Principal's Message

I hope that we see lots of parents at our meetings this week. There are several purposes for the meetings, one of which is for parents to get to know their children's teachers. However, the first part of the meeting will be about reading. Reading is at the core of your children's education. We will be showing you how we assist children to develop as readers, and also how you can assist this process. There will also be general information about the year ahead, and parents will be able to ask questions. This is not a time for specific questions about how children are progressing, however, as it is too early for that. Parents who have specific concerns should make an appointment for a meeting with the teacher or executive staff. Mrs Donaldson and Mr Ta will be available for meetings as well. Don't forget the book fair, which will also be running in the hall.

Monday:  
- Book Fair 3-4pm and 5-6.30pm
- Kindergarten meetings 5.30pm
- MC Classes meetings 5.30pm
- Year 1 and 2 meetings 6.30pm

Wednesday:  
- Book Fair 3-4pm and 5-6.30pm
- Year 3 (including 2/3S) meetings @ 5.30pm
- Years 4 and 5 (including 3/4A) @ 6.15pm
- Year 6 (including 5/6J) @ 7.00pm

If you have a friend who is not confident in English, I encourage you to bring him/her along and assist with translating for them. Please also let them know that later this term there will be meetings organized for parents who do not speak English well. We will use our bilingual learning support officers to assist. Our English teachers will explain how we teach them and what they can do to support their children.

School Enrichment Activities

This year we have a number of exciting activities planned for your children. Years 3-6 have already started their "life skills" program, which K-2 will participate in during term 2. All children will take part in computer coding workshops and gymnastics classes. This year we have reading eggs and eggspress, as well as two mathematics programs that children can access online at school and at home. We do not ask parents for voluntary contributions, as at most schools, but we do ask for a contribution towards the workbooks, art materials and stationery. There is a letter accompanying this newsletter that explains the costs. If you are in financial difficulty, please let the office know.

School App and the newsletter

We would like to save paper and costs. If you are able to read this newsletter on the school app or website, please return the slip on the last page and tell us that you DO NOT need a paper copy. If you don’t know how to download the app, please ask. It will also be explained at the parent meetings. There will be a new look newsletter coming soon.

Ethics Classes

Last year I asked if there were parents of children attending non-scripture classes who would like to attend ethics classes instead. I have had some responses. The next step is to find one or more ethics teachers. There is full training supplied, and a curriculum that has been written. If you are interested, please see the office for more information.

Community Action Team

Our Community Action Team (CAT) is a group of teachers, parents and senior students who meet about twice each term to discuss ways in which we can further develop our school community. Last year this group organised and ran the Diwali celebrations in term 4. As well as planning cultural celebrations, the group would like to look at ways to develop our community understanding and build relationships.

Our first meeting this year will be next Monday afternoon from 3.00-4.00pm. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please leave your name and a contact number at the school office by Friday this week.

Anthea Donaldson, Principal
Stage News

Kindergarten
Tonight is Kindergarten's Meet the teacher and Learn about reading session starting at 5:30pm.
• KL & KH are meeting in KH
• KS & KN are meeting in KN
• KR, KA & KK are meeting in KK

It would be great to have as many parents and carers as possible attend tonight.

Please remember sports days are Monday and Friday. Students need to bring their library bags and books on Mondays. Have another great week!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2
We're looking forward to seeing you at our 'Learn about Reading and Meet the Teacher' night! The first part of our meeting will be showing you how we support, and how you can support your child with reading. This will be in class pairs as per the organisation below. Then we will move off into your child's classrooms to further discuss what's happening this term.

Please remember that if you would like to talk about your child specifically and their learning we would be happy to make an appointment for a different time to talk with you.

Learn about reading and Meet the teacher organisation

2H and 1J in 2H classroom
2L and 2N in 2L classroom
2B and 1L in 2B classroom
1G and 1F in 1F classroom
1H and 1/2A in Tech Hub (computer room)

Homework starts today and is due every Thursday. If there are questions about homework, please make sure your child speaks to their teacher before homework is due. Topic talks also begin this week starting with the topic "My Goals".

Don't forget that sport is on every Thursday. Unfortunately last week we had many students without a hat. This is part of our school uniform and must be worn when out in the sun.

Have a fantastic week!
Miss Langhans

Year 3
What a wonderful first week we have had in our new classes! All students have settled well in to their new class and are already hard at work.

This Wednesday 17th February, we will be holding our Meet The Teacher night at 5:30pm. We will start off altogether in the hall, where we will hold a parent session - 'Learn About Reading. Reading will be a major focus for our students this year. You may have already heard about our 40 Book Challenge. We will be providing you with more information about this on Wednesday night. Following this you will have a chance to meet your child's teacher in their classroom.

This week we will start homework. Students will receive homework on Monday, which is due back to school on Thursday. They have spelling lists to practise, daily reading, a challenge question and maths. It is important to start the year off right by setting up good study habits, ensuring that time is set aside to complete homework during the week. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask your child's teacher.

I hope to see many of you on Wednesday night!
Miss Stuart

Year 6
We are looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at 'Meet The Teacher' night this coming Wednesday at 7pm. It is important that we connect with parents throughout this very important year.

This week all students will be connecting to Edmodo and will start conversing with their teachers and fellow peers. We encourage all parents to see the benefit in this online tool and to allow the kids to be using it during after school hours. Most students have returned their Edmodo permission form, please continue to send these in so that all students can access their class page.

Homework will begin this week. Homework challenges are open ended to allow students to demonstrate initiative, time management and creativity. Homework will be handed out each Monday but will also be attached to Edmodo. Homework is due Thursday to enable quality feedback to be given on Friday.

Today, all school leaders will receive an invitation for their parents to attend the 'Investiture Assembly' on Monday 22nd February in the school hall. We hope to see many parents there.

Our school captains and leaders will receive a note this week regarding the Grip Leadership Conference to be held on March 7th at Sydney Olympic Park.

Don't forget to ask your child how many books they have read so far? The target is 40 novels within the year! Please help your child to reach this target. It is POSSIBLE!!!

Mrs Rhodes
Library News

Don't forget to come to our bookfair - Monday 3 - 4pm and 5 - 6.30pm in the Hall. Buy a book for our new reading challenge.

All borrowers need a library bag - NOT a plastic bag. Plastic does not last and is not as protective in school bags. A library can be bought at Kmart for $2.

Just a reminder that all books must be returned before more books can be borrowed.

Mrs Sell

Bright Sparks Homework Club

Bright Sparks Homework Club will be starting on Tuesday 16th February and will run from 3pm till 4:15 pm. This program is by invitation only as we rely on specially trained volunteers to assist eligible students.

Children can be picked up at 4:10 from the library. Students are not allowed to meet parents or carers anywhere other than the library for their safety.

kind regards
Ms Pia Yallouris

Uniform Shop

Just like to say thank you to Parents that waited patiently to be served in the shop. If there is only One Parent Volunteer at the Uniform Shop then only ONE parent can be served at a time. Parents, please make a line outside the Uniform Shop, you will be served depending on how many Parent Volunteers are available at the time. The Uniform Shop will be closed briefly at the start of the first bell to allow Parent Volunteers to take their children to class lines, and will re-open. Eftpos is available for parents wanting to pay by card. There is a charge of $1-00 added to your items. This fee pays for the bank charges and the use of the Eftpos machine. We are not a business, we are a charity organisation. The money received from the Uniform Shop allows the P & C to replenish stock, we buy at the same price as set on the Uniform Price List. We do not get paid, we are Parent Volunteers giving up our time to help out for our school. Thank you.

P & C

Class Awards

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Storytime with Poppy

Join the Family Day Care Team for a fun evening with craft, stories, songs and a special guest, Poppy the Possum.

* This event will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Time: 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Venue: Maple Street Park
Maple Street, Greystanes

Date: Tuesday, 1 March 2016
Time: 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Venue: Dirrabari Reserve, Edward Drive, Pemulwuy
For more information please contact Janice Levinge at Merrylands/Holroyd Family Day Care
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E mhfdc@holroyd.nsw.gov.au
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Free Event

Holroyd’s International Women’s Day Celebrations

Women of Holroyd... “Pledge for Parity”

Join us for fantastic entertainment, light refreshments and to browse over 20 market stalls run by women in Western Sydney including art and craft, fashion, health and wellbeing products.

Tuesday 8 March 2016
11am - 2pm
Piazza - Holroyd City Council Chambers
16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands

For more information please contact Holroyd City Council
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www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au
www.internationalwomensday.com
NEWSLETTER REQUEST

My child __________________________________________

of class ______

Will NOT be requiring a newsletter as I will be reading it on the TIQBIZ APP. or Parramatta West website.

Thank you,

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Parent's name                               date