From The Principal

Please note, this will be the ONLY PRINTED NEWSLETTER THIS YEAR. The rest will be on the website, emailed and on Facebook. There will be a few printed copies in the front office for those who don’t have access to the internet.

Thank you to the whole school community for making the start to 2015 a settled one. We have maintained the 16 mainstream classes and 5 support classes. A note went out last week with details of all the teaching staff at the school. There are also many other staff members who are an integral part of the day to day functioning of the school. They will be listed further in the newsletter.

New Staff
I would like to welcome Mrs Renee Wilson and Miss Kahlia Holroyd to the Hobartville teaching staff for 2015. I’m sure you will all make them feel welcome as part of the Hobartville community. Miss Bonham is still on sick leave and has only just come home from hospital. It is great to hear of her improvements and we are hoping she will be back in Term 2. Mrs Losew is covering S3B in her absence. Mrs Kristyne Smith is currently partaking in her Premiers Scholarship researching assistive technology overseas. Miss Brown is taking her class during this once in a lifetime opportunity.

School Programs
Mr Morabito will be at a training course in Week 3 that he will be bringing back to train our 3-6 staff in the implementation of the TOWN program. This is an acronym for Taking Off With Numeracy. This program aims at lifting Numeracy results and understanding. Mrs Nott is further implementing the L3 program that started in Kindergarten last year. The results were absolutely fantastic. The program has been extended to Stage 1 and Mrs Nott will be working in the classroom with the teachers and also be providing professional learning.

Notes
A variety of notes have already been sent regarding Crunch and Sip, Anaphylaxis, the Swimming Carnival and our ‘All in one’ permission note. It is important that you read these carefully and return the necessary ones.

Assembly
The K-6 assembly will be held in weeks 5 and 10 each term on Tuesday afternoon at 2.10pm. Our 3-6 assembly will start in week 4 and will be held each even week of the school term, also on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.10pm. The K-2 assembly will also start in week 4 and continue each even week of the school term. They will now be on a Friday at 12.30pm. Blue ribbons and awards will be given at these assemblies.

At the first K-6 assembly, badges will be presented to Monitors, SRC and House Captains. Invitations will be sent home with those receiving badges.

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival is on Wednesday 11th February at Richmond Pool. Spectators need to pay $1.00 to enter the pool. Please return your permission note ASAP. The entry fee for students of $3.50 is payable on the day.
Meet the Teacher and P&C Disco.
We will be having an informal meet the teacher afternoon/night on Thursday 19th February. At the same times, there will also be a P&C disco for children enrolled at our school. They can wear their favourite dancing clothes. There will also be a free sausage sizzle. The aim of the event is to have the children enjoying themselves in the hall while their parents can chat with their child’s teacher about day to day routines and happenings within the classroom and the school. This is not a formal meeting time to discuss your individual child. These can be arranged at a time that is mutually convenient or in Week 9, when we will be holding parent teacher interviews.

**K-2 Disco** is 4.30-5.30pm. Class teachers will be in their classroom at this time.

**3-6 Disco** is 5.45-7.00pm. The 3-6 teachers will be in their rooms at this time.

$5.00 entry for the disco and children will be not permitted to come and go from the disco. This is payable on the night only. A permission note will be sent home for numbers attending.

There will be drinks, lollies, chips and novelties on sale from 50cents.

The sausage sizzle is FREE. Please be mindful of numbers consumed.

The P&C require volunteers from 3.30pm. Any time is greatly appreciated.

**School start and finish times**
There is supervision at school from 8.30am each morning. We request that children do not arrive before this time. We DO NOT have supervision after school. If you are not able to collect your child at 2.55pm, please make alternative arrangements. We often have staff meetings that are not on the school site and in these instances, the gates are locked by 3.15pm. Late pick-ups are also very distressing for your child. If an unexpected issue arises, please phone the school so we can reassure your child.

**Attendance**
It is compulsory for all children to who are enrolled in NSW Public Schools to attend school each day. Students need to be in their class at 9am. Lateness can interfere with the learning of your child and the start of the day is the most valuable learning time. Obviously we don’t want you to send your child if they are sick. Please provide the class teacher with a brief explanation for their absence. We can no longer apply for exemptions if you are going on a holiday. Please write a letter to the teacher notifying of you holiday/ trip and it will be recorded as leave. If you child’s attendance becomes a concern, you will receive a letter from the Learning Support Team and may also be required to attend a meeting with The Home School Liaison Officer.

**Back Gate**
Please be mindful we do not open the back gate when there is heavy rain or the playground is not in use due to large puddles and mud. We try to inform parents of this through Facebook.

**Representative shirts**
We are purchasing a few more representative shirts to replenish the stock. If you have one at home from last year, can you please return it? They will no longer be allowed to be taken home. They will be given out on the morning of the event and returned that afternoon.

**Gardens and trees**
Our gardens are thriving with all the rain and warm weather. Below is the only remaining mango on our tree in the back playground. All the others dropped over the holidays. We also had a large branch fall at the front gate a week before school started. The trees in Area A are being removed. The Department will be completing this work. I’m not as yet sure of a timeline. We will be replanting shade providing trees and also replacing the existing seating in this area. I am hoping the work will be completed in the next holidays as there will be too much activity to be completed in school hours.

**Meetings with the class teacher**
If you need to discuss an issue or situation about your child, please make an appointment. 9am is not the time to be discussing the issue with the teacher as this is taking away from their teaching and supervision of all the children in the class. If you feel that you were not able to resolve the issue, please make a time to meet with the Assistant Principal of the Stage. These are: K-2 Mrs Kristy Nott, Stage 2 Mrs Leanne Hegarty, Stage 3 Mr David Morabito and Support Classes Mrs Cate Clark

**Change in details**
If you have changed any of your personal details, please let us know at the front office. This includes email as this is how we send the newsletter.

I am looking forward to another fabulous year in this great school.

Lisa Crawford
Non Teaching Staff At Hobartville P S
School Learning Support Officers
Mrs Cathy Hubbard
Mrs Jane Jonusas
Ms Jenni Agnew
Mrs Lynn Delkou
Mrs Mary Wretham
Mrs Michelle Britton
Mrs Cathy Sutton
Mrs Megan Baldwin
Mrs Jeanette Jones
School Counsellor
Speech Therapist
Mr Justin Corbett
Ms Peita Shells
Mrs Sue White
Mrs Robyn Palmer
Mrs Carolyn Peterson
General Assistant
Cathy Hession
Canteen Supervisor
Cleaning Staff
Bev /Antoinette

School Chaplain
Mrs Cathy Sutton
Mrs Mary Wretham
Mrs Michelle Britton
Mrs Cathy Sutton
Mrs Megan Baldwin
Mrs Jeanette Jones

Canteen News
Welcome back. The Canteen is fully stocked and looking forward to serving you. Volunteers are needed mainly for Mondays and Wednesdays. Your duties are; serving the children, stocking shelves, minimal food handling. Times are 8.30 – 2.30 and these are flexible. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please see me in the Canteen or leave your name and number at the office if you are able to give a hand.

Menus are out, if you did not get one the Canteen has plenty.

Thankyou, Cathy

School Banking
Tuesday is Banking day at Hobartville Public School.

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