



HARVEST HOME PS

School and community growing together

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Dear Harvest Home PS Community,

It's hard to believe that our first year is in its concluding weeks. However we need to ensure that we are continuing to challenge our students, up until the last day of school. Our planning for 2018 is well underway. Although our buildings and grounds are getting ready for next year we need to remain focused, ensuring maximum growth for all children.

2018 Enrolments

If you are leaving next year to attend another school, can you please ensure that you notify the office so we can ensure a smooth transition for your child. If you cannot come in and see Giovanna and Joan feel free to give them a call on 8468 9000.

Relocatable Buildings

Our four relocatable buildings have been delivered including a toilet block. Over the next few weeks and the Christmas break, Brett and his team will be getting the services connected ready for use in 2018. I can happily say, that I have been inside and they are brilliant. We are very fortunate to have brand new relocatable buildings.

New line markings

This week our children have been enjoying our new line markings in our central plaza. It's great to see them playing collaboratively with each other. If you haven't seen them, come by our central plaza and have a look!

Yours in learning,
Anthony Simone
Principal



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----Curriculum Report----

What a busy term it has been, with less than four weeks of the year left!

CHALLENGE BASED LEARNING

This term's Challenge Based Learning Big Idea '*Change*' has seen each Learning Community take their learning in different directions, making links to the Design and Technologies component of the Victorian Curriculum. Excursions and incursions enrich the learning that is happening at school. Our students took part in the following experiences:

The Preps visited the **Collingwood Children's Farm** to learn about some of the different products we get from a farm, e.g. wool, eggs and milk.

The 1/2s had a **CERES Incursion** focusing on sustainability and the 4R's (reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink).

The 3/4s learnt about the Design and Technology Process at the **Billy Kart Incursion**, where they designed, constructed and drove billy carts whilst experimenting with raw materials and tools.

Shortly the 5/6s will visit Melbourne Polytechnic to attend their annual **School's Maker Faire** where they will rotate through a number of different STEAM activities including coding, robotics, circuitry and flight simulators.



STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

On Tuesday December 12th it is the Statewide Transition Day. If you are attending another school in 2018 it is encouraged that you attend your new school on this day in accordance with the school's Transition arrangements. Our current Year Sixes will attend their designated secondary colleges on this day.

At HHPS, students will gather in their 2018 communities for a morning induction session.

They will get the opportunity to meet their 2018 teachers and classmates. New students beginning at HHPS in 2018 have been invited to attend on this day. In attendance will also be new teachers that have been employed to commence at HHPS in 2018.

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END OF YEAR ACADEMIC REPORTS

On Monday 18th December, Semester 2 Academic Reports will be available to view and download on the **Compass Portal**. The report will provide students, teachers and parents with a clear and concise picture of a student's achievement and progress at a point in time. Teachers map the student's learning against the achievement standards, and place the student on the learning continuum, that best reflect the student's level of performance and progress.

The Victorian Curriculum is structured as a single developmental learning continuum and is organised by levels not years of schooling. The curriculum consists of Towards Foundation Levels A to D and Levels Foundation to 10. All curriculum areas have achievement standards, describing what students are able to understand and do.

All students progress along the learning continuum at their own rate and from their own starting point. Students are taught at the level that suits their needs, rather than being taught to the year level and age group they are in. Teachers provide learning opportunities to support the learning for all students, including those students with additional learning needs or a disability.

Please keep in mind that as this is a new curriculum this report is not designed nor should be compared to previous years' reports.

Further information about the Victorian Curriculum can be found online at:
victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/

Remember that at any stage you can access your child's **Progressive Report** to see their current goals and a summary of some of their achievements to date.

At the end of each school year, the Progressive and Academic Reports remain in your child's Compass Portal, allowing you to refer back to them if you wish.

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Kind Regards,
Joanne Branidis
Assistant Principal

-----Important Upcoming Dates-----

December 1st	Last Prep 2018 Transition Session 9:15- 10:15am Group 2 (surnames beginning in L-Z)
December 8th	Year 5/6 Melbourne Polytechnic Excursion
December 12th	Statewide Transition Day including HHPS Step Up Day and Year 7 Transition
December 19th	Year 6 Graduation
December 20th	End of Year Community Picnic 3:30- 5:30pm
December 22nd	Last day of Term 1:00pm finish

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-----GETTING READY FOR 2018 -----

2018 YEAR 3-6 BYOD IPAD PROGRAM

As you are aware we currently run a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) iPad Program for Year 3 - 6 Students. The program had an excellent uptake in 2017 and will continue to expand in 2018 and beyond.

Early in 2018 a Parent Information Evening will be held to elaborate on the program and its integration into the HHPS curriculum.

Some parents have expressed an interest in purchasing an iPad (perhaps a Christmas gift) in preparation for the new school year. See below for details:

JB HI-FI BYOD PORTAL INFORMATION

The school has a partnership with JB Hi-Fi, offering iPads at educational only prices and a range of payment methods.

Here is the link to the BYOD portal - www.jbeducation.com.au/BYOD

The 2018 code is now active: **HHPS2018**

Alternatively if you already have an iPad or choose to purchase elsewhere, this is fine too. The iPads will be synced to the School's network and required education Apps will be pushed out to the iPads, ready for school and home use. A minimum of ios10 is recommended.

2018 BOOKLIST PAYMENTS

Payments are to be made via the Compass Parent Portal.

Please open in Browser and click on Course/Confirmation and Payments Link.

Total cost of Backpack items per child is \$200

Payments can be made from 18th October to 15th December, 2017 and then from 23rd January 2018.

Booklist items will be purchased in bulk by the school and be distributed to the child via the classroom teacher once payment is received. Any enquiries please contact the office.

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