Tuesday 9th February  Welcome BBQ
Wednesday 10th February  Footy Clinic Morwell
Monday 15th February  Swimming Carnival
Monday 15th February  School Council Meeting
Monday 22nd February  Process of School Council begins
Tuesday 23rd February  School Photos
Wednesday 24 –26th Feb  Marlo Camp
Friday 4th March  House Athletics
Friday 11th March  District Athletics
Friday 18th March  District Athletics – Backup Day
Tuesday 15th –18th March  Book Fair
Thursday 24th March  End of Term 1
Tuesday 15th –29th March  China Trip

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS – (Paul Jorgensen)

Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools

I would like to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. If you have any questions please contact me.

Congratulations to Kelly Nickson (Past Student) who received an Australia Day Award from the Lions Club for her leadership and community efforts at Hazelwood North PS and in other community organisations such as Scouts. Kelly was a great role model for peers and younger children at HNPS and also displayed her terrific leadership skills in House competitions throughout last year at school.

We have had a great start to the year with everything settling in very well. With three new teachers, two new aides and 26 new students there has been quite a bit of work around getting to know each other and how we ‘do things’ at Hazelwood North PS. Over the coming weeks teachers will be conducting assessments on all children, getting to know students’ academic abilities so as to meet the educational needs of each child. This has already begun for the Foundation (Prep) children on Wednesdays. A reminder to parents to please ensure that your child attends on the day and time indicated so that these imports assessment activities can take place.
Thankyou to those that were able to come to school during the holidays and keep our school grounds looking neat and tidy. The school grounds were in pretty good condition when the children returned despite the dry, hot summer period. We aim to continue with our grounds beautification program throughout the year. Some of our fruit trees are bearing fruit, unfortunately some children can’t wait to try these and are picking the fruit before it ripens. They soon find it might look good but doesn’t taste too great.

**SCHOOLS FEES CAN NOW BE PAID AT THE OFFICE:**

The following is a breakdown of what the 2016 contributions will cover per child for materials, booklists, ICT and photocopying consumables etc. These are all areas, under Education Department rules, that the school is able to ask parents to pay for.

**School Fees $185 Breakdown:**

Classroom materials (Including Text Books, paper, pens, pencils, rulers) $85.00  
Arts materials $ 20.00  
Inquiry Based Learning materials $20.00  
Library Consumables (Library sessions, lunchtime, recess) $ 20.00  
Photocopying/printing consumables $ 20.00  
ICT (Affiliations/Consumables) $ 20.00

**HEADLICE:** We are very grateful to the parent who alerted us to a case of head lice, an unfortunate but common aspect of school life. Please check and treat hair if required. A reminder that longer hair should be tied up and hat sharing is not recommended! If we all work together we achieve good lice management, as evidenced by very few cases last year!

**CHICKENPOX:** We have been alerted also by a parent that a family member has a case of chickenpox please be aware of this if your child becomes ill and let Francesca know in the office so we can monitor it.

**CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is $125.00 for primary school students. Please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF Application form and make sure it is returned to school by 23rd February 2016.

**Home & School Communication** is vital so we work in partnership and support one another to provide the best education possible for our children. If you would like to receive this Newsletter via e-mail, please provide Francesca with your e-mail address so you can be added to the distribution list. If you use Facebook please send a friend request to Hazelwood North primary school. If you have any concerns, please see the classroom teacher. If we don’t know about problems we can’t fix them!
**F/1 Preview for Miss Waite and Mrs A’s classes**

Next week we will be doing lots of activities. These are a few things we will be doing that you can talk or work with your child on during the week to help them with their learning.

In spelling preps will be looking at the letter Ss and revising what we have learnt about letter Mm. Grade ones will be looking the letters b and d and rhyming words. At home you may look or ask your child for words that begin with letter m or s. Grade one parents may want to ask their child about the sounds b and d make and have a go at writing these letters.

We will be looking at numbers and 2D shapes. At home, you could ask your child what 2D shapes they can see in the house or ask your child to write, draw or find a total amount of objects around the house. Grade Ones may want to practise their counting patterns.

Next week we will be beginning our Inquiry focus on History. In particular we will be looking at how life has changed for children over the past 100 years.

**Show and Share topic for this week: My family**

1/2S

Students in 1/2S have been settling in very well to our classroom routines. We have been focusing on ensuring we are acting in ways that reflect our school values of responsibility, collaboration, challenge, resilience and curiosity. In maths, we have been learning about graphs. We have created our very own class birthday graph, which the students have proudly displayed in our room. In writing, we have been learning about how to write a recount. Students have been writing about their school holidays, as well as reflecting on a time in which they were brave. I am very pleased with how well we are all settling in and showing a great amount of enthusiasm in our learning.

Miss Stockdale

**Grade 3/4 Atherton**

I would like to personally welcome you to the 2016 school year! The students are settling in well to their new grade and learning area, as well as busily building on old friendships while making new ones. As it is my first year in this learning community, I will be planning closely with the rest of the senior team, Mrs Susan Duncan and Mr Dale Simmons who both have Grades 4/5/6 and are also located within the Grove learning centre. We will also have Miss Di in our room for most of the week and for those of you whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, please feel free to visit and say a quick hello.

This week and the end of last week, we have been focussing on setting up our classroom routines, expectations and getting to know each other. A big thanks to the families who brought in newspapers last week, these have been used for an activity called Identity Hand Cut and Paste. This activity asked students to trace around their hands and then cut and paste words and pictures from newspapers and magazines to describe themselves and it is now on display in the classroom. This week we have revisited how to choose books for Independent Reading to make
sure that we are selecting books that are not too easy, not too hard but that are just the right fit. During Maths Learning Sessions we will revisit our addition/subtraction skills and begin a focus on extending our knowledge and understanding of place value and how to make, represent and order numbers. To assist your child, please practise skip counting (by 2’s, 3’s, 4’s 5’s, 6’s, 7’s, 8’s, 9’s) and also breaking numbers down into their parts $356 = 3$ hundreds + $5$ tens + $6$ ones. A fun way to build these into everyday life could be to sing times tables on the way to and from school!

Our specialist sessions are on:

Monday – **Art** 10am to 11am

Tuesday - **Chinese** 10:20am to 11am, **Physical Education** 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Wednesday – **Library** 11:30am – 12:30pm

Thursday – **Performing Arts** 9:40am – 10:20am, **Chinese** 12:50pm to 1:30pm

Friday – **Senior Sport** 2.15 to 3.15.

I am keen to have any extra help within the classroom. If you have any spare time and would like to be a classroom helper please let me know so we can organise times. Grandparents are very welcome as well. All classroom helpers need to have a Working with Children’s Check as per school policy.

In a few weeks a homework program will operate and I will send out more information about this in due course.

During the school year it is not uncommon for students to experience some difficulties. Please, if this is the case, come in or call me. This will give us an opportunity to discuss the issue and work out some strategies to help the student. Communication is very important in ensuring a productive and happy school year!

Thank you

**Mark Atherton**

**PREVIEW 4/6 Simmons Class**

Welcome to the 2016 school year. The students are settling in well and are busy building on old friendships and making new ones. This year we have a fourth Year Monash Student Kalinda Grant. As I have only just started here at Hazelwood North, please feel free to pop in and say hello.

This week we have been focussing on setting up our classroom routines, expectations and getting to know each other. We will continue to do this during week 2. Thanks to the families who bought in newspapers these will be used for an activity called Identity Cut and Paste. Students will trace around their arms and hands. They will then cut out words and pictures that describe themselves. Next week we will be learning how to choose books for Independent Reading that we refer to as “Best Fit” books and reading material. We would like the students to bring in some dress ups or/and clothes that are ‘too small’, ‘fit properly’ and ‘too big’ so we can make connections with personal experience and reading. During Maths Learning Sessions we will focus on place value and how to make, represent and order numbers. To assist your child please practise skip counting (by 2’s, 3’s, 4’s 5’s, 6’s, 7’s, 8’s, 9’s and decimals; also breaking numbers down into their parts
356 = 3 hundreds + 5 tens + 6 ones (changing the number size will allow you to extend your child’s understanding).

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Thank you

**Dale Simmons**

**Preview 4/5/6 Duncan**

I am very pleased with how settled the students have been this week. Next week we are continuing to learn more about the routines and attitudes that will assist the students in getting the most out of their learning opportunities. We will dig deeper into the school values and learn about what they mean.

In writing we are developing some seed pages (ideas for future writing). To assist students will need to **bring in some photos** that can be pasted into their writing book. I am able to photocopy these if you need them returned in one piece. All students have selected a book for independent reading time and we have discussed how to make good decisions when choosing a reading book. I will be listening to each student read next week to make sure they have made a good book choice. In Maths we will build on our learning from this week and develop our knowledge on place value and how to apply this when solving problems.

In Chinese we have been revising our knowledge from previous years. We have been focussing on the names of fruits. I have included a couple of links so your student can practise each day. Learning another language is difficult and daily revision makes a huge difference.

[http://www.digitaldialects.com/Chinese/Fruit.htm](http://www.digitaldialects.com/Chinese/Fruit.htm)


**Susan Duncan**
Our School Library.

All students visit the School Library regularly where they have the opportunity to borrow and return books of their choice. Junior students are able to borrow two books, and the senior students’ three books.

When a student has reached their borrowing limit they will be unable to borrow until at least one book is returned. Books are borrowed for two weeks, after which they will become overdue. Students will be reminded at their weekly Library session if they have reached their borrowing limit, or if they have any overdue. Books can be renewed so that students can continue with a particular title. I will send out reminder notices listing overdue books periodically throughout the year.

To protect the library books we expect the book(s) to be carried in a separate bag (which can be placed inside their school bag), either a designated Library bag or other. During Library sessions if students do not have a library bag they will be provided with a plastic bag to carry their book(s).

Accidents do happen so please return library books even if they damaged, chewed, scribbled on, become wet, or lose pages. I can repair them or order a new copy, but most importantly your child will be able to borrow other books. Similarly, if you believe a book is lost you can write a note informing me that you have helped your child search for the book, but have been unable to find it.

Here is a list of the days and times each Grade comes to the Library.

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Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding your child’s use of the School Library.

LUNCH ORDERS

On the 8th February, Subway, orders due back to school by 9.00 Wednesday.

SUBWAY ORDERS ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER EMAIL
FUNDRAISING for 2016

Profits from fundraising in 2016 will be going toward new IT equipment for our school and recladding of our building.

Bakers Delight Morwell and Traralgon give a percentage of all sales back to our school so please don't forget to mention Hazelwood North Primary when you make your next purchase.

Ritchies IGA, Churchill also support our school through their Community Benefits Program if you need a Card for this please let Francesca or myself know.

Next meeting Wednesday 10th February at 9.30 in the Art Room.

Come along for a cuppa and chat, toddlers welcome.

If you cannot make meetings but would like to be involved or have any ideas for fundraising please let me know on either: bronwyn@wideband.net.au or 0412855933.

Our AGM will be on the 2nd March where all positions will become vacant, please have a think about being part of your schools fundraising body.

PLAYGROUP STARTS – MONDAY 8TH February 9.30 til 11.00 at hall across the Road any queries please contact Louise 0438140

FREE HOTSHOTS ‘Come and Try’ Session

Being held on Sunday Jan 31st and Feb 8th

Phone for details

JUNIOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

ANZ Tennis Australia Hotshots for ages 5 – 12

FREE trial lesson available and t-shirt upon

Enrolment in term program.

LUNCHTIME LESSONS ARE HELD AT HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL – permission form available from the office

MUM’S and DAD’S PROGRAMS

LADIES’ and MEN’S GROUPS (beginners or experienced) PHONE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE
Runners, walkers and prams all welcome!

The DFP Recruitment - Latrobe City Community Fun Run & Walk

9am Sunday 6th March 2016

Be part of this great community event, while helping our cancer support service, Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. Enter at traralgonharriers.org.au

- Join us for a morning of fun and fitness including a BBQ and spot prizes
- Awards for Gippsland schools, workplaces and organisations with the most entries
- Choose from a 5km run or walk for adults and a 1.5km run for kids under 12 years
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