Welcome back to another busy and fulfilling year. A special warm welcome must go to all our new families that have joined the Hobartville school community this year. I hope you find the school community as positive and caring as I have.

Many families have changed details over the holidays so please come to the office and make these changes so we can make contact when needed. Many families do not have emergency contact details. These would also be extremely helpful.

**Notes**

A number of notes have been handed out this week. It is very important that you carefully read these as they contain important information.

Please hand back the last page of the All-in-one permission ASAP so your children can participate in all school programs.

Crunch and Sip information has also been added to this newsletter. The only fruit we would like to avoid is oranges due to severe reactions from a number of staff members.

**Parent Information Afternoons**

Last year the response from parents was minimal. We have made changes to the structuring this year and most sessions will be located in the hall. Please be mindful that if you have your child with you, they need to sit quietly with you and listen. There will be NO supervision for your children. Please see the calendar for dates and times.

**Swimming Carnival**

On Monday, we had the annual Swimming Carnival. The day was very hot and there were lots of competitors. The behaviour again was outstanding and all who participated demonstrated great sportsmanship. Well done again Hobartville! A huge thank you must go to Mrs Ford and Mrs Taylor for the hard work and organisation. Without teachers who are willing to go the extra mile, these events would not occur.

**P&C**

Please come along and meet the great group within the Hobartville P&C. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 19th February in the staffroom @6.30pm. If you are unable to attend, please volunteer some of your time to support their fundraising efforts. They do a wonderful job for the students at Hobartville.

**K-6 Assembly**

These assemblies will occur even school weeks on a Tuesday afternoon @2.00pm. These will start in week 4. Please note, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible if the assembly is to be cancelled. Monitors and House Captains will receive their badges at the first assembly.

I am looking forward to working with you all again this year.

Lisa Crawford

PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT THIS WILL BE THE ONLY PRINTED COPY YOU WILL RECEIVE OF THE NEWSLETTER THIS YEAR. ALL OTHER COPIES WILL BE E-MAILED AND ALSO ON THE WEBSITE.

The Newsletter will be emailed even school weeks on the Wednesday.
What is Crunch&Sip³?

Crunch&Sip³ is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit and veg and rehydrate on water. The break assists students with physical and mental performance, and concentration in the classroom.

Crunch&Sip³ encourages fruit and vegetable snacking and drinking water. Healthy eating behaviours are modelled in the classroom and reinforce the nutrition messages in the PD/H/PE curriculum. By making fruit and vegetable eating and water drinking normal in the classroom, healthy habits can be formed and continued into adolescence and adulthood.

The Crunch&Sip³ break gives students the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox. Students are also more likely to eat their fruit or vegetables and drink their water if their friends and peers are all doing it too!

We will begin having Crunch&Sip³ breaks Monday 10th February. Please make sure your child has a piece of fruit or vegetables and a small bottle of water each day.

All other foods are not permitted including:

- ‘Fruit’ products (e.g. fruit leather, fruit roll-ups, fruit bars or similar)
- Fruit jams or jellies
- Fruit pies or cakes
- Fruit canned in syrup or jelly or with artificial sweeteners
- Canned or processed vegetables
- Vegetable or potato crisps, hot potato chips, olives
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties, sausage rolls)
- Baked vegetable breads
- Vegetable cakes, fritters, quiches or similar
- Popcorn
- Oranges only due to severe allergic reactions from staff

NSW State Primary School 1-Day Team Finals Report (end of 2013)

Our school qualified to play the one day chess state finals at North Sydney Boys School after winning the Hawkesbury 1-day teams tournament.

In the final there were 57 teams, and over 150 players.

Hobartville came 26th with Ryan L scoring 6/7 on board one which was the equal highest score in the event.

Nathan S and Killian D also played well against the leading players in NSW with commendable performances.

A big thank you to Mrs Serov for organising chess club.
### Dates To Remember

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### P&C News

Welcome back to 2014. We had a very successful year last year and we are looking forward to doing it all again this year.

The first AGM will be Wednesday 19 February, 6:30pm in the school staffroom. Please come along and show your support for your school. We welcome new memberships to help with the many volunteering opportunities that we will have this year. It’s a great opportunity to come along and make new friends and be involved in your school.

The first disco will be held Friday 7 March, 2014. A note will go home next week with all the details.

Many Thanks

P&C

### Canteen

New menus have now gone out. If you missed out, see me in the canteen

Please note Milk is now $1.50.

### Roster – Week 3

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Thankyou Cathy

### Breakfast at HPS

Term 4 of 2013 saw the start of our first Breakfast. A free service provided to all students by local businesses around our school. I’m happy to report it was a great success and will continue as of **week 3 of Term 1**.

Such was the success that in 10 weeks we received **120 loaves of bread** from the generous team at Baker’s Delight (Richmond Marketplace), **1200 apples, 1000 bananas and 300 nectarines** from the generous team at Richmond Fruit Market. We also drank close to **40L of milk** while munching through **6kg of cereal**. But most importantly we had 20 volunteers serve breakfast, where 13 of those were our own students.

If, as a parent/guardian, you’d like to be part of our breakfast team in 2014, please let me know either through email or find me in the playground. Breakfast is **served** between 8:30am and 9:00 am each Wednesday and Friday and I will roster you weekly or fortnightly (your preference).

### Chaplaincy –

With a new year brings new routines and changes. Please be advised that I have changed my days at school now to **Wednesday and Friday**. If you’ve encouraged your children to come and talk to me at school, please notify them of the adjustment in days. Furthermore, if you as a parent would like to contact me, you can do so by calling the office, or emailing me. Alternatively you can find me in the playground before and after school.

Justin Corbett
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