Friday, 7th February, 2014.  
Term 1 – Newsletter 2

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS** ........Paul Jorgensen (Principal)

We hope that your child/children have settled well into the 2014 school year. It is always a time of change for children whether new to the school or changing grades with new classmates and teachers. For some children the change from one class to another is easy and they just get on with their learning. But for some children this brings about new challenges, and at times some worry.

It can take some time to adjust for some children but this is also learning for a child. They are able to develop their skills of social interaction in a supportive classroom environment. They are able to develop new friendships and most importantly develop their resilience and ability to cope with change.

Things may be done differently to what they were used to previously and this may take time for adjustment. It is important that we give children time to adjust, time to sort out their new group dynamics and also time for teachers to establish classroom procedures and routines. There is always a settling in period.

Staff do a great job at the end of each year trying to get the grades organised for the next year taking into account many factors that influence a child’s learning. We also take into account parent requests, where possible. We then like to give some time in the New Year for the settling in period and allow for children to come accustomed to their new environment. Staff also watch carefully the social interactions that take place during this time and also provide classroom activities to enable social interaction, co-operation and collaboration. This is an important step in developing 21st Century skills, social skills and resilience.
We are planning a Welcome and BBQ night with a date to be set soon. This will allow parents time to visit your child’s classroom, meet with staff and other families. Our reporting to parents will also take place this year towards the end of Term One. No work restrictions in place this year so we are able to return to these activities.

Thank you to the wonderful families that were able to come to the working bee last Saturday on a very hot day. Many jobs were done to make our school environment a safer and better place. They tackled a very difficult task in trying to organise the shade sails over the playground equipment. Further work will continue with these over the coming weeks.

Next week, beginning Monday hopefully, we will have a ‘Bag Bell’ which will occur at 8.50 am. This will be a time for students to enter the classrooms to put their bags away and organise themselves. It is important for students to be able to be ready to learn when the 9.00 am bell goes to begin the first session.

**Australia Day Presentations**

*Churchill & District Lions Club*

Kate Chisholm with Cr. White

Kate Chisholm holding her award

Riley Killury with his award
**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; **or**
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- **$200** for prep students
- **$150** for students in years 1 – 6.
- **$300** for year 7 students
- **$250** for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

**Closing Date:** You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28th February, 2014.


**CHURCHILL NETBALL (CINA) COMPETITION 2014**

Preparations are under way for the 2014 season. The season commences on Saturday, 22nd March, 2014 and finishes with finals in August, 2014. The Hazelwood North “Diamonds” will be moving up to the 11 & under section and are looking forward to the challenge.

Expressions of interest are sought from interested children and parents for the 9 & under competition. We are also seeking interest from parents who would take on the role of coach / manager, as without this very important position, our children will not be able to participate.

The Association is also exploring the potential to host an introductory (beginners skill development program) based on the revamped Netball Australia Net Set Go program. This program is aimed at children 5-10 years of age and is identical to the program the “Diamonds” participated in in 2012. Expressions of Interest are also sought for this program.

We understand that there may be children who are interested in playing netball who are not part of the “Diamonds” and who do not fit in to the two categories above. If your child wishes to play netball in 2014, please advise of your / their interest and we will see if we have enough interest to create another team.

Further details, and expressions of interest for each of the above, can be made to Felicity Di Toro, 0407 862 927.
CHURCHILL NETBALL (CINA) – FOUNDATION LEVEL COACHING COURSE

The above netball coaching course is being hosted by CINA at the Latrobe Leisure Centre Churchill on Saturday, 1st March, 2014 from 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm. This course is the entry level for coaching recognition, is accredited, and is being facilitated by an accredited Netball Victoria presenter and talent scout. Participants must be a current Netball Victoria member and a minimum of 14 years of age.

This course covers basic coaching principles, the teaching and correcting of Netball and modified Netball skills, and is a great course to attend if you are interested in becoming a coach. This course is also appropriate for those already coaching and wants to gain accreditation / progress to the next level, or for those coaches who just wish to enhance their skills.

Further details can be obtained by contacting Cate Reilly at cate_reilly@bigpond.com (preferred) or after hours on mobile 0408 034 679.

Welcome back to Scholastic Book Club for 2014. The catalogues will be coming home with the children this week. There are many wonderful books for sale and every item you order you earn credits for the school. Orders and payment are due back on Friday, 14th February. If you are paying by cash, please place the cash in an envelope with your child’s name, grade and total amount. If you wish to pay by cheque, please make the cheque out to Hazelwood North Primary School for the total amount of the orders from all clubs. If you wish to pay by credit card, phone Scholastic to pay and they will give you a receipt number to write on the bottom of the order form(s).

Once all orders are back, they will be delivered to your child in the classroom. If you do not wish your child to receive the order (e.g. it may be a gift for them), simply write “PLEASE HOLD” in bold letters on the order form with your name and telephone number and I will phone you when the order is at the front office ready for collection. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5166 1950 or 0407 531 917.

Jacqui Grieve........... Book Club Co-ordinator

SECOND HAND UNIFORM NEWS

We have a large selection of second hand uniforms available from the old canteen for only a GOLD coin donation. Please see Brenda if you need any assistance.

SCHOOL HATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE OFFICE

Wide Brim hats are available in several sizes for $9.00 and Legionnaires style hats for $6.00. Also it has been fantastic to see that the students have been looking after their property, so far only a few hats have been misplaced. So please ensure that you label your HATS.

LABELS

STUCK ON YOU has a great range of labels that can be affixed to practically anything. Enter this code hazelwoodnorthps into the fundraising box when you place your order and our school will receive a small commission from your purchase.
NEWS FROM PARENTS' & FRIENDS' CLUB - Bronwyn Woodward (President)

Calendar of Events
- Wednesday, 12th February - 1st School Banking
- Friday, 14th February - Cadbury letters due back
- Tuesday, 25th February - Cadbury chocolates given out
- Wednesday, 5th March - Parents’ and Friends’ AGM
- Friday, 7th March - Cadbury chocolate money due
- March, 2014 - Hot Cross information soon

Clean-Up Morning
A HUGE thank you to the families that took time out of their busy schedule to help on Saturday with our little clean up. Our School, I’m sure you will agree looks much better for it. Thanks also to those that sent their apologies.
We would also like to acknowledge the support the school gets from PRO RENT, Morwell. If you need to hire anything, give PRO RENT ago; support those that support us.

URGENT
We still require a rotary hoe to loosen up the earth in the playground area. This needs to be done before we can put new soft fall down in the area.

Student Banking
Student banking starts next week, don’t forget commission from your deposits through school come back to the school.

The teachers have a bag in the class room and they will show the children where it is for them to put it in on Tuesday.

Student banking is organised on a voluntary basis at the school by one of the parents.

All new accounts must be opened at your local branch of the Commonwealth Bank.

Lunch Orders
Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no lunch orders at this stage at school. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Selling Icy Poles
Parents’ Club will be selling icypoles on behalf of the Junior School Council on any hot day over 30 degrees. Zooper Doopers will be available for 50 cents each. Junior School Council will take over this role when they have had their elections.

Fundraising

Cadbury Chocolates
Letters for our Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser are going out soon; these letters need to be back at school by 12th February. If you missed one, it is attached to this newsletter or see Brenda at the office.

The funds we raise go towards extra things at school that our fees do not cover.

Throughout the year, we have different fundraising events. You will be notified about these through the newsletter. Some of which are Cadbury Chocolates, Pie Drive and Fruit Tree drive.

We also receive support from Ritchies IGA, Churchill through their Community Benefits and Bakers Delight Midvalley, through their Dough Raiser Cards. These two businesses give back to the school a % of sales. It is an easier way to raise funds if you already shop there. If you do not have either of these cards or have lost them, please ask Brenda, myself or any of the other members from Parent Club and we can organise other cards for you.
Student banking, through your children’s Dollarmite accounts, give a commission back to the school on banking done through the school. School banking starts on Wednesday, 12th February.

If you have any questions on the above or any ideas for fundraising, you can contact me on either 0412 855 933 or bronwyn@wideband.net.au

**Next Meeting**
The first meeting will be the AGM of the Parents’ Club and will be held on Wednesday, 5th March commencing at **9.30 am** at school. Please note change of time. Toddlers are very welcome. Come and have a chat and a cuppa.

**Happy Chinese Horse Year !**

Hello, every one, we meet again. I hope you all have had a great holiday. Chinese lunar New Year has just started, so I say Happy New Year to you.

This year is the horse year, in Chinese horse is called *ma* (馬).

Below is the picture that shows how the character develops from the earliest form to modern style. The last two forms are what people use nowadays; the former one is called traditional style and the last one simplified one. This website shows the transformation of the character ma.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-s6jxyCSj1I
To celebrate the Year of the Horse, the seventh animal in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac, the Perth Mint of Australia has released Australian Lunar 2014 Year of the Horse Gold and Silver Proof Coins. Its lunar series debuted in 2008.

Lunar horse years include 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002 and 2014, and people born in these years will have the horse as their zodiac animal.

According to Chinese culture, people born in horse year are hardworking, intelligent and friendly, cheerful and popular, but impatient. Usually they consider themselves superior to others. They have a strong streak of selfishness and sharp cunning and should guard against being egotistical. Adventurer, scientist, poet, or politician will be suitable occupations for them. Horses get well along with tigers and dogs instead of Rats, so the most suitable partner for them are those born in tiger and dog years.
2014 Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising Drive.

Following our successful Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising drive last year we are looking to participate again, and we are interested to know what boxes where a hit or what would you prefer to sell?

We will be placing an order early in Term 1 and need your assistance in finding what your preferences will be for selling Cadbury Chocolates again.

We will have Mini Easter Eggs Bags available to purchase from the office or from a Parents and Friends Club Representative if you wish to purchase Eggs by the bag but NOT a whole box.

Please indicate below which particular box/es of chocolate you would be interested in selling.

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<td>Frog Mix</td>
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<td>Contains: Caramello Koala, Milk Choc Frog, White Choc Frog, 100’s &amp; 1000’s Frog, Popping Candy Frog, Strawberry Frog Twin, Peppermint Frog Twin,</td>
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<td>Mixed Variety/Frogs</td>
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<td>Contains: MIX of both the ABOVE boxes PLUS Summer Rolls and Honey Nougat Bars</td>
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<td>Easter Eggs</td>
<td>$70 a box</td>
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<td>Contains: a selection of mini egg bags in various flavours, Dairy Milk, Top deck, Caramello, Old Gold, Turkish Delight,</td>
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<td>Natural Confectionery Lollies</td>
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