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HERNE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 4 - 3rd November 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With today's newsletter, I am sending out an updated School Plan 2019-21. We constantly review and update as necessary. The School Board has ratified three changes to the school plan.

1. The School Plan now to be referred to as the Business Plan – this is in line with us becoming an Independent Public School.
2. The second change is in our Academic Targets section No. 5. We have changed the wording to reflect what was happening in relation to On-Entry testing in Pre-Primary. Our previous target was not measurable.
3. Our third change was to include a new target in our Non-Academic area. No. 4 has been included based on the recent parent and staff survey where the school will endeavour to promote learning and provide feedback.

We are so lucky and thankful for our partnership with Foodbank. Not only do they provide us with supplies for our Breakfast Club, but they offer this fantastic Food Sensations program. The Year 1 and 2 students took part in a healthy cooking program. Recipes such as rainbow salad, vegetable curry and ninja noodle salad are all in the recipe book given to each of the students in Year 1 & 2. Thank you to Reerna, Laura and Miranda for coming out to our school and teaching our Year 1s and 2s about healthy food and healthy cooking.



This term in Phys Ed, Mr Bell is teaching tennis skills. This is the first time Mr Bell has taught tennis on our new basketball courts. The students enjoy tennis and it is always great to see the students during playtimes playing tennis with each other.



A reminder to parents that in 2021 the new school uniform polo shirt is compulsory and the older shirts are not part of the HHPS Uniform Policy. The polo shirts are available at the office.

Semester 2 reports will be once again emailed out this term. If you have changed your email address please notify the office as soon as possible.

Last Friday, copies of the 2021 Back to School Requirement Lists were emailed to all parents. Parents can also access copies of the 2021 booklists on the school's website. Click on the HOME page and scroll down to 2021 BACK TO SCHOOL

NB: Orders placed on or before 4th December will receive a free delivery and delivered by the end of December 2020.

MISSION STATEMENT

We aim to be a friendly and efficient school, working with the community to provide the very best education for our students.

Last week, we held our Book Week and Interschool Carnival. There were plenty of Book Week activities in the classroom and we finished with a Junior and Senior Creature hunt on Thursday! Thank you to parents and caregivers for getting the students organised for the Book Parade last Wednesday. There were some very creative costumes on display.



Creature Hunt and Year 2 Book Parade Dress-Up

We are pleased to announce that Mr Cobb is coming back to Herne Hill Primary School in 2021 to continue with the Drum Corp program. We are looking for students who are in Year 4-6 in 2021 to be part of this group. The students this year have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The cost for the lessons are \$7.00 per lesson (\$70 per term – flexible payments optional in 2021). Lessons will continue to take place each Friday at 8.00am for 1 hour. Students from Years 3-5 have been given an application form today. If your son/daughter is interested, please return this form to the Admin Office by **Friday 4th December 2020**.

On our last School Development day, staff reviewed the HASS curriculum. Staff are currently working on creating a scope and sequence for our school in relation to skills and the Aboriginal Culture that will form part of the curriculum to be taught at the school. I have been visiting the classrooms over the past couple of weeks asking them some general questions about where we are as a school in the world. In the Juniors we have been focusing on the state and capital city we live in, the country we live in and the capital city and who is the Premier and Prime Minister. Try asking your children some of these questions at home.

I am happy to say that the upgrades at our school are now complete. There are only minor works taking place. The last of the work completed was an extra gutter in the undercover area to stop water leaking inside. Hopefully, this will stop the leaks and we can get a nice surface put down in the undercover in the near future. I want to thank the community for their patience with the work that has been carried out this year, particularly in the senior area.

On Thursday, we are excited that SCITECH will be coming to HHPS. Students will take part in a demonstration/show and complete a workshop in their class. This incursion is fully funded by the school — no parent payment required.

Thank you to Mrs Matthews for organising the incursion for all the P-6 students.

It is a good opportunity for me to once again thank the P&C for their hard work fundraising in a difficult year. The final P&C meeting was held last week for 2020 and I want to commend Rachael Butcher (President) and the executive for their leadership, ensuring that the school was financially supported in 2020. At the last meeting, the P&C agreed to fund a new Running Club program for the iPad to track student's progress and lanyards. Thank you.

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

TERM 4 PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE				
	Term 3 Avg.	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
K	95	95	96	83
PP	94	86	89	88
Yr 1	96	95	98	97
Yr 2	96	98	93	98
Yr 3	94	96	96	91
Yr 4	94	95	94	95
Yr 5	95	96	94	91
Yr 6	93	95	93	86
School	95	94	94	92

90 - 100% attendance is considered regular

80 - 89% is considered at risk. (80% equates to missing 1 day per week)

60 - 79% is considered at moderate risk (60% equates to missing 2 days every week)

0 - 59% is considered severe educational risk

Key messages for this week are:

- going to school is a legal requirement;
- while family time is very valuable, it is important to realise that taking children out of school for family holidays reduces the amount of time available for learning and is detrimental to their education.
- every 10% in the above table equates to one year of missed schooling if that average is maintained from year 1 to year 10. Therefore, **60% means 4 years of school missed.**

Sports Day Helpers

Thank you to our many volunteers who officiated on cross country/jumps day and carnival day for the interschool carnivals. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Final scores were:

Pickering Brook	560
Orange Grove	544
Herne Hill	482

CHRIS BELL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

VALUES

The focus for Week 4 — INCLUSION

Interschool Carnival



Herne Hill Primary School is a **SMOKE FREE** zone.