We had an exciting and very busy Week 3 with some major community events including a fantastic Swimming Activity Day, the Chinese Lunar Year celebrations and learning, a welcome morning tea for Kindergarten parents, Playgroup and Scripture. We are so proud and thankful to have such a connected community and to share these events with you.

We have formed our classes for 2016 and are thrilled to see students forming positive new relationships with peers and teachers. Kindergarten in particular, are enjoying getting to know the Year 6 students who have been visiting their classrooms, creating artworks and learning about sun safety. Soon all Kindergarten children will have a friend in Year 6 as part of the Buddies Program.

**P&C Welcome BBQ – Friday 19th February**

Come and join us for a lovely afternoon this Friday from 3pm-4:30pm. The P&C have worked hard to put on a BBQ to welcome in the new year and get to know our staff, old and new, have some afternoon tea and enjoy some social networking. We hope to see you there!
PSSA and Sport
A special good luck to all our Summer PSSA teams who commence their competition this Friday. All the best to those students who have signed up for Tennis clinics in Croydon as part of a new Friday sporting initiative. Playing sport is a great way to meet new friends and build new skills, it’s great to see our students’ commitment and enthusiasm to try new things.

Online Payments
The school website has the functionality to receive ONLINE payments for school related events and expenses. If you view the full website, you will see the 'Make a payment' link. It is very simple to complete an online payment. This is also the school’s PREFERRED method of payment.

The school website is also available to be read in a variety of languages. Just click the 'Select Language' drop down menu on the top right hand corner and choose your preferred language.

To get to the website, go to Google and type in the keywords: ‘Homebush West Public School’

The URL link is:

Swimming Activity Day—House Cheers
1st Emerald
2nd Topaz
3rd Tied Ruby and Sapphire
Staffing
We welcome Emily Zuccali to Stage 1, She will be teaching 21E.

Coming Up
Community BBQ – Friday 19th February
Stage 3 Toon School Incursion – Monday 29 February
Clean Up Australia Day for Schools – Friday 4 March
Premier’s Reading Challenge Online Entries Open – Monday 7 March
Zone Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 9 March
Selective High School Test – Thursday 10 March

Estelle Southall and Roxanne Picoaga
Principal

Glorious Conditions at Cabarita Pools!
On a beautiful summer’s day, students travelled by bus to participate in the 2016 Swimming Activity Day! The students were eager to get into the cool salt water and were excited to participate in the 50m pool and in the program pool for students developing their swimming abilities. With colourful costumes and smiles all round, it was an amazing atmosphere of cheering, smiling and of course swimming! I would like to thank all the parent volunteers who came down to assist on the day. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Ms Morley, Ms Willmington, Miss Poullos and Mr Leeson for assisting with the organisation of the event.

Mr Fung
Cartooning Workshop for Stage 3
This term Stage 3 are learning about becoming leaders, the importance of being excellent listeners and being resilient. As part of this program students will participate in various drawing and cartooning activities while learning about how to be a better listener, develop a stronger confidence and thinking skills.
When: Monday 29th February
Where: HWPS
Cost: $8.50
Please complete the notes that were sent home and return them with payment by Wednesday 17 February.
Parent Connect Group, Monday 22 February
Due to popular demand I will be hosting a parent and carers morning tea, where parents can gather and connect. This will also be a place where parents can ask questions and learn from each other.
We will meet outside the hub if weather permits. If raining we will meet in The Hub.
9:15am -10am.
Chris Prouty, School Chaplain

Wrap With Love Knitting Group for Year 6 Students
Mondays Second half of lunch in KM.
Are you in Year 6 and would like to help those less fortunate and learn to knit at the same time?

There are millions of people in the world suffering extreme cold. In 1992 Wrap with Love began with the idea to help as many people as possible by providing warm Wraps to ward off hypothermia and in the past 23 years we have sent more than 400,000 Wraps to people in over 75 countries, including Australia, with the help of our hardworking and generous volunteers.

Most of us can knit and sew. Just one square provides one twenty-eighth of warmth, and collectively, twenty-eight assembled squares create one whole warm and sheltering Wrap.

A Wrap With Love personal wrap comprises 28 squares, 25 cm x 25 cm (10 inches x 10 inches) sewn together in 4 rows by 7 rows to size 100cm x 175cm (40 inches x 70 inches) completed. A Wrap can be knitted, crocheted, machine knitted or woven, with wool, acrylic or lined patchwork.

A 25 cm (10 inch) square uses approximately 50g of 8 ply wool.

Mrs Prouty coordinates our Wrap With Love Knitting Group and with the help of some wonderful volunteers can teach you how to knit.

Wrap With Love uses 8 ply wool to make their wraps. If you have any leftover wool that you no longer need and would like to donate it to this cause, please bring it to the office or give it to Mrs Prouty.
If you would like to learn more about Wrap With Love visit: http://www.wrapwithlove.org/

Lunar New Year
We value a caring and safe environment.
Homebush West Public School P&C Association
The P&C organises social activities, fundraising events and the uniform shop. This year and in previous years the P&C has organised social events such as the Halloween Disco and Fun Night, Easter Raffle, Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day Stalls, Pizza Day and Santa’s visit. These fun events and important services raise money for the school. The P&C also supports the work of Mrs Prouty, our School Chaplain.

We would like to thank the school community for their continued support of the events the P&C organises. There are many people who give their time, talents and effort to make Homebush West Public School a fantastic place to be.

Together in 2015, we raised over $5200 at the Halloween Fun Night; Father’s Day raised $2000; Mother’s Day raised $2000; and the Easter Raffle raised $1000. The P&C has bought $5000 worth of Home Reader books from money raised this year and contributed towards the Chaplaincy program.

2015 has been a year of goodbyes as many active P&C members have left the school. This year, we will be looking for more people to join and get involved in the many activities. If you would like to get involved, please contact:

- Karen Harper (Early Stage 1 and Stage 1) m: 0422 090 111 e: kd_sunflower@hotmail.com
- Suzanne Ellis (Stage 1 and Stage 2) m: 0410 507 669 e: suzanne@suzanne-ellis.com
- Mei Ling Gallagher (Stage 3) m: 0414 539 437 e: meilingg@newsys.com.au
- Chris Prouty (School Chaplain) m: 0404 437 955 e: chris.prouty@ccca.org.au

Thank you to everyone for a successful 2015 and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

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**P&C WELCOME PICNIC**
**FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2016**
**3:00PM TILL 4:30PM**
**HWPS Playground**

Bring a blanket, nibbles and the kids!
The P&C will provide sausages (sausages will be halal chicken).

Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase from the canteen.

This is a great opportunity to socialise and meet other families, develop friendships and ease into the new school year. Please join us for what will be a relaxing afternoon!
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](http://wsbhwps.weebly.com/enrol-my-childchildren.html)
- 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.

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**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 $____________
School Purpose

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You are invited to attend our Information Evening for

Year 7 2017

Wednesday, 9th March, 2016

Albert Road, Strathfield- School Hall
6.30-8.00pm (School tours 6.00-6.30pm)
Term 1 Week 4
第一学期第四周
星期二
- 家长委员会会议，傍晚七点，图书馆
星期三
- 学前班活动开始，早上九点
星期四
- 宗教学习
- 国际象棋，下午三点
星期五
- 夏季 PSSA 开始
- 家长委员会给家长举办的烧烤活动
下周
星期一
- 爱心编织活动
星期三
- 学前班活动开始，早上九点
星期四
- 全校大会
- 宗教学习
- 国际象棋，下午三点
星期五
- 夏季 PSSA

From the Principal
校长的信息
上周我们学校举办了几个重要的活动，谢谢家长们的积极参与和支持。2016 年的班级已经组成了。前段时间我们六年级的同学都进到幼稚园班上和新生们一起制作手工，提供机会他们互相了解，彼此建立了友谊。现在幼稚园的孩子在学校有一个大的哥哥姐姐做朋友了。

Online Payments
学校的网页上已接受在线付款。操作简易。你们只需要按一个'Make a payment'链接就行了。学校的网页也可以选择使用几种语言阅读。按 Select Language 就可以选择了。

Coming Up
- 家长委员会会议，二月十六日，星期二傍晚七点
- 家长委员会的烧烤活动，二月十九日，星期五
- 五六年级校内活动，二月二十九日，星期一
- 开放教室及家长信息会，三月一日，星期二下午三点到六点半
- 澳洲大清洁日-清洁校园，三月四日，星期五
- “总理阅读挑战”网上登记开通，三月七日，星期一
- 区游泳比赛 - 三月九日，星期三
- 精英中学考试 - 三月十日，星期二
家长委员会消息

我们这一年第一次会议在二月十六日星期二傍晚开。七点在图书馆集合，七点半准时开会。另外家长委员会打算在二月十九日星期五在校内举行烧烤活动，时间是下午三点到四点半，欢迎所有新生和家长参加。你们可以带一份食物和大家分享。家长委员会会提供鸡肉香肠。到时也会有饮料出售。别忘了带上坐地的毯子。

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
里面有五百多个新的书目。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。从三月七日起大家就可以在网上登记看过的书。现在大家暂时先把阅读过的书名记录下来。

Wrap With Love Knitting Group
爱心编织活动
活动时间是每周一午饭时间的下半部，地点在KM课室，我们邀请有兴趣的六年级同学参加。我们编毯子是用八线的毛线，要是学生家里有剩下不用的毛线，可以捐给我们，谢谢。毛线可以送到办公室或交给Mrs Prouty。有关详情请查阅http://www.wrapwithlove.org/

Parent Connect Group, Monday 22 Feb
家长联络组很受大家的欢迎，所以我再组织另一次的聚会。好让家长互相交流。时间是下周一早上九点十五分到十点。天气好我们就在图书馆外聚集，下雨就会在图书馆里面。Mrs Prouty

Wk 5 Stewart House Clothing Appeal
第五周开始回收旧衣服，供给慈善机构 Stewart House
回收截至日，三月十五日星期一。请大家把不再需要的的衣物，床单，毯子和布料等放在一个塑料袋里绑好，带到办公室。我们不回收鞋子，玩具和游戏，请不要把这些物品送来。

Walking Bus at Homebush West Public School
学校的步行校车
- Courallie Ave 和 Hampstead Road 的步行校车每天早晚都会运作。学生不必每天参加。
- 报名可以在以下网页申请 http://wsbhwps.weebly.com/enrol-my-childchildren.html
- 步行校车是免费的
- 我们Hampstead Road 的线路星期一，星期二下午需要家长帮助 (步行十分钟)，要是你们能够帮忙，请联系Kanakakis 老师, Chris Prouty牧师或家长Suzanne Ellis suzanne@suzanne-ellis.com 0410 507 669.
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Excellence in student outcomes

Public Education Excellence Award 2015

Range of sporting opportunities

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6.30-8.00pm (School tours 6.00-6.30pm)
Term 4 Week 1
第四学期第一周
星期三
- 老师学生回校开学
- 游泳课，整周
- 三，四年级体育竞技
星期四
- 国际象棋班，三点
星期五
- 夏季 PSSA 体育竞技
- 法语班
下周
星期一
- 游泳课，整周
星期三
- 新州中文才艺汇演，悉尼市政厅
星期四
- 全校大会 A 组
- 宗教学习
- 兴趣小组
- 国际象棋班，三点
星期五
- 夏季 PSSA 体育竞技
- 法语班

From the Principal
欢迎大家回到学校开始本年度的最后一个学期。谢谢大家参加我们在上学期末尾举办的音乐会 - “非洲的故事”。谢谢老师们和学生们的全力准备以及家长们的支持。演出非常成功！

Swim school
本学期第一第二周我校二到六年级的学生会参加游泳课。这是非常重要的一门课，学生可以学会游泳以及学到水上安全的技能。澳洲到处都是海滩，学会游泳是非常重要的，请家长继续鼓励你们的孩子参加这两周的游泳课。

Upcoming events
近期大事
我们现在正在准备明年学校扩建的工作。这对我们社区来说是一件非常兴奋的事。我们会为此进行一些民意调查活动，你们可以对新学校的设计，建筑等发表你们的想法和建议，请你们踊跃参加我们的讨论。我们今年最后一次家长委员会会议在十月十三日开，欢迎大家参加。当天我们也会讨论年底的万圣节筹款活动。

Coming Up
近期活动
游泳课 - 十月六日到十月十六日
中文才艺汇演，悉尼市政厅 - 十月十四日星期三
幼稚园新生入学准备（第一天） - 十月二十一日星期三
篮球比赛 - 十月二十六日星期一
家长委员会万圣之夜 - 十月三十日星期五
幼稚园新生入学准备（第二天） - 十一月四日星期三
黄昏音乐会 - 十一月十一日
海边安全意识 - 十一月二十三日
宗教老师及家长志愿者感谢早茶-十二月三日星期四
颁奖夜 - 十二月八日
全校野餐 - 十二月九日
六年级欢送会 - 十二月九日
才艺竞赛 - 十二月十一日星期五
学生委员会便服日 - 十二月十六日
六年级欢送礼 - 十二月十六日星期三两分五十分
第四学期最后一天 - 十二月十六日星期三

代理校长
Dee Stephenson

Swim Scheme
游泳课为期九天，每天的课程为 45 分钟
日期：第四学期第一，第二周
- 十月六日星期二到十月十六日星期五
时间：第一节早上九点半到十点二十分
- 第二节早上十点二十分到十一点十分
- 第三节早上十一点十分到十二点
地点：Roselands 游泳池

Kindergarten Orientation
幼稚园新生入学准备
我校邀请明年的新生和家长参加我们为新生举办的入学准备课，课程分两天。通过这些准备活动，家长既可以获得有关的资料，新生也可以体验到第一年学校的生活。

时间
幼稚园新生入学准备（第一天） - 十月二十一日星期三
早上 9.30am – 10.45am
幼稚园新生入学准备（第二天） - 十一月四日星期三
早上 9.30am – 10.45am
回复：
请家长通过以下网址来登记 [http://goo.gl/forms/2lm ggq2jB1](http://goo.gl/forms/2lm ggq2jB1)
或者发电邮给学校报名。邮箱地址：homebushw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

报名入学需要带齐以下文件，我们才能受理：
- 居住证明（比如，市政厅的收费单，煤气费或电费单，银行帐户等）
- 出生证以及有关的身份证明
Monday, 23rd November, 2015 at Bondi Beach

海边安全意识课程

Bondi 海滩，十一月二十三日星期一

我们学校每年都会举办海边安全意识课程。到现在为止已经办了很多年了。学生参加这些活动，既玩得开心，也学到很多有关的知识。

在这课程中，学生会学会判断漩涡以及其他一些安全障碍，他们也会学习如何从漩涡里逃生以及一些冲浪滑水的技巧。

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请留意发回家的有关通知

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，大家可以去上看看 [http://wsbhwps.weebly.com](http://wsbhwps.weebly.com)
- 要是你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