



## NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 - 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### DIARY DATES

7/12/18	6AS & 6AN REEF EXCURSION
11/12/18	VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU BREAKFAST
13/12/18	GRADUATION
14/12/18	HOUSE 9 MARION INDOOR AQUATICS

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**DON'T FORGET EARLY DISMISSAL  
2:05pm ON FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

### FORWARD PLANNING FOR PUPIL FREE DAYS IN 2019

Governing Council has endorsed 2 Pupil Free Days to be held next year on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (after the long weekend) and Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> (first day of Term 3). These are Partnership Pupil Free Days and teachers from all 8 primary schools will continue their work together in learning design, assessment and moderation on these days.

### CONCERT

The End of Year Concert is always a major highlight on the school calendar and this year has been no exception. Students and teachers worked hard and again delivered a wonderful show, which if you attended, I am sure you enjoyed. Thank you to students and teachers for their preparation and performance, and to Evie Donoghue and staff who supported her in the overall management of the day. Please enjoy our photos that will be on the rolling screen in the front office.

### DRAMA CLUB PRESENTATION

On Sunday I had the privilege of attending the end of year presentation by the students in the Drama Club. These students have spent a lunchtime each week throughout the year honing their drama skills. There were a number of skits

and monologues performed during the presentation that highlighted just how capable these students have become. They all knew lines and performance techniques for a range of different roles and some even had to (very capably) fill in for absent students at the last minute. Congratulations to all students involved for their commitment and dedication to the program and to Evie Donoghue for leading it.

### 2019 CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS

Teachers are currently developing 15 and 16 class structures. In the last 3 years we have quite unusually been sitting right in between the numbers for 2 class structures and as you know we have had to hold off telling families about class placements until the start of the following year. (This is because of the financial constraints on the budget that employing an extra teacher has when we are funded per student. You actually need a certain number of students to make that extra class viable financially. On the flipside we also want to try to keep class sizes manageable. So these are very important considerations when making class structure decisions.)

This year however, despite being in the middle again, we are currently slightly closer to the 16 scenario than the 15 so I am hopeful that perhaps we may be able to let families know of possible class placements before the end of the year. Obviously, this will come with a proviso that if we drop enrolments over the holidays, students will need to meet in the Pavilion on the first day of school to be placed in revised class groupings. If we can let you know of your child's placement, a letter detailing this and what will happen if class groupings need to change, will be

sent home with your child(ren) by the end of next week.

### **STUDENT AND STAFF FAREWELLS**

This is our final Newsletter for the year and is therefore a time to recognise and acknowledge the hard work and achievements of students and staff over the year.

Firstly I would like to thank all students for showing our Values throughout the year and working to be the best they can through developing skills in growth mindset, problem solving and hard thinking, showing resilience and perseverance and using their voice more effectively in their learning. These skills will hold our students in good stead in the future.

I would like to thank our Year 7s for their commitment to our student leadership programs this year and working as positive role models for all other students in the school. Good luck to all of you for a successful future as you move on to various secondary schools. I would also like to wish those students who are moving to other primary schools all the best in your new schools.

Rachel Niemeitolu, Lyn Jones and Bruce Norris will all be retiring at the end of the year. Each one has made a significant contribution to HCEPS and on behalf of the school community I thank them for their work.

We are currently working through a vacancy process for the Deputy Principal position for Terms 1 and 2 of 2019, after which it will be advertised statewide.

We have been most fortunate to have had excellent contract and longer term relief teachers working at HCEPS in 2018. As you already know one of those teachers, Gizella Webb, has been made permanent from 2019. We are currently still waiting to hear about staffing for next year and hoping that our contract staff will be placed in positions again.

We also thank Lisbeth Oppert and Amy Thompson for their work supporting

student learning programs and hope we may be able to have their support again during next year.

All other staff will return in 2019.

I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to the academic and social learning and development of your children.

I would also like to thank our parent community for your ongoing support of school programs, events and staff. Parent support is high at our school and I wish to acknowledge the level of cooperation we enjoy as we work together towards the learning and social development of your children.

### **TERM 4 HIGHLIGHTS**

A very busy and productive year is quickly coming to a close. Aside from the daily routines in each classroom, there have been a number of highlights during Term 4 that again reflect the commitment and planning by staff to make programs interesting and engaging for students. Some of the key highlights include:

- Student Voice in Learning team workshop
- LHK Executive and Wellbeing leaders leading student wellbeing programs for students
- Assemblies
- Japanese Picnic
- Nature Play Day
- Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony
- K-R Transition visits
- Cricket Clinic
- SAPSASA Cricket
- Year 7 Japanese Dinner
- Year 6/7 Aquatics
- Year 7 Transition to Hallett Cove R-12 and other Schools
- World Teachers Day
- Drama Club presentation
- End of Year Concert
- Staff working together to plan, assess and moderate student work
- Premier's Challenges acknowledgement assembly

- Special Volunteers Thank you breakfast
- Reef Walk Excursion
- Excursion to the Migration Museum and Art Gallery
- Excursion to Maritime Museum and Port River Dolphin cruise
- Excursions to see "The Grinch" and "Storm Boy"
- Excursion to the South Australian Aquatic Centre
- Team and class parties, picnics and fun days
- Year 7 Graduation celebration
- End of Year Reports will be sent home on Wednesday

### **VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU**

I say often that Hallett Cove East PS is indeed most fortunate to have many volunteers supporting numerous school programs. The annual Volunteers Thank You Breakfast is just a very small way we can officially thank volunteers for their work and acknowledge your support over the year. The breakfast will be held next Tuesday at 8:30am in the Staffroom.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

There are several items of lost property in the front office. If your child is missing anything, please drop in and check if it is in the lost property baskets located by the front door.

### **SCHOOL SECURITY IN THE HOLIDAYS**

To help prevent vandalism and other crime in the school during the holidays, we seek your support to please report any suspicious behaviour you may observe in and around the school to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or direct to Police on 131 444. I thank you in advance for doing so.

### **EARLY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 14th**

Students will be dismissed at 2:05pm on Friday for the Christmas holidays, after a brief assembly in the Pavilion at 1:50pm.

### **AND FINALLY.....**

The Front Office will reopen on Monday 21st January, 2019.

May you enjoy a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season with your children. We look forward to seeing students return safely for the commencement of school on **Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2019** (after the holiday on Monday for Australia Day).

*Anne Rathjen*

**PRINCIPAL**

### **FUNDRAISING**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!**

What a great year 2018 has been!

Fundraising efforts this year has bought into the school over \$ 11,000!

Our events this year included - discos, Mother's & Father's day stalls, quiz night, the weekly second hand uniform shop and school banking.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the above mentioned events and to the school community for your support.

It has been able to bring into the school a number of Nature Play items for the children, including music wall, mud kitchen (in the garden bed area), black board, 2 pods, many items for the Bits and Pieces area - such as shovels, wheel burrows, 4 wheeled cart, pipes, river rocks, storage containers, brooms, bamboo pipes, ropes, hessian materials and the storage 'shed' for the Bits and Pieces equipment (with OHSC help).

2019 is already looking great for events, so please keep reading the newsletter for updates. Volunteers are always needed for our events, so if you have some free time and would like to be part of the great team, please feel free to contact Melissa Vlachos at [hcepsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:hcepsfundraising@gmail.com). Enjoy the break!!

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Remember if you are clearing out your child's uniform wardrobe over the summer holidays, the second hand uniform shop will happily take any old items in good condition. They can either be left at the office or taken directly to the shop, in House 1.

**THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**



## Happy Holidays

It is that time of year when so many people are counting down. Counting down to holidays, to Christmas, to a New Year. Some people even use special calendars or apps to add to the excitement of the approaching event.

Sometimes we become so focused on what is coming up that we forget all the wonderful things that we have experienced this year. So before you get too caught up in the busyness of the holiday season I encourage you to reflect on your past year.

As you think back over 2018 here are an assortment of questions to inspire you:

- What is something that you learnt this year?
- What are you most thankful for?
- Which relationship grew positively from having time invested in it?
- What happy memory was made that you can pull out when you're having a bad day?
- What new event did you attend that you would like to do again this year and make into a tradition?
- What did you worry about unnecessarily?
- What was the best compliment that you received?

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas and holiday period.

**Joey,**  
**PASTORAL CARE WORKER**  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see noticeboard for further information.

- **JETTY FLOWERS AND OILY FOR INNER HEALTH** – A fun workshop of making bath bombs with essential oils and fresh flower table centre piece. Saturday 15th December. Details in Facebook link above or contact Tanya 0417832158. Perfect start to the holiday season. <https://www.facebook.com/events/196070131324955/?ti=cl>
- **OHTC 'OZ OPEN' GRAND SLAM TENNIS CLINICS** - Come and join the fun at Oz Open Grand Slam Tennis Clinics! These clinics are a great way to fast track your tennis development, and/or get started with tennis. For kids of all ages and stages ☺ O'Halloran Hill Tennis Club, 103 Chandlers Hill Road, O'Halloran Hill **Mon 21<sup>st</sup>, Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>, Fri 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**
- **BRIGHTON JETTY CLASSIC – OPEN WATER SWIM** – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. Enter now at [banaboatswimkids.com](http://banaboatswimkids.com) For more information visit [www.brightonjettyclassic.com](http://www.brightonjettyclassic.com)
- **CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT PROGRAM** – January 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Shoe Dye, Tie Dye & Bead Making class. \$60 per day. Ages 6-12. Email [artjamma@gmail.com](mailto:artjamma@gmail.com) or call Jess 0497 841 888.
- **CHRISTMAS LIGHTEN UP** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Hallett Cove Uniting Church, 18-20 Zwerner Drive, Hallett Cove. Games, Craft, Skits, Morning Tea. \$5. For children aged 4-12 years. Register at [www.hcuc.org.au](http://www.hcuc.org.au) or ☎ 8322 1702.
- **TENNIS AUSTRALIA HOT SHOTS** – Learn to play. For ages 4-12 years. First session free. Term begins 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at Southbank Tennis Club, Hessian Cr, Trott Park. Enquiries 0415 289 733 or [justn2tennis@gmail.com](mailto:justn2tennis@gmail.com)
- **NETBALL CLINIC** – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan at Priceline Stadium, Mile End. 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (8-13 years of age) & 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (14-17 years of age). Cost is free. To register visit [cheerionetball.com](http://cheerionetball.com) or email [headchoach@cheerionetball.com](mailto:headchoach@cheerionetball.com) or ☎ 0452 387 003.
- **MASTER TENNIS ACADEMY HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC** – Try out tennis and have fun at Blackwood Tennis Club on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. Cost \$20 per day.

