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**PRINCIPAL COMMENTS – Paul Jorgensen**

It is with a mix of sadness and admiration that I announce to school community that Brenda McGowan has decided to retire after 20 years of service to Hazelwood North Primary School. As many of you are aware Brenda has recently been on Career leave to support her daughter and family.

Along with this and other considerations Brenda has decide to retire with her official last day being 11th July 2016. For me it is sad that Brenda is leaving us as she will certainly be missed. In that to I admire the way Brenda conducts herself in such a professional manner but also a very caring manner. Her commitment to her job was exceptional and her commitment to her family is also exceptional and I really admire how she was able to balance the two.

Brenda has been the very kind and caring face in the school office and has been a very valued member of staff and community. Her knowledge of students and families in the Hazelwood North community is immense which certainly has been an asset to me in my time here. Her knowledge of the school and its operations has also been outstanding and so many things ‘just got done’ by Brenda without anyone else knowing that these jobs even needed doing.

Brenda commenced her career at HNPS on the 5th June 1995. Since then she has worked with around nine Principals and numerous staff. She has also got to know many, many children. In Brenda’s case she really did get to know a vast number of students on a personal level, knowing families and individual situations. She was always there to listen, support and even add advice when needed.

In her own words “I love the staff, students and school community almost as much as Carlton FC”. And those that know Brenda know how much she loves the Blues.
so that is a huge wrap for our community and her statement also shows Brenda’s sense of humour and warmth.

Brenda still has a close connection to HNPS and no doubt she will drop in from time to time for a visit which will be much appreciated by all.

On behalf of staff, students and school community we wish Brenda all the best in the future, enjoy your time with family, enjoy your trips in the caravan and most importantly take care.

Along with this we have advertised for a replacement for Brenda. This process has now been completed and Francesca Tucker-King has been offered the position and accepted. This is at this stage a provisional appointment and subject to department processes for appointments. Francesca will take on the full time role at HNPS; therefore our office will be staffed by Francesca 5 days a week.

Please try to support the Parents Club in their fundraising efforts on Election Day July 2nd. A small group of parents have been working very hard over a number of weeks to organise fundraising activities to be held on this day. Than you also to the volunteers who are supporting this by providing some time to help on the day. If anyone else is able to help out please contact Bronwyn Woodward.

**School football**

On Friday the 3rd of June Hazelwood North Gr:4/5/6 went to play school football at Yinnar. The different schools were: Lumen Christi, Yinnar, Churchill and Thorpdale/Boolarra. First we played Lumen Christi and we beat them by a goal and a couple of points. Then we played Churchill we had a comfortable win. After that we played Thorpdale/ Boolarra, we came out with a win. Finally we played Yinnar, the reining champs we lost by 7 points. We were into the Grand Final, it was exciting. Unfortunately we lost by a fair few points. The day was loads of fun though, whether we lost or won. It was fun meeting lots of other players and representing the school.

Alex and Lachlan

**School soccer**

On Friday the 13th of May Hazelwood North primary school went to Traralgon to play School soccer. First we played Churchill and we beat them with a comfortable win of 7-0. We had hopes high to win the competition. Then we played Yinnar who won last year so we wanted some revenge and we succeeded! The game was a tight one first we scored a goal then Yinnar scored one. In the last couple of minutes of the game we scored a spectacular goal! We won. Then we played Boolarra and won 2-0. Then we played Lumen Christi and won 2-0 also. We were undefeated.

Dylan and Ethan
A couple of weeks ago the girls' soccer team went to Olympians Soccer Grounds, in Traralgon to play 4 exiting games of soccer.

First we versed Churchill; we won 2-1the girls did a wonderful job and ran the whole game. Than we versed Yinnar and tied 2-2 we were all tired after the first game. Then we had a bye and had lunch, the next game we versed Boolarra 3-1 Lily and Charlotte scored the goals in that game, the defence was spot on. In our last game we won 4-0 this game was our best game so far but we will try to improve and get 7-0 or more☺

We did the best we could and it payed off. All the training that we did helped to improve our skills and we can’t wait to win the next round!

After the hard effort the girls put in we won the girls soccer tournament☺ We are excited for the next round of soccer.

Written by Niki and Lily
Mixed District Netball

A couple of weeks ago schools from around the region competed in a round robin of netball games. The games were very exciting and all that girls participated had so much fun.

The games went for about 16 minutes and the halves went for 8 minutes. It was shorter than normal netball games but we were trying so hard that we were all tired between each halves and games.

The teams Hazelwood North versed were Yinnar, Thorpdale, Boolarra, Churchill, Yinnar Mixed, Churchill Mixed and Lumen Christi. We won all 6 games except for the last one which we versed the hardest team who were Lumen Christi who won all 7 games and defeated us by about 15 goals. They went into the next round of netball.

Lumen Christi was the hardest team weren’t injured as bad as we were. There were a lot of experienced players on their team so that gave them a bit of an advantage. We bought a positive attitude to this game by trying our best and having fun.

The people who participated from Hazelwood North Girls’ team were Niki, Brydie, Charlotte, Georgia, Alison, Cheyenne, Chanel, Olivia, Evie, Alira and Chloe. There were a few injuries because of the asphalt courts, but we persevered through our pain and played on for the team. This round robin tested our collaboration skills and our resilience.
We’d like to thank our unexperienced players for trying super hard and striving to do their best for the team. We’d also like to thank our experienced players and our coach for teaching the unexperienced players, it really made a difference! We have to say a HUGE thanks to our AMAZING coach Miss Stockdale for bringing out the best in herself and the team!

By Georgia, Charlotte and Alison
GO BLUE
FOR
DIABETES
THURSDAY 14TH JULY
Gold coin donation to wear blue or casual clothes.
**DISCOVERY CLUB – FED UNIVERSITY**

On Friday the 17th of June the 4/5/6’s from Mrs Duncan and Mr Simmons’ grade travelled to Federation University to participate in the Discovery Club which consisted of a variety of different subjects the university offers. This is the first time that Hazelwood North has been invited to this.

Firstly we were put in four equal groups which were made by splitting the grades into two different groups. Then we made our way over to our group leaders and received a bag which contained a pen, lanyard, a scavenger hunt sheet, a lollipop and a mini juice. Each group had a different coloured bag (blue, purple, red, orange). Then we set off to our destinations.

We did ICT [Information and Communications Technology]. In this subject we had to work on coding which are computer instructions for programming games and things like that. We had to get a truck to the delivery station using a range of commands [left, right, straight, deliver.] This activity was challenging because we had to really think about what we were doing and we had to know our left and right [which we all did!] Even though it was challenging, we showed resilience and kept persisting to complete various levels. This was a fun activity.

We then did Art. In this subject we had to create a Zentangle. We have done Zentangles at school so they made this more difficult and challenging for us. We got to choose from a circle, rectangle or star shape, or if we wanted to, we could make our own. We could use grey lead pencil or coloured pencils or textas.

Science was our next subject. This was great fun and interesting. We had to hypothesis the outcome of our experiment. We did an experiment which was related to density. We poured water into a cup, then added food colouring. We added dishwashing liquid and then oil. These did not mix and we ended up with three different levels. The dishwashing liquid was on the bottom, then the water and the oil was on the top. We then added different materials to see if they would float or sink. Some things sunk to the bottom, other things stayed on the top of the water or on the top of the oil. We asked lots questions and did lots of hypothesising and predicting. At the end of our experiment we stirred all of the ingredients together and the dishwashing liquid mixed with the water and it was on the bottom. The oil stayed on the top. Water/dishwashing liquid is denser than oil. Things that are dense have more atoms than those that are less dense.

We then moved onto nursing. We looked at a skeleton (Frank) as well as a dummy. We had a series of questions relating to the body and we had to answer them and then find the relevant body part and put it in the right spot. This was about the major organs on the inside of our body. We also discussed germs and did an experiment with moisturiser and glitter and washed it off with water. Most of the germs were still on our hands. We then washed it off with soap and the
germs had nearly disappeared. To see the germs we used a special light which was blue in colour but it was called a black light.

We went to the Switchback Gallery where we saw a really interesting piece of art that a university student had created. It was lots of different sized circular pieces of material that had been made hard and were hung up at different heights. It was very effective and clever.

We went in to library, which is on three different levels. There weren’t many students at university as it is exam time and many exams were being held on the day. We had to be quiet when walking near the rooms where the exams were being held.

The university has its own golf course, cafeteria, amphitheatre and lots of gardens and a lake. We thought the university was very big, but we were told that we had only seen about a quarter of it!

At the end of the day, we all put on black capes and hats and graduated from university. That was cool as it usually takes people four years to graduate depending on the course. We were disappointed as we all wanted to throw our hats into the air but we were not allowed to as they are very expensive and can be damaged easily.

We thanked Kalinda and Belle for organising the day. Kalinda is a student teacher at our school and Belle has been a student teacher at our school. We also thanked the other students who volunteered to help us on the day.

We had a great day, and would recommend this day to other kids at our school if they get the opportunity. I hope that our school gets the opportunity to do this again next year.

By Charlotte
EXPO DAY

THANKYOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE SUCCESSFUL EXPO DAY WE HAVE HAD ALOT OF GREAT FEED BACK REGARDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT THE CHILDREN ARE LEARNING.

FUNDRAISING for 2016

**FEDERAL ELECTION Saturday 2nd July**

Spread the word 2nd Hand Books, Plants, Cakes, Coffee, Raffles and Sausage Sizzle. Voted somewhere else don’t worry come for a drive and pick up some goodies.

**HELPERS STILL NEEDED.**

Yes unfortunately during school holidays but we still need, helpers for Baking, setup/clean-up, plants, turn sausages, got old books hanging around. This event is a fun day, the more the helpers the less time we all have to do.

Haven’t got time to help come and buy and sausage or cake anyway.
Someone will be at school on Friday 1st July between 3pm and 5pm for you to drop of any products that you are donating and maybe setup, this will depend on the weather.

*** Please don’t forget your ingredients and your name on your baked goods without these we are not allowed to sell these items. ****

**Setup will commence 7.00am on Saturday 2nd as voting opens at 8.00am.**

Don’t forget to get your raffle books to school by pickup Friday or follow directions on the front of books.

**This will be drawn at end of day 2nd July.**

We also need some people to deliver flyers around town, it doesn’t matter which down, if anyone goes for a walk around their block or just willing to drop a few off every little bit helps. Thanks.

Any questions regarding the above please contact Simone Lovison, Nicole Mckenzie, Jennifer Jay, Di Sanders or myself.
See you there.

**2nd Hand Uniform**
Over the holidays when you clean out those cupboards don’t forget those preloved uniforms items can find new homes on our 2nd Hand rack.
Thanks to those that bring items in for us to use we bank between $20 and $50 each month on sales.

Don’t forget whilst shopping for those goodies over the holidays to support the below businesses.
**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. Thank you in advance.

Don’t forget to check out Schools website : [www.haznthps.vic.edu.au](http://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](mailto:bronwyn@wideband.net.au) or 0412855933.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone
On Voting Day at
Hazelwood North Primary School
Sat. 2nd July 2016

121 Church Road, Hazelwood North.

Parents’ & Friends Club
Fundraising Activities

Sausage Sizzle  Cake Stall
Plant Stall      Raffles
2nd Handbooks

8:00am to 1:30pm