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Term 2 – Newsletter 11

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**PRINCIPAL COMMENTS – Paul Jorgensen**

**Thankyou to Paul King** (Francesca’s better half) for the welding and fixing of our soccer goals. We may need to eventually look at getting some new ones but in the meantime he has done a great job and extended the life of them a bit longer.

Some of our Year 3 to 6 children will be participating in the District Cross Country event on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. This is an all-weather event so it usually does go ahead regardless of rain and there are predictions of showers for the day. It is advised that students come prepared to participate and dress for the weather conditions.

Reminder again that Sharon Adams our school reviewer will be around the school on May 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> and may catch up with parents around the school, particularly after school at pick up time.

**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 can achieve good lice management, as evidenced by very few cases last year!

**SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE AND CAN BE PAYED AT THE OFFICE BY CASH, CHEQUE OR BPAY.**
Message from School Council

**REMMINDER - Parent forum - Monday 9th May 6:30PM.**

All government schools are reviewed every four years and this year, Hazelwood North Primary School will be reviewed between May 9th and May 17th. As part of the review, Sharon Adams (reviewer) will hold a parent forum to provide an opportunity for parents to provide direct feedback on their child/ren’s experience at HNPS. Parents will be able to provide general feedback but contributions in regard to the following areas will also be sought. Parents unable to make this session may catch up with Sharon between May 10th – 12th at the school or can make contact with myself and I will relay the feedback to Sharon.

- Are the expectations for your child’s learning challenging and achievable?
- Is the learning environment safe, stimulating and motivating for your child?
- In what ways does the school communicate and involve you in your child’s education?
- How does the curriculum and teaching build skills to be independent and self-motivated learners?
- What contributes to the school’s values and strategic direction being reflected in attitudes, skills and knowledge of staff and students?

**Next Council Meeting: Rescheduled to Monday 23rd May @ 7pm.**

Thanks
Leigh Markham
School Council President
[leigh@markham.id.au](mailto:leigh@markham.id.au) / 0401741538

**F/1W and F/1A Preview**

This week we have begun our work on our Science topic. The Foundation and Grade One students have been exploring questions and wonderings about dinosaurs, minibeasts, solids, liquids and gases, magnetics and space.

We have begun an author study on Dr. Suess. Next week we will be doing lots of fun activities around the books – Hop on Pop and 10 apples on top. These books provide a great platform for recognising rhyming words. If you have any of these
Students are working on the school value of responsibility. At home, you may want to discuss with your child what this means and how they can be responsible not only at school but at home and in sporting situations. We have already covered the value of collaboration this term and will continue to work on this value as well.

**A brief overview of what we will be covering next week;**

**Maths** - we will be looking at number patterns and skip counting as well as graphing and ways to represent data.

**Reading** – we will be continuing to introduce reading strategies and focussing on individual learning goals. The foundation students will be looking over the words we have learnt so far. Some of these words will be coming home to practise.

**Writing** – students will be working on writing about their weekend, focussing on their individual learning goals.

**Spelling** – Grade 1s will be looking at ‘sh’ words, while the foundation students will be looking at letter Cc and revising the letters, a,e,t,l,w,m,d,s,h,g.

The grade 1 students will be bringing home a list of words to learn – these words will be commonly used words. Please encourage your child to practise this words during the week. They may want to write them down, spell them out orally, put them in sentences, use different colours to write them, or using the look, cover, write, check strategy.

Have a lovely weekend with your families

**Amy Waite and Kelly Alexander**

**The F/1 Teaching Superstars**

**Mr Atherton’s Weekly Re-cap**

**Maths**: This week 3/4A began their maths by using fruit to revisit fractions. We recall that fractions are *equal parts* of a *whole* which has helped us to model fractions. 3/4A found some very inventive ways to show different fractions as you can see below.
Where to next? Next week 3/4 A will be extending our learning in fractions.

Writing: This week students have challenged themselves to take a risk and try out some new ways to grab their reader’s attention by using interesting hooks in their narrative writing. When reading with your child, try noticing interesting ways that other authors grab their reader’s attention and encourage your child to try them out in their writing.

Where to next? Students have been experimenting with paragraphing in their own writing but would benefit from some further discussion or noticing of how other authors use paragraphs. We need to make sure that our paragraph makes sense, that it contains one of the parts/ideas in our writing and that it links to the next paragraph.

Reading: 3/4A have really enjoyed using our new skills in reading aloud that we practiced during readers theatre last week! When listening to your child read at home, ask them to exaggerate and emphasise different words to see how it changes the mood of our stories. Also, don’t forget to use punctuation when reading – Do you like cooking your family and friends or Do you like cooking, your family and friends?

Inquiry this week we are wrapping up our investigation into history. Students should have completed their draft write up of the information they have collected and can obtain materials from our classroom to create their learning pieces. Some students have asked if they can create presentations on their computer at home, this is fine as long as they can bring the presentation in on a USB drive to be uploaded to the student drive. Next week the senior grades will begin their inquiry into the sciences.

Preview 4-6 Duncan & Simmons

Next week will be a busy week for us all with lots of changes to the normal program. We will be conducting our NAPLAN Tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Monday is Cross Country and District Soccer is on Friday.

In writing we will be focussing on writing procedures. This will support the students inquiry learning where we will change our theme to science. Our word of the week is challenge and is drawn from our school values. Have conversations about what challenge is and how we feel both prior, during and after facing challenges. In Maths we will be focusing on fractions.

Below are a couple of websites that would be beneficial for your child to go on:


https://illuminations.nctm.org/Activity.aspx?id=4134

Our School Values Garden.

Here is a photo of Connor and Murray working in our new School Values Garden. During the good weather this week we have had many willing volunteers helping prepare the garden bed.
FUNDRAISING for 2016

PIE LUNCH
Thanks for your support for this event we heated up 92 pies.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Thanks to those families that dropped off their goodies or monetary donations. This has made our Mother’s Day Stall a great success.

When buying your goodies at Bakers Delight Morwell and Traralgon please don’t forget to mention Hazelwood North Primary. A percentage of all sales come back to our school.

Ritchies IGA, Churchill – don’t forget your community benefits card.

These are easy fundraisers if you already buy from these local businesses.

Not to mention your student banking. CBA give us a percentage of amount deposited, not from your deposit’s but from their money back to the school.

Wednesday mornings
Please remind your children to put their LUNCH ORDERS AND SCHOOL BANKING in the appropriate tubs or bags first thing Wednesday as Volunteers start to come in to process these at 9.30am.

Thank you in advance.

2nd Hand Uniform
Keep those preloved school uniforms coming in we are in need of bigger sizes at the moment.

Don’t forget to check out Schools website: www.haznthps.vic.edu.au

General information, generic permission slips and draft school policies for you to have feedback on.

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.

Next meeting: Thursday 12th 9.30 in the Art Room, look forward to seeing you there.
School newsletter notice for Cubs places

Less Screen time, it’s what we all seem to be asking from our children.

Ever wondered how to get them to spend more time outdoors, mixing with others, making new friends, and discovering that they can also achieve high scores in physical games that teach while at the same time, having fun?

You may be surprised to find that Cub Scouting does all this, and more.

Scouting has now been around for more than 100 years, there are 18,000 young members and 5000 adult volunteers in Victoria alone, and it continues to deliver fantastic weekly activities to young children, who get to learn life skills, participate in our community, and work together as part of a team.

Our fun programs encourage outdoors and nature experiences that help develop self-confidence, self-discipline, leadership, independence, and all up present the most interactive hands on adventurous experience that screen time could never offer.

It’s not just for young children either, you can also be part of the experience by becoming a volunteer leader in Scouting, training is provided, or you could just let your child have all the fun instead.

During term 2, places are opening for boys or girls ages 7 to 10 in our Morwell Cub Scouting groups.

Cub Scout evenings are on Wednesdays, at the 1st Morwell Scout hall on Margaret street, 6pm till 7:30pm, and at the Morwell East Scout hall on Vary Street, 7pm till 8:30pm.

If you think your child may be interested, I invite you to bring him or her over for a try and see what they think. If you need further details, you can ringing Scouts Victoria toll free 1800 726 887, or visit http://www.vicscouts.com.au and request contact details for either 1st Morwell, or Morwell East, depending on your preferred time and location, and our leaders can answer any questions.

Best regards, Roy Ewald, Group Leader of 1st Morwell Scouting Group.