Dear Parents

Smooth Transition
What a wonderful start to the year by our students and our school community in general. Although it has been particularly busy, it has been a pleasure observing the good will on display, as staff, students and parents have worked in partnership, to ensure we all have a productive and enjoyable school year. This week in particular has been very challenging, in that many of the programs and routines have commenced, along with a myriad of other important events. Our ‘Parent/Teacher Information Evenings’ will be completed this evening and all parents will then have had the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher, however, please don’t hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Nick Ciraldo (Principal) or Sam Wilson (Deputy Principal), at any time to make an appointment for an interview if you have any concerns about your child.

Welcome to New Families Morning Tea
Thank you to the parents who attended our morning tea last Thursday 11/16. The feedback was very welcome and overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to our hard working Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA), Mrs. Petrina Hennessy who works tirelessly with her liaison with our defence force families and was responsible for organising our get together.

Zone PSSA Success
Congratulations to the following students on their selection in the following Liverpool PSSA Zone Teams;

**Boys’ Basketball:** Michael 5/6R, Joel 6P, Kalama 6P, Liam 6P
**Girls’ Basketball:** Kira-May 5/6R

Young Leaders Workshop
Mrs. Phillips accompanied our Student Leadership Team to Lucas Heights Community School, for a Young Leaders Forum on Monday 15/2. The students worked in small project groups with students from other schools, before coming together for an address by local MP for Holsworthy, Mrs. Melanie Gibbons. The feedback was very positive and we thank all the parents who assisted with transportation on the day.
School Photos
The School Photographer was selected last year by our P&C organisation, as the designated photographer for 2016. The company was at our school today taking all the necessary photos. Photo packages are expected to be returned early in term 2.

Enrolments at Wattle Grove Public School
All public schools in NSW are governed by boundaries, in relation to accepting school enrolments. Families who live within those boundaries are able to enrol their children at their local public school, provided they are ‘in area’. Families who live outside the designated boundaries can apply to enrol at a public school and provided there are available spaces, they can be successfully enrolled. Often times, principals may devise a ‘waiting list’ of prospective enrolments and subsequently contact those on the waiting list, once a place is available. The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) changes the school boundaries from time to time. This might be in response to changing demographics or in situations where a private school might be built in the area, resulting in an increased competition for student enrolments.
The changing boundaries might explain why sometimes children living in the same street might go to different public schools. Schools have an enrolment committee and an enrolment policy that they adhere to at all times. Although the criteria might vary between schools, there is much in common. For instance, siblings who attended our school would have a higher priority to enrol at our school, even if the change in boundaries might now make them ‘out of area’ enrolments. Welfare considerations are also important factors that determine the priority of ‘out of area’ enrolments, should a place become available. The Holsworthy Community of Schools primary principals all follow a charter memorandum of understanding and constantly communicate and liaise, on the subject of student enrolments. We hope this provides a clearer explanation, as to the subject of student enrolments.

Text Book Sales
Text book sales have now been completed. A small number of text books will be on the school premises for the next week or so before being returned to the publishers. Parents who are still to purchase their child’s text books can check with our office, as to whether supplies are still available. In the event that text books are unavailable from our school, copies can be purchased from a range of other booksellers. Thanks to all our families for purchasing all materials requested, in a relatively short time frame. All classes should now be working from their text books. A special thank you to Mrs. Julie Cattana for her assistance in the organisation and distribution of text books this year.

Disco
The first school disco is scheduled for Friday 26th February (Week 5). The theme for our disco is ‘Summer Fun’. Parents interested in helping at the disco should contact Mrs. Kristen McCanna from the Fundraising Committee. Look forward to seeing everyone on the night. A reminder that our school disco is ONLY for students enrolled at Wattle Grove PS and students should be supervised by a parent or responsible guardian.

House Sport Captains & Vice Captains 2016
Congratulations to the following students on their election to these leadership roles.

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Volunteers Welcome
Children love to see their parents and/or carers at school, involved in volunteer work at our school. Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or carers take an active interest in their school work. Any contribution you can make to our school is greatly needed, appreciated and valued. Working with Children Checks and our Parent Helper confidentiality agreement are required before volunteering. More information will be shared at the ‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings or forms can be collected from the front office.

PSSA and School Sport 2016
PSSA competition commences on Friday 26th February, 2016 (week 5). All students selected in teams have received a ‘permission note/code of conduct note’, which must be returned by Friday (20/02/15). The note also outlines a ‘PSSA levy of $60’ for Term 1 & 4. Please note, all students selected in teams participate for two terms (summer season terms 1 & 4/winter season terms 2 & 3). Parents need to be mindful that there are limited spaces for students wishing to participate in PSSA competition, in much the same way as dance and other extra-curricular activities. A private tennis coaching organisation will again be providing a program this year for those students interested and we are hoping to run the Karate program, provided enough interest is expressed. The cost of the tennis and karate programs is $30 for the term. Notes outlining the tennis and karate programs have been forwarded home. Students not involved in PSSA competition, Karate or tennis will this term be involved in an AFL coaching program, which is being fully funded by the Sporting Schools Federal Government initiative. Our school is indeed fortunate to have this program running, at no cost to our students. We thank the Australian Sports Commission for their promotion.

Need Financial Assistance?
If at any time your family has difficulty with finances for school excursions, school activities, sport buses, workbooks (text books) and/or school uniforms, you can contact Mr. Ciraldo or Mrs. Wilson in the strictest confidence. The beginning of the year is always draining on a family’s income. Time payment can be one avenue, or the school can actually help you with part of the payment as we are given a small grant each year that is only to be used to assist families in difficult times. There is no need for any student to miss out on a school activity due to a payment issue. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if your family needs this assistance.

Annual General Meeting
The March meeting of our P&C Association has been scheduled for Wednesday 16th March 2016 beginning at 7.00pm in the staffroom. This meeting is our Annual General Meeting where office bearers, sub-committee representatives and school committee representatives are elected. All members of our school community are cordially invited to attend this meeting. The P&C plays an extremely important role in many different areas of our school including fund raising activities and allocation of these funds, membership of school committees, the operation of the school canteen and uniform shop, giving the school community input into policy formation and implementation and direct input into how the school manages and allocates its finances. If you would like to be involved in any of these areas or would just like to attend our P&C Meetings and have your input with any of these or other issues that may arise, please make the effort to attend our P&C meetings which are held every second Wednesday of the month. A summary of the P&C Executive, Executive Committee and Sub-Committee roles and responsibilities has been included in this newsletter for your reference. A strong, well-attended P&C is vital to the overall functioning of our school.

Parking and the Staff Car Park
The staff car park is strictly for staff parking only and is not to be used by parents dropping off or picking up children. This is a Workplace, Health and Safety issue and your cooperation in this matter would be most appreciated. Please park in the street surrounding the school and use the kiss and drop zone when possible. Please be aware of the parking restrictions signs and please at all times when crossing the road show your children the correct way by using the pedestrian crossing at all times. A reminder there is no parking in the bus bay particularly in the afternoon. The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operates between 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm on school days.

Nick Ciraldo
Principal

Sam Wilson
Deputy Principal
### SRC Representatives 2016

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### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

**10 MERIT AWARDS** – Zachery (4D)

**15 MERIT AWARDS** – Kira-May (5/6R), Harley (3J), Bailey (3J),

**20 MERIT AWARDS** – Alyssa (4A), Clay (4C), Erin (3K).

**25 MERIT AWARDS** – Bronte (4D),

### Notes sent home this past fortnight

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### Merit Awards

1A  Abbie, Mackenzie, Finn, Michael, Violet, Ousman.
1C  Dom, Emmi, Paige, Ethan, Max, Annabel.
1F  Allegra, Cody, Sotiris, Mylie, Drew, Alana.
1S  Lily, Olivia, Ira, Alicia, Thomas, Mohamed.
1/2B Laura, Nai, Ethan, Shreeya, Dimitri, Stevie.
2FM Zaaahid, Rachel, Max, Aidan, Owen, Maisie.
2K  Ella, Caelyn, Alice, Cooper, Nihal, Ty.
2R  Annalisa, Shennae, Keira, Jaime, Ethan, Chelsea.
3C  Esme, Joshua, Kayla, Leilani, Sidney, Sienna.
3J  Marissa, Lian, Chelsea, Caitlyn, Joshua, Amy.
3K  Amelia, Lucas P, Erin, Maeve, Sean, Finlay.
4A  Jack, Zachary, Alyssa, Vishvan, Annika, Piper.
4C  Ashlee B, Ashlee T, Sakinah, Tyler, Clay, Brayden.
4D  Dylan, Chloe P, Jamie-Leigh, Sebastian, Lachlan, Brody.
5B  Keira, Bastian, Sienna, Matthew, Halle. Noah.
5J  Zoe, Charlize, Saajidah, Olivia, Dallin, Kyle.
5/6R Shayla, Brieanna, Georgia, Mikayla, Brody, Andrew.
6P  Natasha, Zac, Joel, Sarah, Hayley, Justin.
6SK Kheely, Alisa, Nancy, Carlton, Jacob, Joshua.

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Superkids for the month of February
3J- Andy, Jasmine, Amelia. 3C- Sasha, Zachary, Anannya. 3K- Savana, Erin, Charlie. 4A- Mia, Vishvan, Brendan. 4C- Samantha, Ashlee, Brayden. 4D- Caroline, Brody, Emma. 5/6R- Ashutosh, Bianca, Maddie. 5B- Chloe, Halle, Bridgette. 5J- Mia, Alli, Andrew. 6P- Brooke, Sanah, Logan. 6SK- Tahlia, Aaliyah, Justin.

Student of the month for February
Aaliyah (6SK)

News from the Office

Today we are sending home a GREEN note that has your child’s emergency contacts on it. Please check details, alter or add information, including Medicare numbers if necessary and RETURN to school as soon as possible.

If your child is absent, there is no need to call the office (unless illness is for more than 3 days), you can send either a Skoolbag notification/absent note through the app or on the first day the child returns to school, send a note and/or medical certificate explaining the reason for the absence. This MUST be done on the child’s return to school or within 5 days.

If you are going on extended leave for 5 or more days, contact the office for appropriate paperwork – this must be completed before going on leave.

All of these notes can be lodged through the CHUTE.

Please be aware that we DO NOT INTERRUPT morning lessons. If you need to send something to your child, please leave it at the office and it will be passed on to the classroom teacher at morning breaks.

Children leaving early should have a note for the teacher and sent in with your child.

Thank You

G’day from the D.S.T.A

Act of Kindness:
Week 3: Aayliah 6SK, for projecting such a happy, vibrant and positive image of our school, through her Channel Ten News interview. Well done Aaliyah!
Week 4: Violet 1A, for being a kind and caring friend to a new student in our class. Thank-you Violet you are beautiful!
Resilience Award

Week 3: Brody 5/6R, for being strong and steady last week when his Dad went away for work. So proud of you Brody!

Week 4: Eia 1A, for making such a positive and happy approach as she moves to Australia and makes lovely friends in her class. Good on you Eia!

Thank you to those whom attended the Welcome Morning Tea!

My email address is Petrina.hennessey@det.nsw.edu.au or phone: 97311355

“If you start now, you’ll start seeing results one day earlier then if you wait until tomorrow” 😊

Be Well... Mrs Hennessey DSTA

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students.

If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Monday 14th March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Talk, Listen & Learn Together

Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Psychology & Literacy Support for children 0-18.

Individual & group sessions. Please mention your schools name when you phone.

Fee support may be applicable.

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Summary of Responsibilities for Members of the P&C Association

Executive Committee

President
Implement P&C Policy
Chair P&C Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings
Liaise with the School Principal
Represent the School P&C at the District Council and NSW P&C Association

Vice – President
Chair P&C Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings in the President’s absence
Liaise with all P&C Sub-Committees
Represent the School P&C at the District Council and NSW P&C Association

Secretary
Prepare the Agenda for P&C and Executive Meetings
Attend Meetings and keep a record of all business conducted
Receive and distribute correspondence to members of the P&C
Prepare outgoing correspondence
Maintain the P&C Executive records

Assistant Secretary
Share the duties of the Secretary, as agreed and approved by the Executive

Treasurer
Receive and deposit moneys for the P&C Executive
Maintain financial records
Receive and review accounts and draw cheques as required
Prepare and present a Treasurer’s Report at each P&C Meeting
Organise Auditing of all P&C Financial dealings

Assistant Treasurer
Share the duties of the Treasurer, as agreed and approved by the Executive

Uniforms Sub – Committee

President
Suggest changes, alterations and improvements to the School uniform
Liaise with uniform manufacturers and suppliers
Maintain School uniforms stock as per P&C guidelines
Run School uniform shop
Bank moneys and maintain School uniform Bank Account
Receive and review accounts and draw cheques as required
Liaise with P&C Executive and report on uniform matters and finances at P&C meetings

Sub – Committee Members
Assist the President of the Uniform Sub-Committee performing duties, as agreed or required

Fund Raising Sub – Committee

Coordinator
Coordinate Fund Raising for the School on behalf of the P&C
Plan Fund Raising activities and maintain Diary of coming events
Assist Sub-Committee Members as required
Liaise with the P&C Executive and report to the P&C Meetings on Fund Raising matters

Sub – Committee Members
Organise various Fund Raising activities, as agreed with the Coordinator

Gardening Sub-Committee

Coordinator
Coordinate beautification of school gardens on behalf of the P&C
Plan working bees
Research problem areas and report to P&C Executive
Contact and liaise with appropriate companies for advice and donations
Liaise with Fundraising Sub – Committee and P&C Executive for financial support
High School Open Nights, Year 7 Commencing 2017

East Hills Girls Technology High School

"EDUCATING GIRLS FOR A TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURE."

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2017

An invitation is extended to parents of Year 6 girls to meet staff, students and parents on -

Wednesday, 24th February 2016 at 1 pm

Wednesday, 24th February 2016 at 6 pm

Please arrive at 6pm to view students' work and our excellent school facilities.

Information session will begin at 7 pm.

Our school, while honouring its heritage and traditions, is future-focused. It offers a technology-rich learning environment which inspires girls and young women to aim high and achieve their potential. Our school has an excellent reputation for high academic achievement, innovation and student leadership. It has an extensive curriculum with a wide range of courses, choices and opportunities in the arts and sports. Last year our school celebrated 60 years of exceptional education.

We invite you to visit our school.

Lucas Road, Panania

Phone: 9732 9160 Fax: 9792 3853

Email: easthill.g.hs@det.nsw.edu.au

MOOREBANK HIGH SCHOOL

A partially selective co-educational high school serving the community.

OPEN NIGHT FOR YEAR 7 commencing 2017

Monday, 22nd February 2016

School Library, Moorebank in the School Hall

From 6pm – 7:45pm

Open night is held for parents, students and their prospective teachers.

Students and parents will be asked to sign up for the open night to ensure that the school is adequately staffed.

Moorebank’s Centre for gifted and talented students from Year 7 to Year 12 has been established in the school. The school is committed to building excellence in subject studies and engagement arts activities.

Moorebank High School offers opportunities for student placement, an extension class and effective comprehensive education.

For further details please contact the School on 5688 3999.

HOLSWORTHY HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7, 2017

Information Night and Extension Class Information Session

An information evening and tour of the school for parents and students who are considering enrolment next year will be held on

Monday, 20 February at 8:00pm.

6:00 – 6:30pm School tour and demonstrations

6:30 – 7.00pm: School library presentation in the hall

7:00 – 7:30pm: School information in the hall

7:30 – 8:00pm: Head Teachers available for "Questions & Answers" in the hall

Howsorth High School works together to achieve our best in a nurturing and friendly environment.

Howsorth High School acknowledges the unique qualities of all students and provides a range of subjects which challenge all interests and abilities.

Year 7 Extension Class, aimed at catering for the needs of Gifted and Talented students, will be offered again in 2017. Extension Class positions are available by application.

"Be the best you can be while encouraging others to be the best they can be.”

Our school prides itself on students’ achievements in 2016 such as:

• Year 12 students exceeding average in HSC, College and SAT Examinations
• NESA and HSC accreditation leading to University offers and PACE pathways
• Excellence in Debate and Public Speaking
• Performing and Visual Arts teams at Regional, State and National level
• Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles in Community of Schools concert and Cross-Network Creative and Performing Arts Project

Please contact the school for further information.

Howsorth High School

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