

HERNE HILL Primary School



Thursday 9th February 2017

Newsletter #2

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**
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Like this page to receive updates of current events and activities.

From The Principal's Desk

Congratulations to all students, teachers and parents on a great first 5 day week of schooling. Students should be proud of their achievements and the manner in which they have settled into learning in an effective manner. I have enjoyed having conversations with students as they passionately share their achievements and successes to date.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

It was great to see a large number of students nominating for 2017 leadership positions (both school and house captains) Students completed their speeches this week, with all students doing an outstanding job in demonstrating their leadership skills and capabilities.

Our 2017 Students Leaders will be announced and presented with their badges on Monday morning at assembly.

SUNSMART POLICY

As a Sunsmart school all students are required to wear an approved school hat for all outdoor activities during term one and four. Hats are available from the office for \$9. Students who do not have a hat are unable to go outside and play.

PARENT FORUM

Our next parent forum will be held on **Monday 27th February at 9.30** following assembly. This is a great opportunity for parents to reflect, question and discuss processes and procedures at Herne Hill Primary School. Parent and Community voice is extremely important and we encourage as many parents as possible to attend.

UNIFORM REMINDER

As the school year commences, it is important to remember the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. A reminder also that students are not permitted to wear nail polish to school and that one pair of studs or sleepers only can be worn in the ear. Can we please ensure all students are coming in full school uniform as outlined in the uniform policy.

ATTENDANCE

As we start a new year, it is also important that we remember the significance of regular attendance at school. This is one of the most important things you can do to ensure your success and school and in the future.

When a child misses school, it is not only their academic progress that is affected, they also miss important social interactions with peers which can impact on social learning and self esteem. A child who is absent one day of school per week, misses an equivalent of a terms learning for the year. The equates to almost 2.5 years of schooling between Prep and year 10.

2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL

The 2017 School Council process will be run over the next few weeks. The Herne Hill School Council consists of 11 members, being 6 parents and 5 staff representatives. It meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm and is an opportunity for parents to have an input into school operation.

For the 2017 elections there will be (4) parent vacancies and (3) staff vacancies.

Nomination forms will be available from the office from Monday. Completed nominations must be received by the Principal by **4.00pm on Tuesday 2nd March 2017.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL TIME/LINE

Monday 13 th February 2017	Vacancies declared & nominations called for.
Friday 24 th February 2017	Nominations close at 4.00pm with the Principal.
Tuesday 16 th March 2017	Close of ballot, if nominations exceed positions.
Tuesday 28 th March 2017	Annual /General Meeting.

A note will also come home on Monday afternoon outlining the process.

Report continued on next page.

You Can Do It
Shane Ezard, Principal

Extra Curricular Calendar

FEBRUARY

Friday 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 1/2 Excursion: Barwon River
Tuesday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photos Grade 1/2 Incursion (9am-12:30pm)
Wednesday 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 1/2 Incursion: Barwon Water

MARCH

Wednesday 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 1/2 Excursion: Otways
Friday 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide Smiles Dental Visit
Monday 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preps start attending full time (5 days)

2017 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Tuesday 31st January to Friday 31st March.
TERM 2	Monday 18th April to Friday 30th June.
TERM 3	Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September
TERM 4	Monday 9th October to Friday 22nd December

From the Principal's Desk continued

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

In line with the new Child Safety Standards, it is a requirement that any parent helping in the school must have a current working with childrens check. Can you please provide the school office with a copy of your card before helping in class or on Excursions. There is no cost for a Volunteer Working with Children Check and all the information and forms can be found on line at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

ROAD SAFETY & STAFF CAR PARK

A reminder to all students and parents about road safety during drop off and pick up times. It is really important that parents are supervising their children crossing the road during these times and that school crossings are used appropriately in designated areas.

In addition, can we please refrain from entering and exiting the school via the staff car park as this poses risks to families and students with moving vehicles. Can you please speak to their children about this at home to reinforce the discussions at school.

Parents and Friends Association

The Parents and friends will be having our first meeting of 2017 on **Monday 20th February** after assembly in the staffroom, all welcome!

1/2 Excursion Tomorrow

Grade 1/2s Barwon River excursion tomorrow, Friday 10th February from 12:30pm to 3:00pm at Breakwater Bridge, Yollinko Park and Barwon Valley Fun Park.

Make sure you have signed the blue excursion permission form for 2017, otherwise your child cannot attend.

Book Club

Book club Issue 1 is due
Thursday 16th February 2017.



Lego Donations

Do you have any Lego at home that is no longer being used? If so and you would like to donate it to the school to be used in the Prep-2 area, please see Mr Hobbs, Miss Hynes or Miss Wernert.



We are a KidsMatter School

What does this mean??

It means that we do many things at Herne Hill Primary that promote positive mental health for our children.

- We aim to have a happy and welcoming school community where everyone feels like they belong.
- We teach social and emotional skills to the children.
- We have good working relationships with parents and carers.
- We provide support to children and carers who need some extra assistance.

Garden Club

Garden club will be on a Thursday this year at 1.10pm in the produce garden. All welcome.

We will start next week, weather permitting.

Thank you
Mrs Baverstock and Mrs Johnston



The KidsMatter Website has extensive information on modern parenting issues and more. We highly recommend their Information Sheets which can be found at kidsmatter.edu.au

If you have any concerns about your child please talk to staff and we will do our best to assist.



UHT Milk Available

We currently have some UHT milk that is over the recommended Use By date available for anyone who would like it. You may wish to take some.

This milk was left over from Breakfast Club in 2016.

We will leave this milk outside the Multi Purpose Room at drop off times.

School Photos

School photos are on **Tuesday 14th February**, Family photo order envelopes are available at the office for those who would like sibling photos.



Just Brass Summer Camp

Liena A, Zoe G and Mia S from our Just Brass Band attended a five day music summer camp at Geelong College over the school holidays. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to develop their music to a new level as they learnt and shared experiences with other talented musicians and teachers. Congratulations girls on being risk takers and taking up the option of attending this excellent program.

Thank you also to Wendy Steele for supporting the students.

Liena has written a recount of her experience below:

On Monday the 8th of January to the 13th of January there was a program called Geelong Summer Music Camp. It's an experience of 7 days from 9.00am-4.00pm. It was held at Geelong College. On Sunday the 7th of January we had to come and audition. You had to play two pieces of music to see what our tutors could help us work on.

On Monday the 8th of January we had a meeting in Robertson Hall and they told us the rules and everything we needed to know. We first had a rehearsal and Sean was the conductor so we started off by playing some pieces. They were 'Thorough The Darkened Sleepy Hollow', 'Fantasia' and some others. After rehearsal we went to tutorials which is when we learnt step by step how to play the music. My tutor's name was Kiran Samuel. He is 20 years old and he was so much fun. He was in the trombone group because there was no baritone tutors. After working with our tutors, we had a snack and we got drinks. We had to bring snack and lunch but the canteen was also open. Mia and Zoe were there too. Zoe plays the trumpet and Mia plays the cornet. I played with them. We found a place with leaves and trees and nature. There was a tree that looked like an umbrella. We went there and played until snack was over. After snack we had rehearsals again and after that tutorials. At lunch we played on the playground and walked around the grounds. In the afternoon we had more rehearsals and tutorials and Kiran played bass trombone. The other children played a normal trombone. I was the odd one out as I played baritone.

At the end of the week on Friday there was a concert. The two pieces of music we chose were 'Fantasia' and 'Through The Darkened Sleepy Hollow'. We got t-shirts that said GSMC (Geelong Summer Music Camp). The best parts were the Dance of The Sugar Plum Fairy which is a very sweet and nice, and Night on Bald Mountain which, on the other hand, is very scary, suspicious and dark. At the end for the BIG finale we had a mass choir and we sang thriller by Michael Jackson. The theme was Chills and Thrills! It's was the best learning from the professional music teachers.

It's fantastic program and if you get an opportunity to go there take it!

By Liena A



Art Activities

All students and staff have been creating a whole school mural this week.

The purpose of this mural is to give the students a sense of belonging to the Herne Hill Primary School Community and that we are all learning and growing together.

The mural will be on display in the Jeff Walker Hall next week.



★ Star of the Week ★

PREP B Annabelle L	For a brilliant start to school! Keep it up!	PREP M Coby W	For your incredible start to school. We love that you're at Herne Hill!
1/2B Olivia M	For a great start to the year!	1/2H Aayan K	For excellent contributions to our classroom discussions about our rights and responsibilities.
1/2W Emmalee G	For being an amazing friend, especially to new students at Herne Hill.	3/4D Chelsea O	For a fantastic start at Herne Hill Primary School. Always keep that smile on your "dial".
3/4L Hudson G	For having a wonderful first week at Herne Hill Primary.	3/4O Connor L	For starting Home Reading early!
5/6C Brodie O	For a brilliant start to his new school! What a great effort!	5/6S Bianca B	For a brilliant start to the year.
5/6T Boris K	For a super mature and hard working start to grade 5.	PRINCIPAL Tom S	For a positive and responsible start to the school year. Well done Tom!

Breakfast Club Helpers Needed

Herne Hill Primary offers a Breakfast Program from 8.35 to 8.50am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, in the Multi Purpose Room. The program is supported by Food Bank Victoria.

We are looking for parent helpers to run this important program. Helpers need to be available from 8.30 to 9am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All school helpers are required to have a current Working with Children Check. More details can be obtained from the office. Please complete the form below and return to the office.
Thank you



BREAKFAST CLUB HELPERS NEEDED

I can assist with the Breakfast Program on

Tuesday mornings 8.30 to 9.00am

Thursday mornings 8.30 to 9.00am

Name

Phone number

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St Joseph's **SCHOOL**, Zampatti Oval Shannon Ave

Queries: SUE 0428 197 789 sue.cormack@leisurenetworks.org



Discover Grovedale College

Information Evening 2017

Thursday 23rd March

Activities commence at 6.00pm

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening 2017.

The night begins with displays of students' work and a sausage sizzle at 6.00pm. Guests are invited to tour the College in small conducted groups during this time.

Formal activities commence at 7.00pm with a musical performance followed by an address from the Principal.

Teaching staff and Team Leaders will provide information on Transition Programs, Curriculum Options, the eLearning Program, Musical Opportunities and our Sports Academy Program.

Enquire about our excellent scholarship opportunities available for students commencing in 2018.



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