From The Principal’s Desk

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Next Monday 14th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday. Students do not attend school on this day.

Next week we will be holding a whole school morning assembly on Tuesday 15th March.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to all families who attended Tuesday’s Meet & Greet Parent/ Teacher Interviews. This is an important opportunity to establish positive relationships between home and school to ensure your child is achieving the best academic and social growth.

GRADE 3-6 HOUSE ATHLETICS
Congratulations to all our grade 3-6 students on their excellent behaviour and participation at our recent House Athletics Day. Special thanks to Mr Carracher for once again organising this event.

Our age group champions were awarded ribbons at this week’s assembly.

Congratulations to the students listed on the next page as our age group champions.

PREP – 1 DENTAL VISIT
Our prep and grade 1 students had dental examinations last Friday. This is a free service. There will be two follow up examinations later in the year.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
All students in Grades 3-6 will be involved in the House Cross Country run which will be held tomorrow (11th March) on the track behind the Douglass Street basketball courts between 9:00am-11am.

Students are encouraged to wear house colours and suitable running shoes.

Barwon: Red
Corio: Blue
Moorabool: Green
Flinders: Yellow

EASTER RAFFLE
Our PFA Easter Raffle is going well. Many families have already returned their raffle tickets and money. The PFA need all sold (and unsold) raffle tickets back at school by 9am Tuesday 22nd March.

Donations are still being accepted for the raffle and can be dropped off at the office by tomorrow (11th March).

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 22nd March 2016.

BULLYING. NO WAY! DAY
Friday 18th March 2016 is a National Day of action against Bullying and Violence.

At Herne Hill we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Sometimes it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens.

Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If you child talks to you about bullying:
1. Listen calmly and get the full story.
2. Reassure your child that they are not to blame.
3. Ask your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
5. Contact the school.
6. Check in regularly with your child.

Next Friday, all students will be involved in “Bullying. No Way” activities to promote safe and supportive classrooms and playground and to take a stand against bullying.

SILLY SOCK DAY
Junior School Council is organising a SILLY SOCK DAY on the last day of term, Thursday, 24th March.

Everyone is asked to wear very silly socks and bring a gold coin donation.

The money raised will go to the learning program at Ronald McDonald House at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

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GRADE 1/2 EXCURSION #1
Next Thursday 15th March our Grade 1 and 2 students will be visiting numerous places of interest to help them learn about what life was like in the past.

On the day they will be visiting Osborne House, the Geelong Maritime Museum, the Vietnam Veterans Museum and the Vietnam War Memorial

We look forward to hearing what they learnt.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 6:30pm where the 2016 office bearers will be elected

This will be followed by our regular school council meeting.

WORKING BEE
On Sunday 20th March we will be holding a working bee to tidy up several of our garden areas around the school.

If you can spare an hour or two we would really appreciate your help between 9:00am and midday.

Please bring along your own gardening gloves and if possible a few garden implements (e.g. spade, rake, secateurs, wheelbarrow or trowel) to use.

We are also hoping to establish a permanent pathway through the new butterfly garden using timber edging and crushed recycled concrete. If anyone has any skills in this area we need your help.

We are also looking for someone with plumbing skills to fix some broken spouting on the shelter shed. Then we can install a water tank which Mrs Johnston has already received a grant for.

Please contact Mrs Anderson or Mrs Johnston if you are able to assist on the day or if you have any expertise we could utilise.

WHAT’S YOUR CITY’S HEART
Please see the advertisement from the City of Greater Geelong asking you to have a say in the plans to revitalise the city centre. This is an important issue that members of our school community should have a say in.

Our Circle Painting Murals
Our Circle Painting Mural has been installed on our shed.

A big thank you to the PFA for funding our whole school circle paining mural. We are very happy with how the mural has brightened up our playground.

Every child, staff member and some parents worked on the mural last term. It is a celebration of the creativity of the Herne Hill PS community.

Thank you also to Bruce and Ben for attaching it to the shed - not an easy task!