FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Hello to our new Kindergarten students –

It was great to see this morning, twenty-four keen, eager and happy students embark on their first day of education at "Big School". They were all in the correct uniform (well done parents) and were met by their equally keen Year 6 buddies. I wish them all the very best for their time at Holbrook Public School and I'm sure they will enjoy many happy moments. I also warmly welcome all our new Kinder parents to the school for the very first time.

Mrs Wedgwood is recovering well –

As I mentioned to all of the students this morning at assembly, Mrs Wedgwood had a freak accident at school on Friday, tripping on a step, and as a result has badly broken her ankle. She will obviously be on leave for an extended time (exact time still unknown). As it is early days, I am still in the process of determining what options are available to cover Mrs Wedgwood’s absence, but fortunately Mr Clifford has made himself available and it will be great to again have him on staff.

Class meetings for parents –

This will take place in a similar way to last year. Each class meeting will take place on a different day after school, starting at 3.30 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.

- Mon 11 February Year 5/6 Class Meeting at 3.30 pm and Active After School
- Tue 12 February SR Cricket Trials (Holbrook) 10 am to 1 pm and Year 1 Class Meeting at 3.30 pm
- Wed 13 February SHINE for Year 6 girls 2 pm to 3.15 pm and Year 2 Class Meeting at 3.30 pm
- Thu 14 February Year 3/4 Class Meeting at 3.30 pm
- Fri 15 February Swimming for Sport

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 me 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 things work and why, and want to work with myself and the school as a result. Don’t hesitate to come and see me.

School fees for 2013 – As decided by the School Council last year, the school fees for 2013 will be $30 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.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FEES FOR 2013

As decided by the School Council last year, the school contribution fees for 2013 will be $30.00 per child.

That’s just 15¢ per child, per school day!

School contribution fees are used to purchase a wide range of writing books, stationery, art supplies, teaching resources, library books and many other useful items that greatly benefit your child.

Remember, every dollar counts!

So far we have received contributions from 5 families.
School Swimming Carnival – This will be held this Friday. All the very best to those students participating. I’m sure it will be a great day, so if you can, please come and support the students.

Working Bee – This will be held this Sunday morning starting at 8.30 am. We plan to do a few jobs, including setting up a new garden area under the new COLA so the synthetic grass can then be laid. It should only be 2 to 3 hours at most.

Student Attendance – A reminder that every day absent 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.

McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps Day – This will be held at school on Friday 22 February. It will be similar to last year, which was a great success. It was a fun day for everyone – students, parents and the community. All proceeds on the day will be donated to the McGrath Foundation to raise money to place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities right across Australia, as well as to increase breast cancer awareness in young Australian women. This is an important day and one the entire staff and many parents and students feel very passionately about, especially as staff and parents directly associated with our school, have recently been affected by breast cancer. Billabong High School students will again be present on the day to help run activities. We really do appreciate their wonderful ongoing support. If people can help out in anyway, then please let me know. We need people to help with food, preparation and cook the BBQ, if anyone can help with prizes for the raffle (I already have a number of pink prizes from the McGrath Foundation), donations from businesses and anything else to make the day a success.

The caps below are available to order with cash from the office – they are not available for sale on the day. Orders will be taken from Tuesday 5 February to close of day Wednesday 13 February. Caps normally retail for $21.95 each, but as this is part of a registered event, they can be purchased for $9.95 each. We have 15 hot pink caps available and an infinite number of pale pink caps available.

Also this year, for the first time, the website address below is for people to make donations to Holbrook Public School’s Pink Stump Day. I have set ourselves a target of $700 which would be a great achievement. If you want to donate directly to this please go to the website and fill in the details. All donations are tax deductible and you are emailed a receipt for tax purposes.


Jason Weaven
Principal
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday 8 Feb:  Irene Lister and Jacqui Ross  
Monday 11 Feb:  Anna Coughlan and Mel Parker  
Friday 15 Feb:  Melissa Sweetland and Anna Watson

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**HPS FUNDRAISING EVENT – LADIES NIGHT**

When:  Tuesday 26 February 2013  
Where:  HPS School Hall  
Time:  7.00 pm  
Cost:  $10 entry fee – receive a ticket in the lucky door prize, one drink (non-alcoholic) ticket and nibbles.

During the evening you will be presented with a display from The Body Shop, run by our very own Tracy Swan. Tracy will happily walk you through the latest catalogue and indulge your senses with a foot or hand treatment.

We will also have a Tupperware presentation with lots of exciting news things happening in February and the last opportunity to buy lots of old faithfuls before some stock is discontinued.

The Bulb catalogue fundraiser will also be available to place orders. Last year, we ran this fundraiser and made over $600 for the school. The bulbs were delightful and bloomed beautifully. The school profits 40% of all total sales.

As part of being a host, all purchases will contribute to host rewards. We will use these rewards for prizes in this year’s Mother’s Day Raffle.

If you are unavailable to make the ladies night and wish to place an order with any of the companies, please pop into the office and pick up a catalogue. Your contributions will make a huge difference.

I also have plans to run a produce stall on the night and am calling for donations of food and goods that we can sell on the night. Anything from oranges, herbs, sauces, eggs will be perfect to display and sell. These products can either be dropped off to the school office leading up to the event or brought to the hall on the night.

If you have a product to sell including craft items, baked goods etc. and would like to book a stall for the night you can do so for $20. This cost covers you to have a stall as well as your entry cost for the night. Please email Kristie on Kristie.preston@det.nsw.edu.au or call the school for enquiries.

Thank you for your support.  
Kirstie Preston

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**Aqua Fitness Classes**

- Tuesday 9 am
- Wednesday 6 pm
- Saturday 8 am

**MARGOT PITZEN**

0407658401

Aqua Fitness Classes
COMMUNITY NEWS

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2013.

FIND OUT MORE!
Sylvia Kelly, Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

We have tutors available for all ages and abilities in a wide variety of subjects. Please phone the Library Complex on 02 6036 3262 if you would like some more information.

Distance delivery means that you can study from home and not have to attend classes.

The Riverina Institute, Business Faculty is offering the following courses by DISTANCE delivery in 2013 through its Leeton Campus:

► Certificate III in Business (Course 20119)
► Certificate III in Business Administration (Course 17807)
► Certificate III in Business Administration (Legal) (Course 17812)
► Statement of Attainment in Processing and Maintaining Financial Records (17820) (MYOB)

For further information please contact the Campus:
Phone: 02 6953 9600
Email: RICourseInfoLeeton@tafensw.edu.au
Enrolments are open NOW. You can register/enrol online for the courses via www.tafensw.edu.au

For other Distance courses, check out the following TAFE website:
http://www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/online/business

TERM 1 TENNIS LESSONS AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesdays, from 13 Feb – 10 April (8 weeks)
$15 per lesson, payment upfront
School age, all abilities
Times and groups to be announced
Contact:
Anna Watson
6036 7288
0448367288
bbco1@bigpond.com

Holbrook Homework Club

The Holbrook Library Complex
Every Tuesday during school term
From 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Cost $2 per session
Afternoon tea provided
Professional tutors available
Free access to computers and modern technology and library resources
A quiet and safe study venue
Bookings not required. Call 60363262 for further information.

Holbrook Playgroup is hosting six special playgroup sessions of Wiggle and Giggle

Songs, Rhymes and stories for 0-3 year olds

Time - Playgroup starts 10am,
- Wiggle and Giggle 30 minute group session 10.30-11am.
Location - Anglican Hall
All welcome to stay for morning tea afterwards

Wiggle and Giggle is a program that is a lot of fun for children and parents as they develop early literacy, language and listening skills. Enjoying books, rhymes and music is a lovely way to bond with your child.

~ Come along and join the group! Participants take home a folder of rhymes and songs, including parenting information.

For more information:
Ros Beck - Intereach 0429 000 237
Skye Coats - Playgroup 0423 202 609

Wiggle and Giggle is free!
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Restaurant Phone: 6036 2917

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