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Term 3 – Newsletter 21

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Other known dates for the year are on the School Website Calendar.

2015 Prep Enrolment forms are available at the office and on our website.

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

Welcome back to Term 3.

Thank you to those who spent time at our school over the holidays. We have some new softfall under the playground, some new drainage and several areas cleaned up. We also have a new garden shed erected by Dennis Caulfield which will now house our gardening equipment. We even had some helper’s, parents and children, who also completed some work around the school grounds and in Parents’ Club room on the school closure day.

As mentioned last term, staff have planned units of work and activities for this term with the Prep/Ones looking at forces in nature and how they impact on the earth, the Two/Threes are looking at sustainability and the 4/5/6 team will be focusing on the different elements in science.

Unfortunately, we had a break in at school during the holidays with some damage done to some doors and our electronic safe in the office. We also had iPads and iPod stolen which of course impacts on students learning. The offenders were apprehended by police. We have been able to recover the iPod, iPads and cameras and are currently organising the repair and replacement of the damaged areas.

I read an interesting article on the holidays about a Sydney school which is outlined below. I know there are always concerns when things change and at HNPS we have had some changes to how we organise and do things. This article just highlights how big some changes can be and that the small changes we have made are certainly not at this scale. However, it also outlines that changes are needed to ensure children are given the chance to engage with their learning in different ways if they are to remain at school, succeed at school and prepare for 21st Century life.
Merrylands East Primary School Principal John Goh is motivating students by abandoning the traditional classroom and embracing the 21st century.

“We noticed that our children can hit much higher and deeper learning than in the past through the use of technology for learning and by driving their own learning,” said Mr. Goh.

The school has transformed classrooms into big open spaces where students are allowed to move freely. The traditional subjects such as Maths and English have been replaced with technology-based projects including computer game design and Lego architect designing.

Students are also allowed to learn at their own pace which Mr. Goh says is useful at a school where most come from non-English speaking backgrounds.

“No longer are they seeing children who are frustrated learning or disengaged, but children who are very much into learning, taking part in their lessons, being enthusiastic when they come to school,” he said.

“When John the Principal asked us to try something different, I had a bit of a panic attack,” said teacher Solange Cruz. “But I gave it a try and it was the best move because the kids are much happier and my job is much easier.

Mr. Goh also restructured the school days and made the start time earlier because he found that students have more energy and concentrate better in the mornings.

He was awarded a teaching seminar scholarship at Harvard University and other schools are beginning to adopt the same creative approach.

"It's all about getting children to love learning, getting children to think about learning throughout their life," he said.

This last statement is very important and something that all staff at HNPS are striving towards. We frequently reflect on what we are doing and try to improve on it, hence there will always be changes to what and how we do things.

What can be possible when children develop their own curiosity, resilience, take responsibility for their learning, are collaborative and accept challenge can be shown in the following article about a 14 year old boy. Providing opportunities for children like this in our school system is important particularly in the 21st century of opportunities.

Leio Ohshima McLaren is a 14-year-old app developer who founded his company AppAppAway in 2012. From a young age, Leio has been actively involved in a wide range of tech related activities and has steadily gained recognition in the wider community for his active participation in workshops, competitions and conferences.

His first app Phonic Buddies was released on the Apple App Store in 2012 and has been very well received. In addition, in 2013 Leio developed his 2nd app Aussie Pop Quiz to coincide with Ellen DeGeneres visit Down Under. Leio continues to develop apps for businesses around the country and donates 20% of his revenue to organisations such as 100% Hope in Uganda and the Australian Koala Foundation.

Leio has been an avid advocate for introducing coding into the Australian curriculum. Most recently, he spoke at the 2014 EduTECH Conference held in Brisbane on this topic and garnered much positive feedback and support from those in attendance.

As part of the ‘Maker Generation’, Leio embodies his mantra that today’s students should not only be the consumers of technology but also the creators. His vision for the future involves raising awareness in the current educational setting to bring about a positive change that will empower teachers and students to embrace technology in a different way.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need. The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students. The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included; however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/ncd.aspx or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

NEWS FROM PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ CLUB - Bronwyn Woodward (President)

Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, 15th July - Sewn-2-Bits Fundraiser sent out
- Monday, 21st July - Liddiard Road lunch order due
- Thursday, 24th July - Liddiard Road Lunch Day
- Monday, 28th July - Subway Lunch order due
- Thursday, 31st July - Subway Lunch Day
- Trees due back - Watch this space
- Monday, 4th August - Sewn-2-Bits Fundraiser due back
- Monday, 4th August - Liddiard Road lunch order due
- Wednesday, 6th August - Parent Club Meeting
- Thursday, 7th August - Liddiard Road Lunch Day

Thursday Lunch Orders

- Lunch orders can be handed in on Mondays.
- Don’t forget NO LATE ORDERS after Tuesday 10.00 am.
- Please put each order in a separate bag……family money is O.K. is one bag.
- See example attached to Menu handed out with preferred ways to write orders out.
- As all lunch orders are collated offsite, if you are going to be late on Thursday mornings, please notify the school first thing as the absentee list is rung through at 9.15 am.
- Thank you for your co-operation.
- Any feedback on LUNCH ORDERS would be appreciated.

Fundraising for Term 3

- During July will be running a Sewn-2-Bits bag tag fundraiser.
- Your trees will be delivered to school end of July early August. We will let you know exactly when. WATCH THIS SPACE
- We have a Subway Lunch day in July and then a Sausage Sizzle Lunch during August.
- Also for the boys, we will be looking into a Tools night. WATCH THIS SPACE.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting of the Parents’ and Friends’ Club will be held on Wednesday, 6th August at 9.30 am in the Art room. Toddlers are very welcome.

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.
Support those that support us.
BAKERS DELIGHT, Midvalley & RITCHIES IGA, Churchill.

Don’t forget to go to www.hazthps website for important dates at school.

Friday, 29th August
...Book Week Activity Day ...
Come dressed as your favourite book character or wear RED for Read Every Day.

A MUSICAL FOR HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

You may have already heard that this year Hazelwood North has decided to perform a musical! This is a very exciting time for the school, as this will present a wider range of opportunities for our students to develop their creative skills.

The chosen musical will be ‘Disney’s Aladdin Kids’. This will be performed at Lowanna College Auditorium in Newborough at the end of Term 3 by all of the 4/5/6 children.

- Director: Michael Mendez
- Musical Director: Charlie Twomey
- Choreographer: Mandie Black

G & S TENNIS ACADEMY
Churchill, Pax Hill Traralgon, Trafalgar, Hazelwood No, Glengarry, Newborough

LUNCHTIME LESSONS ARE HELD AT HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL during the school term – a permission form is available from the front office

JUNIOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
ANZ Tennis Australia Hotshots for ages 5 – 10
FREE trial lesson available and t-shirt upon enrolment in term program.
Let’s Play Tennis - For children ages 11 and above
FREE trial lesson available.

MUM’S and DAD’S PROGRAMS
LADIES’ and MEN’S GROUPS (beginners or experienced)

PHONE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE