FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

A warm welcome back – for the start of the year. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. There are many things to look forward to this term, including our school swimming carnival (Friday 13 February) and numerous other sporting events and trials.

Classes and Teachers for 2015 – We have decided to do things a little differently in 2015, encouraged by the changes in our system, which allow schools to put in place individually what is best for the school's students and importantly, their learning. This is called ‘Local Schools, Local Decisions’. My goal is to improve literacy and numeracy, student results and teacher quality. To achieve this, I have put in place within the school the following:

1. Extra staffing: smaller class sizes – better learning opportunities
2. Programming together in stages (K-2) and (3-6)
3. Assessment and reporting across school
4. Improved staff support, efficiency and accountability

I welcome to our school for 2015, Miss Rosanna Luff and Miss Kimberley Peterson. A warm welcome back to Mrs Landale, who returns one day a week.

With the focus on Literacy and Numeracy across the school, we will have eight classes for the first session (Literacy) and the second session (Numeracy), before returning to our entitled six classes for the afternoon session (other areas like Personal Development, Science, HSIE, Library, Technology, Sport, Creative Arts). We want to have minimal disruptions within Literacy and Numeracy across a week. We are all very much looking forward to the year ahead and the enthusiasm attached to improving how we do things as a school to improve student results in Literacy and Numeracy. It will look as follows:

Literacy/Numeracy Classes
- Kinder 1: Miss Narelle Mills (Kinder room)
- Kinder 2: Miss Rosanna Luff (old Year 1 room)
- Year 1: Miss Jessica Murphy (Year 1 room)
- Year 2: Mrs Kristie Preston (Year 2 room)
- Year 3-6 ability groups: Miss Kimberley Peterson – average 20 students, (Mrs Wedgwood’s old room)

TERM DIARY – TERM 1

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- Year 3-6 ability groups: Mr Adam Preston – average 20 students, (Year 3/4 room)
- Year 3-6 ability groups: Miss Chrissy Lavis – average 20 students, (Year 4/5 room)
- Year 3-6 ability groups: Mrs Kate Wedgwood – average 20 students, (Year 5/6 room)

Afternoon Classes
- Kinder: Miss Mills (Kinder room)
- Year 1: Miss Murphy (Year 1 room)
- Year 2: Mrs Preston (Year 2 room)
- Year 3/4: Mr Preston (Year 3/4 room)
- Year 4/5: Miss Lavis (Year 4/5 room)
- Year 5/6: Mrs Wedgwood (Year 5/6 room)

Staffing
- Mrs Landale – 1 day a week (Literacy, Numeracy, Library, teacher release)
- Mrs Ross – teaching Reading Recovery 1 hour per day
- Miss Mills – Acting Assistant Principal (K-2) - 5 days a week
- Mrs Wedgwood – Assistant Principal (3-6) – 5 days a week
- Mrs Mullavey – Administration Manager – 5 days a week
- Mrs Jones – Student Learning Support Officer – 5 days a week
- Miss Mullins - 2 days Administration Officer
- Mr Jacobs – General Assistant

All the very best for 2015!!!
**Class Meetings For Parents** – This will take place similar to last year. Each class meeting will take place on a different day after school starting at **3.45 pm sharp**. The meeting will give parents the opportunity to find out from their child’s teacher everything they need to know about what is happening in the classroom. The teacher will also discuss some things from a school perspective as well. Please make the effort to come along as it is in your child’s best interest. If you are unable to make it, and have questions or concerns, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

- Monday 2 Feb Year 3/4 (in classroom)
- Wednesday 4 Feb Year 5/6 (in classroom)
- Thursday 5 Feb Year 1 (in classroom)
- Monday 9 Feb Year 2 (in classroom)
- Wednesday 11 Feb Year 4/5 (in classroom)
- Thursday 12 Feb Kindergarten (in classroom)

**New School Attendance Information** – Changes from 2015. The Minister for Education has approved changes to the use of the Attendance Register codes for 2015. The changes implement the ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting. ACARA developed the National Standards to establish nationally consistent parameters for the collection and reporting of student attendance data.

**Holidays** - As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. **A Certificate of Exemption cannot be longer be granted for this purpose.** Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. A reminder that every day absences must be explained with a suitable reason to justify it. Students who don’t bring back a note after being away, are given a reminder to explain their absence. If this reminder is not returned, the school must mark that day down as an “unexplained absence”. The school’s student attendance is checked regularly, usually every four weeks, by the department's Home School Liaison Officer. It is their job to make sure students are attending school on a regular basis and that if they are in fact absent, their absence is explained. If they find this to be unsuitable, they may need to take the necessary steps to rectify this situation, which may involve the prosecution of parents in a court of law. Please make the efforts to return notes. Copies of the absentee note are attached to this newsletter.

**Home Reading Program** – Every child will be given a home reading journal to record their reading in. Teachers will keep a record of your child’s reading and awards will be given every 25 nights. Our aim is to improve the reading ability of every child in our school and to do this we need your support at home. Each teacher will talk about this more during their class meeting. A big thank you to our School P&C for funding the home reading journals for every child in our school.

**New Note System Introduced** – To help make things easier for parents, students and our school, we have introduced a new coloured note system. It is as follows:

- **Permission notes to be returned by parents** – green
- **Information notes (nothing to be returned)** – blue
- **Medical information notes** – orange
- **Detention notes that need to be returned by parents** – red

**My door is always open** – for anyone to come and talk to me about any concerns or questions that you may have. Please bring an open mind, be willing to work with myself and the school and be mindful of the fact that I don’t always set the rules (the NSW Department of Education does), but I do have to enforce them. I often find by sitting down and talking and listening together and by providing parents with knowledge and information about policies and rules and regulations, they gain a greater understanding of how work things and why, and want to work with myself and the school as a result. Don’t hesitate to come and see me.

**A very warm welcome to our new families** – Atkinson, Bennetts, Cardile, Chattaway, Coats, Fletcher, Flewin, Freund, Glass, Hall, Jolly, Kingston, MacKillop, Spencer, Valena, Walmsley, Witton, Yensch.

It’s wonderful to have so many new families starting school with us this week. We wish the parents and their children all the very best at Holbrook Public School.

**School Fees for 2015** – As decided by the School Council last year, the school fees for 2015 will be $30.00 per child (no family discounts will be available). Envelopes will be sent out in the near future but, if you wish to make payments earlier, these can be done at the office.

**Term 1 Planner** – This is attached to today’s newsletter. It has the dates of all the events that we know of so far, but remember this can change and things can be added. Please keep up to date with the Term Diary that appears in the newsletter each week.

**Important Dates for 2015:**
- Tues 27 Jan – Staff return to school
- Wed 28 Jan – Year 1 to 6 students return to school
- Fri 30 Jan – Pool for sport
- Mon 2 Feb – Kinder students commence school
- Fri 13 Feb – School Swimming Carnival

**Australia Day Awards** – a special congratulations to
those who received awards on Australia Day, especially Lachlan Holmes (Junior Sportsperson) and the School AFL Team (Sporting Team of the Year). A great effort indeed!

Jason Weaven
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that any latecomers after 9.20 am or early leavers prior to 3.20 pm, must report to the office with their parent to sign in/out. This is a safety requirement ensuring that we are aware of your child’s whereabouts at all times.

Please note that the designated area where your child is to be collected from is at the Swift Street entrance, behind the library. The office also needs to be advised of any alterations to your child’s normal travel arrangements either by phone or a note. If no notification is given, we will assume that your child will be travelling as per usual. This is to ensure the safety of your child.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 30 Jan: Margot Pitzen
Monday 2 Feb: Trudy Jenkyn
Friday 6 Feb: Deborah Chattaway

YEARS K-2 REQUIREMENTS FOR 2015

Would you please supply the following clearly labelled items for your child’s use.

- Glue sticks (constant supply)
- A4 lined exercise book (for homework)
- Tissues

Please ensure that your child/ren have these items ready for the commencement of the 2015 school year and continue to have a supply throughout the year. All items need to be labelled clearly.

YEARS 3-6 REQUIREMENTS FOR 2015

Would you please supply the following clearly labelled items for your child’s use.

- 2x A4 lined exercise books (for homework)
  (Reasonable quality and not lecture pads. 64 or 96 page is plenty)
- 4x Glue sticks (constant supply)
- HB lead pencils (constant supply throughout the year needed)
- Red and blue pens (Year 5 and 6 only - constant supply throughout the year needed)
- Sharpener
- Soft white eraser
- Scissors
- Ruler with cm and mm (not steel or bendy)
- Coloured pencils
- 1x box of tissues (for class use – to be brought in at beginning of year)
- Mathematical set containing protractor and compass (Years 5 and 6 only)
- Library bag – to allow borrowing of books
- Good pocket dictionary
- Small to medium pencil case (no large pencil cases)
- Textas (optional)

- NO NOVELTY STATIONERY ITEMS ALLOWED AT SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY CAUSE DISTRACTIONS
- NO LIQUID PAPER/WHITE OUT ALLOWED
- NO FOLDERS NEEDED

Please ensure that your child/ren have these items as soon as possible and continue to have a supply throughout the year. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Thank you,
K-6 Teachers

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS
IN STOCK NOW!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Holbrook Lions Club
TRIATHLON
Sunday 15th Feb 2015

JUNIOR TRUTHON MALE & FEMALE:
Bike 1km // Swim 200m // Run 1km
Age 5-11 // 11 & under // 12-13-14
Race start 8:30am - Marshalling 8:15am - Registration close 8am
Electronic Pre-registration // Teams $10 - Individual $5
Age group entry fees will be added before event.

MINI TRIATHLON 5-7 YEARS
Bike 2km // Pool Swim 600m // Run 700m
Certificates awarded to all competitors.
Race starts at conclusion of senior event approx. 10:30am
Marshalling 10:15am - Registration close 9:15am

INDIVIDUAL RACE MALE & FEMALE:
Open & under 14 sections
Event run simultaneously with senior triathlon
Race start 8:45am
Marshalling 8:30am
Registration close 9am
Electronic Pre-registration - Open $15 Under 16 $10
Age group entry fees will be added before event.

For those competing in more than one event please complete a separate form for each event.

Age is age on the day of event.

If competing as an individual and rating for a team no fee will be charged for the team leg.
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These notes are used when a student is absent from school. Please make photocopies.

HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

ABSENTEE NOTE
(To be returned to your child’s classroom teacher first day back after absence)

Student’s Name:...................................................................................................................................................... Roll class:..........................

Date of Absence/s:....................................................................................................................................................

Reason for Absence:..................................................................................................................................................

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Signature of Parent/Caregiver:................................................................. Date:..........................