We are half way through the term and it’s wonderful to see our students involved in rich class programs, music education, engaging with ICT in literacy and numeracy using their own devices, and attending extra-curricula activities such as tennis and cartooning workshops and a theatre performance for our Stage 1 students. There have also been some fascinating STEM tasks completed in Stage 3. The STEM acronym refers to the academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. STEM projects aim to improve creativity and competitiveness in science and technology development ensuring Australia’s young adults are equipped and empowered with the necessary skills for the economy of the future.

We look forward to more of these highly engaging, collaborative tasks throughout the year. Be sure to ask your children about what they are learning each day, it will make for some interesting conversation.

**Parent Information Night & Open Classrooms**

On Tuesday 8th March Teachers will host an **Open Classroom** followed by an **Information Session and Expo** for parents who are **new to the school** and seek clarification around the curriculum, daily routines and class programs. The Open Classroom is your opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and gain insight into your child’s learning environment. Following will be the **Parent Information Session and Expo**. These are opportunities to:

- Meet with all the teachers who work with your child
- Find out information regarding the specific requirements and content of programs
- Ask questions

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**From The Principal**

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**Special Points of Interest**

- Parent Info Night
- Open Classrooms
- Clean Up Australia
- PRC Opens
- NAPLAN
- Selective School Test
- Learn Chinese at HWPS

**Thursday**

- Assembly B 9am
- Scripture
- Chess 3pm

**Friday**

- Premier’s Reading Challenge Begins
- Clean Up Australia Day
- PSSA

**Next Week**

- **Monday**
  - GRIP Leadership Conference (S3)
  - Wrap With Love

- **Tuesday**
  - Open Classrooms and Parent Information Night

- **Wednesday**
  - Playgroup 9am
  - Zone Swimming

- **Thursday**
  - Selective HS Test
  - Assembly A 9am
  - Scripture
  - Chess 3pm

- **Friday**
  - PSSA
A Parent Information Booklet specific to your child’s stage will be accessible at the end of this week via the website and School App. Printed versions can be collected from the office. Parents are encouraged to submit any questions they have via the e-Forms section in the School App. Below is the organisation for the evening:

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Clean Up Australia Day for Schools – THIS Friday
Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way we can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment. At Homebush West Public School, we do our part each year by cleaning up our school and surrounding grounds. Each class will be given an area around the school to clean as a symbol of our support for this valuable program. For more information see the Clean Up Australia Day website: http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/

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Important information
The Selective High School test for Year 6 students entering Year 7 next year is on Thursday 10th March. All students who are sitting the selective test should have recently received information regarding test location and enrolment. Please be aware that traveling to and from the test is the responsibility of parents. Next Tuesday 8th March all Year 6 students will be receiving their high school application form. It is important that these forms are filled out correctly and returned to the class teacher by Friday 18th March. If you require assistance with completing the application please contact the school.

The NAPLAN tests for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be held in Term 2. See the two links below from the department of education that can assist parents with understanding the NAPLAN testing and procedure including how to support your child.


http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/
NAPLAN_2015_Parent_information_brochure_web.pdf
Coming Up
Clean Up Australia Day for Schools – Friday 4 March
GRIP Leadership Conference; Stage 3 Leaders – Monday 7 March
Premier’s Reading Challenge Online Entries Open – Monday 7 March
Open Classroom and Parent Info Night – Tuesday 8 March 3pm – 6.30pm
Zone Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 9 March
Selective High School Test – Thursday 10 March

Estelle Southall and Roxanne Picoaga
Principal

Mums in Touch
Please join us to pray for the needs of the school on Friday 11 March in the Club Room of St Columba Church, Homebush West.
Contact Chris Prouty for more information

Toonschool
Stage 3 students participated in a workshop lead by the cartoonist Joffa. He guided the students through a range of listening skills activities, taught them about believing in themselves and being resilient. This was combined with teaching the students how to draw using cartoon style.
The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016

The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015 opens on 7th March 2016. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

PRC Website: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/helpdesk.html

The Challenge is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. At HWPS, K-2 students treat the books during learning time with their class teacher at school and Mrs Windon/Miss Branch complete their online entries for them. Stage 2 and Stage 3 students, using the PRC Website, enter their books at home using their own username and passwords.

Students must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

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Privacy Information

Two conditions of entering the Challenge are that students may receive a certificate and their name may appear on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll. Certificates have the student’s name and school printed on them. The Honour Roll lists student names in the PRC website only. Names are listed in alphabetical order (not by school) and no other identifying features are included.

Students who do not wish to receive a certificate or have their name published on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll (or whose parents/carers do not wish them to) should not register for the Challenge. These students may take part in the Challenge unofficially - they may use the PRC booklists and can seek recognition in their school community - but they cannot add any books to an online Student Reading Record.

If you have any questions regarding the challenge please feel free to contact Mrs Windon, Miss Branch or Mrs Hughes.

Mrs Windon/Miss Branch/Mrs Hughes
Library Team
Would your child like to learn Chinese?
If you are in Year 2 and would like to learn Chinese please fill in the form below. The lessons are FREE. There will be one lesson per week, approximately 45 mins to one hour in school time. If you would like your child to enrol, please fill in the expression of interest slip below and return to your class teacher or Mrs Chow. There will be a maximum of 25 students for this group, so please be quick.

Mrs. Chow - Chinese Language Teacher

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I would like my child _________________ (first name) _________________ (last name)

____ (class) to trial the Year 2 Non-native Chinese class.

Parent signature __________________________ Date __________________________

PSSA Coaches

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Junior Cricketers Outclassed by Croydon PS

With a close defeat last week, the junior cricketers made their way to Centenary Park to take on the might and power of Croydon. The match started well with Captain Nikhil winning the toss and electing to field. With players away today, the every reliable Zubin came into the squad. Our bowling was pin point BUT our hands let us down. The old saying of ‘catches win matches’ came into play as we missed several opportunities. The Rohith ‘Express’ once again was on fire bowling at the stumps. The only wicket came from the crafty bowling of Nikhil who fed the stumps a nice red cherry! Sanjay and Sandeep showed great commitment in the field, with the super sub Zubin making key runs. The Croydon bowlers were express pace and tore through our batting. There was no doubting the player’s commitment and we hope to continue to improve as the season progresses.

Round 2 Result

Croydon PS defeated Homebush West PS
127 to 20 runs

Player of the Match
Zubin
Coach Fung
Senior Cricket Report

This week the senior boys cricket team strode off to Centennial Park to face a strong Croydon PS team. The boys confidently choose to bowl as the wicket looked an absolute cracker. They confidently proceeded to take 6 wickets and demonstrated some cat like fielding in the outfield. When it came their turn to bat they started very positively and batted with a lot of intelligence and posted a respectable 55 runs. It was a nervous wait for the umpire’s scores as both teams were evenly matched but it was Homebush West PS who walked away the winners 85 runs to Croydon PS’s 80 runs. Well done boys!

Coach Leeson.

Senior Softball

Last Friday Homebush West Senior Girls softball played against Enfield PS. This week all of the girls demonstrated efficiency throughout the game. Things we need to work on are batting and catching but other than that we played excellently for only our second game together. We won by 7 runs this week with a score line of 7 – 2. This weeks’ player of the match was Aswaryaa. She caught all the balls that came her way and she also batted extremely well. We hope to win our upcoming matches.

Written by Amy (this weeks’ captain) and Varsha.

PSSA Junior T-ball

On Friday 26th March, the Junior girls Tee ball team played against Enfield PS at Henley Park. It was a humid day and both teams tried their best the run as many bases as possible. Our fabulous junior girls team won the match and displayed wonderful sportsmanship throughout the game.

Congratulations girls!

Player of the Match

Chloe

Result

HWPS 14 homeruns vs. EPS 10 homeruns

Coach Udovicic

Walking for the Heart Foundation

Come and join the HWPS walking group every Monday morning. Meet Mrs Prouty at the front gate after morning assembly. The group will walk down to the oval. Ideal for mums and bubs. Come along, meet new people and get fit!
Parent Connect Group, Monday 7 March
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

Tennis

Last week at tennis, students again were in their groups to work on skills to develop their game. They used cones to catch the ball to develop depth perception and hand eye coordination, they practiced their bounce serve and their hitting skills. Learning these skills is fun and the students really enjoy tennis each week.

Miss Owen
Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Monday 8.45am – 9.15am
Thursday 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Orders can also be made through the school office.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Last date for Collection - Monday 15th of March
It is time to clean out those old unwanted clothes for a good cause.
Please place in plastic bags any unwanted clothing, linen, blankets or material and bring the bags to the school office. Please make sure that the bags are tied securely at the top. Please do not donate any shoes, toys, games etc.

Contact details/Email addresses
If you would like to receive information and news about P&C events and meetings please send an email to hwps.pandc@gmail.com to add your name to the list.
Also, if you were at Tuesday’s P&C meeting and have not received the minutes, your email address may not have been able to be read from the sign on sheet. Please send an email to the above address or catch Karen or Sindhu in the playground to update your details.

P&C Easter Raffle
Easter is fast approaching! This year, Good Friday is March 25. There will be a raffle on Thursday 24 March in conjunction with the Fancy Hat Parade.
To make lots of great prizes in the raffle, please bring donations of chocolate eggs and bunnies and other Easter items. If you have any baskets or suitable wrapping you are able to donate, it would be much appreciated.
Tickets for the raffle will be going home this week. Look out for them!
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://wsbhfps.weebly.com/enrol-my-childchildren.html](http://wsbhfps.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.

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 $___________
Information for parents of a child with a disability

Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your six year old won’t share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, Holroyd School invites all parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 to attend the following FREE parenting seminar series:

Seminar 1: Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
Monday the 4th of April 2016, 9:30am-11:30am.

Seminar 2: Helping your Child reach their Potential
Monday the 2nd of May 2016, 9:30am-11:30am.

Seminar 3: Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Monday the 16th of May 2016, 9:30am-11:30am.

Where: Holroyd School, Willara Avenue Merrylands.

RSVP: As these programs are being funded as part of a research project please contact Jay Dahl the Holroyd School Counsellor, who will register your interest with the research team.

Phone: 02 9637 1219
Term 1 Week 6
第一学期第六周
星期三
- 学前班活动开始，早上九点
星期四
- 全校大会 B 组
- 宗教学习
- 国际象棋，下午三点
星期五
- 夏季 PSSA
- 澳洲大清洁日
- “总理阅读挑战”开始
下周
星期一
- GRIP 学生领袖大会（五六年级参加）
- 爱心编织
星期二
- 开放教室及家长信息之夜
- 学前班活动开始，早上九点
- 区游泳赛
星期四
- 精英中学考试
- 全校大会 A 组，早上九点
- 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

Parent Information Night & Open Classrooms
在三月八日星期二，学校老师会给家长们提供一个信息讲座，让大家了解学校课程，日常活动以及班上的各学科的学习情况，之后大家可以参观课室，认识班主任以及熟悉学生的学习环境。
有关学校信息的小册子可以在学校网页或学校的 App 里找到。要是大家需要印刷版，可以到学校办公室领取。另外要是家长有什么问题，我们鼓励大家在学校 App 里的 e-Forms 上填上。

信息讲座的具体安排如下：
Clean Up Australia Day for Schools – THIS Friday
本周五，我们学校会配合全国的“澳洲清洁日”在校园里附近搞一个大清洁活动。每班会分配一个清洁的地方。想了解“澳洲清洁日”详情，请查看以下网页

Important information
重要信息
六年级升上七年级学生的精英学校考试在三月十日举行。所有参加考试的学生应已收到通知。请家长留意，带学生去考试是你们自己的责任。下周一，三月八日，所有六年级学生会收到中学入学申请。请大家务必把表格填好，在三月十八日星期五之前交回班主任。要是你们填表需要帮忙，请和学校联系。

另外给三，五，七，九年级的全国统考（NAPLAN）会在第二学期举行。教育部在以下两个网页里提供了详细的情况，以帮助家长理解这个考试的程序以及如何帮助他们的孩子参加考试。

Connect Group
在周一早上，我们学校的牧师 Chris Prouty 会定期举办家长联络组的活动。家长会在图书馆外围的地方聚会，喝早茶。这个联络小组会给家长们提供机会讨论有关学校，教育孩子以及社区一些重要的事情。

Coming Up
- 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
- GRIP 学生领袖大会（五六年级参加），三月七日星期一
- 开放教室及家长信息之夜，三月八日星期二下午三点到六点半
- 区游泳比赛 - 三月九日, 星期三
- 精英中学考试 - 三月十日, 星期四

Estelle Southall and Roxanne Picoaga
The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge
2016 年总理阅读挑战
三月七日,2016 年的“总理阅读挑战”正式开始。这个活动是为了鼓励学生热爱阅读，多阅读，让他们能够读到一些高质量的书籍。“阅读挑战”的官网: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/helpdesk.html
活动的对象是幼儿园到九年级的公校、私校学生。在我们学校，幼儿园到二年级的同学会在班上和老师一起来阅读推荐的书籍。Windon 老师和 Branch 老师会记录下来。三到六年级的学生要在网上登记。学生要阅读指定的书籍才能完成这一挑战。要是学生完成了挑战后，其名字和学校名都会在网页上公布。要是你不愿意你的孩子名字在上面公布，请不要登记。

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
校服店开放时间
星期一早上八点四十五分到九点十五分
星期四下午两点十五分到三点十五分
你们也可以通过学校办公室下订单。

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
第五周开始回收旧衣服，供给慈善机构 Stewart House
回收截止日，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。

P&C Contact details/Email addresses
要是你们想收到家长委员会的会议和活动通知，请给他们发一份电邮 hwps.pandc@gmail.com 以便把你的名单加在他们的电邮名单上。
另外要是你上周二参加了家长委员会会议而没到大会内容的速记，可能你们提供的邮箱写得不清楚或写错了。请你们重新再发个邮件或直接跟 Karen 或 Sindhu 联系。

Easter Raffle
家长委员会举办的筹款活动目的是为学校筹得更多的款项。上年我们给学校筹了五千块钱，买了很多阅读资料。复活节我们也会卖一些抽奖卷，抽奖日期是三月二十四日星期四，在我们复活节新奇帽子游行后举行。
你们可以通过以下的方面帮助我们家长委员会
- 尽量向亲友和邻居出售抽奖卷，可以卖更多的奖卷可以向办公室领取。
- 奖卷售完后，请把票头以及钱交回学校办公室
- 另外把你们捐献的复活蛋、巧克力兔以及一些可以放在复活节抽奖篮的物件捐到校办公室
要是大家有什么问题，请发邮件去 hwps.pandc@gmail.com 或直接询问 Suzanne Ellis, Karen Harper 或 Chris Prouty。
**Mums In Touch**
母亲联络小组活动

请大家一起来参加我们的母亲联络小组，共同为我们的学校祈祷。
时间：三月十一日星期五
地点：Homebush West 区的 St Columba 教堂。
想知道更多详情，请联系 Chris Prouty

**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。
- 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.