I am so happy to welcome our school community to Homebush West in 2016. We have many new students and families and staff to welcome. It is really fabulous to be working with you all again. I’m very excited about the opportunities ahead for our school and community. Our brilliant staff spent significant time unpacking the culture and vision and expectations of the school and the value we place on the partnership with our community, with our values and priorities on the Well Being of every stakeholder in our community, especially our students, and on the pursuit of excellence in contemporary education. I was thrilled to speak with our newest Kindergarten parents yesterday who were so impressed by the care they felt on their child’s first day at primary school.

**State MP Visits our New Kindergarten students**

I was proud to host Member for Strathfield, Ms Jodi McKay, on Monday, as our 88 new Kindergarten students started their primary school stage of their education. Ms McKay engaged our newest students with delight and spent time discussing leadership with our 2016 School Leaders who escorted her as she visited our classrooms. Our school leaders demonstrated a brilliant start to their leadership of the school, I congratulate them for the way they have commenced their role.
Staffing
I would like to advise the school community that I have been asked to continue working with Department of Education Leadership and High Performance Directorate in a part-time capacity for 2016. My passion for contributing working across the system for the greater good, is equal with my passion for seeing excellence in education thrive at Homebush West PS. I have accepted this role with the support of my Director, with a view to ensuring that I am able to keep our school connected with best practice.

I am thrilled to announce that Mrs Roxanne Picoaga (formerly Ms Marinos and pictured bottom left) has agreed to undertake the role of Co-Principal with me for 2016. Mrs Picoaga is our most experienced Assistant Principal having worked in the role for eight years; she has deep knowledge of our school community and a shared vision and passion for the school.

How will the Co-Principalship work?
Typically I will be in the Principal chair 2.5 days per week. I will generally be on site Mondays and Fridays and half Tuesdays with Mrs Picoaga Co-Principal Mondays to Thursdays. We will communicate though roughly on all matters and will work closely to lead the school effectively. Mrs Picoaga will deal with the majority of daily communications.

School Executive
Our school executive brings experience, dedication and innovation to their role in the school as mentors, supervisors and leaders. For your information the team includes;

- Ms Hall, Kindergarten, Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Supervisor
- Mrs Clapham, Stage 1 Supervisor, Literacy and Numeracy Instructional Leader
- Mrs Cini, Stage 2 Supervisor
- Mrs Morrison, Stage 3 Supervisor
- Mr Fung, Instructional Leader, Contemporary Pedagogy
Classes
At this stage we have welcomed in almost 20 new students. We will have 21 classes as we commence the year, those classes will be as follows:
- Early Stage 1, 5 classes
- Stage 1 (Year 1&2), 8 classes
- Stage 2 (Year 3&4), 4 classes
- Stage 3 (Year 5&6), 4 classes
Currently both Stage 2 and Stage 3 are close to full, as the year progresses there may be a need to form an additional class in either or both of these stages.
Notices have been sent home advising parents about the teams and plans for each stage for their first two weeks of school.
I thank the staff for a very smooth start to the year to date.

Meet and Greet Opportunities
Mrs Picoaga and I look forward to working with you all in the year ahead. We look forward to catching up with you at our Lion Dance, Swimming Carnival or upcoming community BBQ or meet the teacher and parent information events.
We are always open to feedback and value your input and communication. We wish you all the best for a wonderful school year ahead.
Welcome to our new staff

Above left to right: Rita Sassine Stage 1, Emily Saad Stage 3, Steven Smith Stage 3, Rebecca Cini Stage 2
Below left to right: Karen Morris Stage 3, Clare Wilmington Stage 2

We value quality in all that we do

Coming Up
Chess Begins—Thursday 4 February
Pancake Fundraiser - Tuesday 9 February
Chinese Lion Dance – Tuesday 9 February
Swimming Carnival @Cabarita - Wednesday 10 February
Scripture Begins Thursday 11 February

Estelle Southall and Roxanne Picoaga
Principal
Chinese Lion Dance – 9 February @ 9am
Happy Lunar New Year to our school community!
This is the Year of Monkey and the New Year day falls on the 8, February. Like in previous years our school will be having a Lion Dance performance, sponsored by Larke Hoskins Honda at Homebush West. This year the performance will be held on the Tuesday, 9 February and we welcome all the families to join us on this event, especially for the families who celebrate lunar new year.

Pancake Fundraiser Next Tuesday 9 February 8.30am – 8.55am
Mrs Prouty will again be organising a Pancake Fundraiser this year. For a gold coin donation you can purchase a yummy pancake and help those less fortunate at the same time. This year all donations will go to Worldvision.

Swimming Carnival
Our Swimming Activity Day is quickly approaching. This activity is for all students 8 years and older, and is an important part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education program. Please note the following information in your diary or on your calendar.

Wednesday 10th February 2016, Cabarita Pool
Session 1: 9:30am – 12:15pm. Session 2: 11:30am – 2:15pm
Cost $12.00

Students will need to wear:
• A swimming costume (under their school uniform)

Students will need to bring these items:
  - Towel
  - Hat
  - Underwear in a bag
  - Sunscreen
  - Recess and Lunch
  - Bottle of water
  - Sunshirt / rash vest
  - Asthma Puffer (if Needed)

Notes have been sent out. Please return the permission note and money to the office as soon as possible.
Music Tuition 2016

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument please fill in an expression of interest form available in the e-forms section of the school app.

For those who have already enrolled, music tuition for piano, flute, violin, guitar and drums begins this week. Saxophone will commence soon. If you have any questions please email our Music Programs Coordinator/Music Teacher Mr Debnam: Jeff.Debnam@det.nsw.edu.au

Library Monitor Training - Year 6 Only

If you have a passion for reading and helping others, being a Library Monitor could be the role for you.

We are looking for interested Year 6 students who can commit to helping in the library during second half of lunch, once per week for 2016.

Mrs Windon and Mrs Hughes will be holding training sessions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Week 6 & Week 7; you must attend all training sessions.

At the end of training, ten students will be chosen as school library monitors for 2016. If you have successfully gained a position of school leader you must commit to that position and cannot also be a Library Monitor.

The role of a Library Monitor is to:

- Respect the library, the students and staff.
- Sort and Re-shelve returned books to the correct section. Fiction, Non-Fiction, Junior Fiction, PRC etc
- Tidy the shelves
- Support students during Library Games
- Learn the Dewey System
- Other small jobs as requested by Mrs Windon or Mrs Hughes

Please register your interest by filling in the Expression of Interest Form in the Library.

Kindy Life

Our new Kindy students learning about recess, lunch and Crunch and Sip.

The importance of washing your hands.

The playground.

The Healthy Lunchbox Checklist is attached to the end of this newsletter.
Walking Bus at Homebush West Public School

- Both the Courallie Ave and Hampstead Road Walking buses run every school morning and afternoon. Students don't have to use the Walking Bus every day, use it when it suits your family.
- To enrol your child go to http://wsbhwps.weebly.com/enrol-my-childchildren.html
- If you're not sure what the Walking Bus is here is a very short video http://www.homebushw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/walking-school-bus
- The Walking Bus is free!
- Help is needed for the Hampstead Road Route (a 10 minute walk) on Monday or Tuesday afternoons. If you can possibly help weekly, fortnightly or occasionally as a backup please see Ms Kanakakis, chaplain Chris Prouty or parent Suzanne Ellis suzanne@suzanne-ellis.com 0410 507 669.

Tears and Tissues—Kindy 2016

Our school Chaplain, Mrs Prouty greeting our new Kindy parents.
Chess

Chess tutoring will be starting on Thursday 4 February 2016. Learn how to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Homebush West Public School is held on **Thursdays from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.**

Chess is the world’s most loved board game. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Please go to [http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.co.au](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.co.au) to enrol your child for lessons and to see what the fees and requirements may be. The sessions take place at HWPS and are on a Thursday from 3:00pm - 4:00pm.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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We thank Larke Hoskins Honda for sponsoring the Chinese Lion Dance.

**Larke Hoskins Honda**

*We value Respect for others*

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**Friday Hot Dog Orders – Last orders by 3pm Thursdays**

Hot Dog Order Form

First Name: ____________________

Last Name: _____________________

Class: _____________

Plain Hot Dogs at $2.50 each ____________

Halal Chicken Hot Dogs at $2.50 each ___________

I wish to order for the whole term, I have enclosed $____________
Healthy lunchbox checklist

- Only water or milk (reduced fat milk for children over 2 years) supplied as a drink.

- A food from each of the 5 food groups is included:
  1. **Breads and cereals** (e.g. bread, rice, pasta, noodles, crackers, pikelets, muffins).
  2. **Meat and meat alternatives** (e.g. beef, chicken, fish, chickpeas, lentils, eggs, tofu)
  3. **Dairy foods** (milk, cheese, yoghurt).
  4. **Fruit** (fresh, frozen, canned in natural juice, dried).
  5. **Raw or cooked vegetables** (fresh, frozen, canned).

- Wholegrain or wholemeal varieties of breads and cereals are provided.

- Reduced fat dairy foods provided for children over 2 years.

- No ‘sometimes’ foods provided.

- Include ice pack or frozen water bottle to keep food cool or thermos to keep food warm.
Examples of ‘sometimes’ foods to keep out of lunchboxes:

- Potato chips, flavoured savoury biscuits and instant noodles
- Cakes, muesli bars, and sweet biscuits
- Pastries (e.g. pies, sausage rolls)
- Fast food and takeaway meals
- Fruit ‘roll-ups’, lollies and chocolate bars
- Fatty meats (e.g. sausages, salami)
- Soft drinks, cordial, fruit juice, juice drinks, sports drinks and flavoured milks

Further information regarding healthy food for children can be found in the Australian Dietary Guidelines: [https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au](https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au)
Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Educational Benefits of Chess:
- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Homebush West Public School Chess Classes, 2016
[Thursdays 3:00PM - 4:00PM in Classroom 2/1B]

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TO ENROL:
Please collect a form from the school office.

Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd
Sydney Chess Centre, Level 1, 30A George Street Burwood, NSW
P: 9745 1170 F: 9745 1176 PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1805
E: info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au W: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au
Homebush West Public School Chess Classes – 2016

Classes will take place on Thursdays from 3:00PM – 4:00PM in Classroom 2/1B.

To enrol, please tick the appropriate boxes below:

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OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)

- Workbook 1 – Cost: $28
  [Beginner / Rookie]
- Workbook 2 – Cost: $28
  [Intermediate]
- Workbooks 1&2 – Cost: $42
  [SPECIAL OFFER]
- Chess clock – Cost: $75
  [DGT Easy Gametimer]
- Chess set – Cost: $30
  [Roll-up chess board + pieces]
- Advanced Book – Cost: $39
  [Exploration in Chess Beauty]

Delivery Information

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a free chess set or workbook 2 valued at up to $30. Offer expires 31st March, 2016. (Please circle your choice)

Payment is due by the day of the first lesson. There will be no refunds for students who miss classes during the term.

Total amount paid: $______________

Method of payment [please note that cash payments will NOT be accepted]

Please tick the appropriate box

- Online payment (preferred method)
- Direct deposit
- Visa
- Mastercard

Pay for online payment at https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment with your credit card. Enter the code: UWW8UZ4FHP and fill in the electronic form, instead of this form.

Sydney Academy of Chess
BSB: 062 319 Account Number: 1036 9569 [Commonwealth Bank]

In the transaction description, you must write the school code “HW”, followed by the term/equipment code(s) and the child’s first initial and surname.

Codes: Term 1 = 1, Term 2 = 2, Term 3 = 3, Term 4 = 4, Workbook 1 = 5, Workbook 2 = 6, Workbooks 1&2 = 56, Advanced Book = 7, Chess clock = 8, Chess set = 9

For example, “HW1269JSmith” would be John Smith’s payment for terms 1 and 2, plus a payment for Workbook 2, and a chess set. If you pay by direct deposit, you must email a receipt and this permission form to enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Scan this form and email to enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au or fax to (02) 9745 1176.

Card Holder’s Name: ____________________________________________

Card Number: ____________________________

Expiry Date: _______/______ Card Validation Code: ___________

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________ Date of Birth: _______/______

Class: __________ Parent’s Name: ____________________________

Contact Numbers: (Home) __________________ (Work) ____________ (Mobile) ____________

Email: __________________

Relevant medical conditions / allergies: _______________________

Signed: __________________________ Date: _______/______
FROM WITHIN
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

13 Carrington Ave Strathfield

For further information or to register:
W: www.fromwithinpaa.com  Ph: 0416 161 030  E: dancefromwithin@gmail.com
COULD YOUR KIDS DO GO4FUN?

- FREE PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGED 7–13 ABOVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT
- FAMILIES LEARN HEALTHY EATING AND EXERCISE WITH FUN GAMES
- BUILDS CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM
- AFTER SCHOOL DURING TERM IN AN ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT

Go4Fun Programs – Term 1 2016

All programs run once a week
Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at Go4Fun

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<td>40 Augusta St Strathfield 2135</td>
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There is no cost to attend but you must register first

For more information or to register your child

1800 780 900 go4fun.com.au
Interested in playing netball in Winter 2016???

- Registrations to join Jacaranda Netball Club (JNC) for winter 2016 open on 19 October 2015.

- Register online at www.jacarandanetballclub.com.au

- JNC welcomes ages from 8 years to adults, all skill levels, abilities and race.

- We provide a friendly and approachable experience which will ensure your daughter will love playing netball!

- No experience required.

- If you are interested in coaching JNC have the tools and courses to support you.

- If you are interested in umpiring JNC will guide and support you in this role.

- Any questions feel free to contact the JNC Secretary Tracey Green on 0407 895 235 or on email at tracey.green@facs.nsw.gov.au
Kiss and Ride zones are for your child’s safety, your convenience and to minimise congestion and confusion.

Kiss and Ride rules:

- Kiss and Ride zones and ‘No Parking’ zones operate under the same conditions – may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of vehicle
- Zone applies only during hours of operation

Minimum penalty $173 and 2 demerit points (school zone)

Remember

- Do not leave your vehicle
  To assist with traffic flow, drivers should remain in the car whilst children get in and out. Children should travel with bags in the car (not in the boot).

- Be timely
  If your child does not get in or out of the vehicle within 2 minutes, you must leave and re-enter the No Parking zone.

- Stay in sequence
  Don’t cut in the queue. Drop off or pick up your child close to the top of the zone, allowing vehicles following you to enter the zone in an orderly manner.

- Child safety
  Please ensure children get in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side. The back seat is the safest seat for children to travel in, regardless of the make of vehicle. Ensure children have their restraints securely fastened before driving off.

- No U-turns
  Do not do u-turns in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put children at risk.

Penalties correct as at 1 January 2015
**No Stopping**
- Stopping is not permitted at any time
- Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted

Minimum penalty $311 and 2 demerit points

**Double Parking**
- Stopping next to legally parked vehicles is not permitted

Minimum penalty $311 and 2 demerit points

**No Parking**
- Drivers may stop to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended

Minimum penalty $173 and 2 demerit points

**Bus Zone**
- Stopping is not permitted in a bus zone during times of operation

Minimum penalty $311 and 2 demerit points

**School Zones**
- School zones operate around all schools in Strathfield between 8 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4pm on school days.
- The speed limit is 40km/h in school zones — please drive carefully.

Minimum penalty $182 and 2 demerit points

**Driveways**
- Do not park across, or on a driveway or any other vehicle access.

Minimum penalty $173 and 2 demerit points

Penalties correct as at 1 January 2015
Term 1 Week 2
第一学期第一周
星期三
- 教职员工第一天
星期四
- 一年级到六年级开学日
星期五
- 幼稚园新生开学评估
第二周
星期一
- 步行校车开始
- 幼稚园第一周每天下课时间为下午两点半
- 给幼稚园学生家长准备的特别早茶
星期四
- 国际象棋下午三点
下周
星期一
- 农历新年-猴年
星期二
- 舞狮表演，上午九点
- 薄煎饼筹款日
星期三
- 在 Cabarita 游泳池举行全校游泳比赛
星期四
- 宗教学习
- 国际象棋，下午三点

From the Principal
校长的信息
欢迎所有的学生 2016 年回校开课！我很高兴在这里欢迎新来我校的学生，家人和我们
的新职员。昨天有机会和幼稚园新生家长闲聊，他们都表示我们的老师给予孩子的关
爱都给他们留下很深的印象。

Staffing
职员分配
我想在这告诉大家教育部希望我在 2016 年继续在“领导才能及高效率”办公室工作，
所以这年我还不是全职回校工作。Mrs Roxanne Picoaga（以前叫 Ms Marinos）同意和我
一起分担这个校长的职位。Ms Marinos 是最有经验助理校长，在这岗位上已经做了八
年了。
我们工作上的分配如下：我会有两天半担任学校校长的职位，一般来说，我在周一，
周五整天和周二半天在校，其他时候 Ms Marinos 就担任校长。我们会就学校问题进行
很密切的沟通。Ms Marinos 主要负责和家长之间的沟通。

School Executive
这一年我们每个年级的级组长有：
- Ms Hall - 幼稚园级组长
- Ms Clapham - 一二年级级组长
- Mrs Cini – 三四年级级组长
Classes
班级分配
到目前为止，我们学校多了 20 名新生。现在我们有 21 个班。
幼稚园五个班
一二年级八个班
三四年级四个班
五六年级四个班
到现在为止，三到六年级的班基本上已满，要是有更多新生的话，我们可能要加班。在这里，我想感谢我们的职员顺利展开新的学年。

Meet and Greet Opportunities
我们期待着在新的一年和大家携手合作。希望在我们的几个重要活动中和大家见面。欢迎大家来参加我们的舞狮表演，全校游泳会以及我们和家长的烧烤聚会。另外你们有什么建议和想法，欢迎和我们联系。

Coming Up
近期大事
幼稚园开学 - 2016 年二月一日，星期一
给幼稚园学生家长准备的特别早茶-二月一日星期一
薄饼筹款日-二月九日星期二
在 Cabarita 游泳池举行全校游泳比赛-二月十日星期三
中国新年舞狮- 二月九日星期二早上九点
宗教课开始-二月十一日星期四

Estelle Southall
校长

Chinese Lion Dance – 9 February
农历新年舞狮表演 – 二月九日星期二，年初二
祝大家猴年快乐！这一年新年第一天是二月八日。像往年一样我们都会请外面的舞狮团来学校表演，庆祝新春。这几年我们都得到 Homebush Honda 汽车销售商的赞助。在此感谢他们的慷慨。这年的舞狮表演在年初二早上九点。欢迎大家来观看，和我们一起庆祝，特别是过农历年的家庭。

Swimming Carnival
全校的游泳比赛快到了。所有八岁以上的学生都要参加这一活动，这是我们体育课的一个重要组成部分。请大家把以下的资料记在日记本上。
时间：2016 二月十日，分两节：第一节是九点半到十二点十五分
第二节是十一点半到两点十五分
地点：Cabarita 游泳池
费用：12 块
当天学生需要带以下的东西：
- 上学前把游泳衣穿在校服下面
- 浴巾
- 帽子
内衣（放在一个袋子里）
防晒油
早茶，午饭
瓶水
T恤衫
防哮喘喷雾（有需要的）

有关的通知已经发回家，请大家尽快把家长允许条子和费用交回办公室。

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016
2016 年总理阅读挑战的新书目可以在以下网页里找到。
https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
里面有五百多的新书目。以前推荐的书仍然保留着。三到六年级的学生从现在开始就可以阅读这些书了。

Online enrolments for the Walking Bus
非常感谢 Fung 老师帮我们步行校车建立了一个网页，大家可以上去看看 http://wsbhbps.weebly.com
要是你们帮孩子报名参加步行校车，可以在网页上报。要是你不是很清楚怎么做，可以请教我们负责步行校车的家长，他们可以直接在在手机上帮你们登记。
要是你们有什么问题，请联系 Suzanne Ellis
（手机 0410 507 669，电邮 suzanne@suzanne-ellis.com）或见 Kanakakis 老师