**From The Principal’s Desk**

**PREP-4 INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM**
Our (9) day Intensive Swimming Program for grades Prep – 4 students commences on the first day of term 4 (**Monday 6th October 2014**).

We have (124) students registered who will go in two groups to the Geelong Aquatic Centre (3 Bridge St Newtown).

**Group 1: (Prep B, 1S, 2M and 3/4BC)**
- Depart school 11:30am
- In water 12:00pm - 12:30pm
- Back at school 1pm

**Group 2: (Prep/1G, 1/2H, 3/4C and 3/4O)**
- Depart school 12:00pm
- In water 12:30—1:00pm
- Back at school 1:30pm

Please note the following:
- Participating students require their bathers, towel, swimming cap and goggles each day in a separate swimming bag.
- Swimming caps must be worn for each session. They can be purchased at the pool at the cost of $3.50. Goggles may also be purchased at the pool with prices ranging from $9 to $20.
- Students will eat either at recess or on their return to school.
- Students will be placed in initial ability groupings which are reviewed by the instructors each day.
- Parents are encouraged to drop into the Aquatic Centre over the (9) days of the program to see it in action.
- The main emphasis of the program is to develop water confidence, water safety skills and basic swimming strokes.
- Non participants will be supervised back at school during swimming time.

**REGIONAL FARMERS MARKETS**
The school will be hosting a “Regional Farmers Market” on our oval on the 2nd Saturday of each month commencing **Saturday 11th October 2014**.

There will be between 30 and 45 market stalls here each month and the school staff have undertaken to run a breakfast/sausage sizzle at each market.
Walk to School in October 2014

We are encouraging all students to participate in Vic Health’s ‘Walk to School’ campaign. This campaign encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every day in October to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing.

By getting involved in Walk to School you can help your child learn healthy habits, and achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day. As an added bonus, it will also reduce traffic congestion and parking difficulties.

We understand that some families may find it difficult to walk to and from school every day due to after school commitments, family dynamics and long distances from home to school. Perhaps you can choose to walk one way only, and maybe for two or three days. Or if you’re travelling a long distance from school, you could park at a convenient location and walk part of the way to school and do the opposite in the afternoon. Whatever combination you could organise that fits in with your busy family lives would be perfectly acceptable.

Teachers will also be organising group walks on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes for any interested students. These group walks will be supervised and the walking routes will be close to Herne Hill Primary School. This will also provide an opportunity for those students who would like to participate but for one reason or another can’t walk before or after school.

Classroom teachers will record the number of walks your child completes on a classroom calendar. We then tally the number of walks completed by the whole school and Vic Health uses this information to award prizes to the schools with the highest participation rate in each region. Your child will also receive a certificate for participating in this event.

We hope the school community will really get behind this initiative and help your child lead a healthier, happier and more active lifestyle. Who knows, you may even pass your teacher as they walk to school.

If you do not want your child to be a part of this event, please write a note to your child’s teacher. Please see the attached insert for more details about the Walk to School campaign.

Entertainment Books - Only 9 Books Left

Available at the school office $55.00 per book or you can order online.
Remember to reference Herne Hill Primary School when registering.

Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2014

Best wishes to the 20 students travelling to Hisense Arena Thursday, Friday and Saturday to rehearse and perform in the State Schools Spectacular. They have put in a lot of hard work and are now ready to enjoy the experience and create lasting memories with their peers.

Thank you to Susan Jones for her assistance preparing costumes. Also to Ms Oxley who will be assisting Thursday, Friday and is giving up her Saturday to join us.

Karla Gilbert and Michelle Ghin
Schools Spectacular Coordinators

Bravehearts Performance - Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure

On Tuesday Prep to Year 2 students participated in the Bravehearts Protective behaviours session "Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure". In a very engaging performance with Ditto the Lion they learned about “Yes” and “No” Feelings, the body’s warning signs, private parts and secrets. They also learned the “Private Parts” song and the “Run and Tell someone You Can Trust” song. All participating children were given an Ditto Activity Book to take home.

Prep to Year 2 classes have followed up the performance with discussion and activities.

For more information about Bravehearts you can visit their website www.bravehearts.org.au
This week is National Child Protection week

The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need for 23 years. Working together with welfare agencies, last year we saw 9,078 families referred to the Centre for support.

Your school is one of the 80 or so schools in Geelong and the surrounding region, who every year help us make this possible. Each individual donation makes its way on to a family’s table. This could be a family in your street.

This year we are asking you to donate items we are always in need of. These items form some of the basic food item most families choose.

We thank you, and your child’s school for your support and assure you it will really make a difference to someone in our community.

So, yes it’s called the Toucan Appeal, but this year we want you to think outside the can!

We love to get ...
- Rice
- Cereal
- Canned fish
- Powdered Milk
- UHT Milk
- Milo
- Honey
- Vegemite
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta Sauce
- Flour
- Sugar

Thank you
Star Of The Week

Prep B
Alex S
For his improvement with his behaviour.

5/6C
William C
For improved self-confidence towards his work.

Prep/1G
Marina P
Fantastic! You know how to read 100 sight words. Well done!

5/6D
Natthicha K
For confident thinking, you’re a superstar.

Prep/1G
Gus D
Fantastic! You know how to read 100 sight words. Well done!

5/6O
Teegan O
For being a wonderful and caring friend.

1S
Bailey H
For working hard to improve his handwriting.

VISUAL ARTS
Catherine K
For a beautiful drawing.

1/2H
Hareem A
A confident start at a new school in a new country!

PERFORMING ARTS
Piper J
For her great effort and cool dance moves.

2M
Zack H
You have a heart of gold and you are a true gentleman!

COMPUTER
Mahli K
For working with a new classmate on this week’s task.

3/4BC
Daniel I
For great progress on his map.

LANGUAGE
Jaxon B
For making valuable contributions to our discussions. Thanks Jaxon!

3/4C
Damon P
For his impressive explanations of difficult vocabulary.

PRINCIPAL
Cooper E
For his high level of interest and questioning at the Biolab excursion.

3/4O
Kirrineet K
For putting so much effort into her Commonwealth Country information report on India.

PHYS ED
5/6O
For super survivor skills.

Program Achieve

5c & 10c Fundraiser Grand Prix

We are now accepting all silver coins for this fundraiser.
Keep collecting to move your racer further along the track for a chance to win.