SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES WITH PAYMENT ARE DUE BACK AT SCHOOL TOMORROW

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

The smoky conditions over the past few weeks have been a concern to many members of the school community. Unfortunately it does impact on the school from time to time and I can assure you that we are continually monitoring what is happening here at school, we keep abreast of all the Advice messages being issued by the Department of Health and the Country Fire Authority and we have been liaising with the DEECD through Mark Anderson from Regional office, who has been a great support.

There is a great deal of work going on behind the scenes that may not be evident to school community members in order to ensure that children at the school are kept as safe as possible, by keeping children inside at times, restricting outside activities, restructuring Physical Education activities and now putting into place respite days where we will be taking children outside of the area for an excursion or activity. Depending on what happens in the future, there are opportunities that may be investigated to further support this type of action. Please be mindful that we are doing what we can to support children in these conditions and still provide for education needs and outcomes.
An excursion to Old Gippstown has been organised and will involve the children from Prep to 3 on Tuesday, 11th March. This has been planned to coincide with Inquiry Based Learning activities and work around this excursion will take place in classrooms but also provide a day where the children can enjoy themselves away from the smoke.

The Year 6 children will travel to Marlo for an overnight camp on 4th and 5th March and there are 14 Year 4/5 children attending Woorabinda camp this week giving them some time away. Further planning will provide the Year 4-6 children another respite day in the near future.

We apologise for the late notice of these activities as we plan them but the respite days away are also being built into the curriculum to provide learning outcomes as well.

Some parents have inquired about monitoring the air quality of our school. This has been raised with the EPA who has visited the school at times to test the quality of the air. We also have been placed on a priority list within the Education Department to get a fixed monitor at the school. This will become available when it can be sourced. Presently some monitors have been put in place in some schools and early childhood centres in Morwell so hopefully we are able to receive one soon.

On Monday this week we held our Welcome BBQ. This was a good time for parents to visit classrooms and speak to classroom teachers. It also provided a chance for new parents to the school to meet other parents. This activity also provided a place for the EPA and CFA to talk with community members about the smoke and fire and we thank Joady and Donna for attending and sharing information. Thank you to all those who turned up and those who organised the evening making it a good night.

A great job Rachel
NEWS FROM OUR ROVING SPORTS REPORTER, JASON

Recently, the Churchill U10's and U12's boys competed in the Warragul Basketball Tournament, which was held on the 15th and 16th February. Both teams included a number of boys from Hazelwood North Primary School.

Both of these teams made the Grand Final and both won. Grand Final scores were:
- U10 boys - Churchill 29 defeated Traralgon 22
- U12 boys - Churchill 37 defeated Poowong 28

U10 players from school were:
- Benjamin Woodward, Cooper Hare, Oskar McLardy and Corey Thorburn
U12 player from school was:
  • Max McLardy

In the Churchill domestic competition, there are 3 rounds left in the season with all 3 U/10 teams still with a chance of playing finals.

**Congratulations**

**U10B defeated Traralgon 29-22**
NEWS FROM PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ CLUB - Bronwyn Woodward (President)

Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, 5th March - Parents’ and Friends’ AGM
- Friday, 7th March - Cadbury chocolate money due
- March, 2014 - Hot Cross information soon

Pancake Friday
On Friday, 7th March, the Parents’ and Friends’ Club will be assisting Junior School Council with a Pancake Lunch. Pancakes will be $1.00 and all money raised will go to Junior School Council.

We will be sending out order forms today to be returned to school before next Friday.

The Junior School Council members will then take them to the class rooms at lunchtime and give to those ordered with a selection of toppings.

Anyone able to assist with the cooking, please contact myself or Jodi Winter or leave your name with Brenda.

Student Banking
Student banking has already commenced for the year. 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.

Fundraising
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.

Garden Club
If you would be interested in helping out with a Garden Club at school either during school hours or when it suits you, please let Parents’ Club know.

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
Our next meeting is the AGM with the General Meeting to follow on Wednesday, 5th March commencing at 9.30 am at the school. All positions on committee will become vacant at this meeting; if you are interested in being on the committee or just want to be involved, come along for a cuppa and a chat. Toddlers are most welcome. If you can’t make it but are still interested in attending, please do not hesitate to contact me on above number.
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nomination forms for **PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY** and **DEECD EMPLOYEE MEMBER CATEGORY** is a separate attachment to this week’s newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor, please download the form, fill in and drop off at the office. Nominations for the 2014 School Council elections will close on Monday, 3rd March, 2014.

Retiring School Council members who are able to renominate for election are:

**Parent Member Category**
- Felicity Di Toro
- Adam Sultana
- Roy Ewad
- Craig Gittos
- Leigh Markham

**DEECD Employee Member Category**
- Naomi Symons (12 months LWOP)

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR

Just a reminder to our parents about our website calendar. This site is constantly being updated to reflect coming events so as to help organise our increasingly busy lives.

The newsletter is also downloaded weekly onto our website; just in case you hit the delete button by mistake (who would ever do that............................), you can always access past copies via the internet.