year taken from my celebration of learning speech.
Wow, what an incredible year 2015 has been. The year has been packed with many Gala Days and sporting events including Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals, where the students represented our school with determination, a positive attitude and pride. Many students went on to district level and a few more went through to competing at the regional carnival. The State Knockout Basketball team had a great year, but were defeated by a very strong Regentville team. Also in terms of sport, every student participated this term in the Sports in School Program, which was linked with our values program looking at social and team building skills. A special mention must also go to Kobey and Brock for representing Hobartville as part of two Sydney West teams.

We also had another successful year with Chess. Attending many afternoon and weekend Chess Tournaments, the most recent being last weekend, Ryan, Liam, Zac and Jasmine came 8th at the state competition. A fantastic effort. We also had great results in the public speaking competition. Haley being a finalist at the Rotary Public Speaking finals.

Lisa Crawford—Principal
We also had a very successful year in the area of Creative and Performing Arts. We had 4 groups compete at the Nepean Blue Mountains Festival and two at the Hawkesbury Dance Festival. We also have a newly formed boys Hip Hop group which I’m hoping will perform next year. Many students also participated in the Hawkesbury Enrichment Days and we ran some courses at Hobartville. We were also able to run some in-school enrichment experiences across the year for our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. Our Aboriginal Education Program was further strengthened this year with stage based cultural experiences, and our NAIDOC celebrations.

We were also very fortunate winning a $10 000 prize for Champions of the West in the ‘Fair Go for the West’ competition run by the Daily Telegraph. This enabled us to purchase enough iPads for a ‘one to one’ ratio in our support unit.

I would also like to thank the P&C and Cathy in the canteen for their tireless work over the year. It has been a very successful year. You have supported the school in so many ways and the students and staff really appreciate it. Your dedication to providing for the students and finding new initiatives to help raise money for our school is wonderful. Nothing is ever too much trouble. A huge thanks must go to the P & C for supporting the Leadership Camp for our leaders, running the Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, movie nights and discos and giving the school $10 000 to add further iPads to our mainstream classes. Please help support our P&C again in 2016.

I would like to thank the fantastic and dedicated staff at Hobartville. You have embraced many new changes over the year and implemented new programs such as our L3 Program in K-2, which has had outstanding results in reading, and the Town Program, Taking Off With Numeracy, in years 3-6. You support not only the children in your classroom, but all the students in our school. The school team is made up of not only the teachers but the wonderful administration and grounds staff, Learning Support Officers, and the Executive team, which without the help, support and leadership of these people, the school would not run, and my job would be impossible.

It is also a sad time with a few staff members leaving us for greener pastures, or maybe not in the case of Mrs Boyt-Cullis. Mrs Boyt-Cullis is leaving us to move to Katherine, in the middle of the Northern Territory, where her husband has been posted. We all wish you the best of luck and hope you can return to us in a few years time. Mrs Smith has accepted the position of Assistant Principal Special Education at Lithgow Public School. She will be greatly missed not only in our support classes, but across the whole school, especially with our iPads. Mrs Kershler has taken the sea change option and is moving to the far North Coast of New South Wales. She will also be greatly missed and I thank her for her dedication to our wonderful school. Mrs Jones, one of our Learning Support Officers, has accepted a permanent position at St Marys Public School in their preschool. We wish all these people the best of luck in the next part of their journey.

Thanks to the wonderful and hard working school leaders, Amelia, Josh, Paige, Bailey, Riley, Hayley, Sophia and Abby. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the school over the year. You have set a great example to all the students and the 2016 Leaders have big shoes to fill.

I would also like to take the opportunity to wish all the Year 6 students the best of luck in High School. Remember to stay positive, focus on your learning and High School journey, learn from any mistakes and make all of your dreams come true.

To all of Hobartville Public School students, you are the reason we love coming to work each day. Thank you for setting goals for yourselves, working hard and just having a go. Your time at Hobartville is part of your life long journey. Well done on a wonderful year.

We welcomed many new families to the school this year and we are also losing many. I wish those families that will be leaving Hobartville this year the very best of luck in the future. We have lost them to long distances, interstate and overseas. Many of these families have been a part of the school for a very long time, and some of the parents even attended Hobartville themselves. You will be greatly missed.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
Library News
Congratulations to all of the students who have completed their 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. A total of 399 students completed the challenge this year, which is an excellent achievement. The Challenge certificates have been given to the class teachers who will distribute them with the student’s report. The following students will receive their Platinum Certificate which means that they have completed seven Premier’s Reading Challenges! This is an outstanding effort!
We also have a group of sixty seven students who are receiving their Gold Premier’s Reading Certificate, having completed four PRC’s! Congratulations!
Thank you all for your participation,
Sally Kirk
PRC Coordinator
Teacher Librarian

Canteen News
A Huge THANKYOU to all my volunteers for their dedicated help. The canteen would not run as smoothly without you. Also a Huge Thankyou to the following businesses for their support:
. Steve - Civic Pest Management
. Janelle – Picture This....... Graphics

The Canteen will be CLOSED week 11 2015.
Have a Great Christmas and Safe New Year.
Thank you Cathy

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