Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing time in education. Students with disabilities are being recognised by governments at state and federal levels as needing additional funding to ensure student outcomes are the best they can be. Our teachers and students are supported by a set of national teaching standards to ensure that teachers understand their roles and can clearly plan for their professional learning. I as principal have a clearly defined set of national standards for principals against which I can map my ongoing professional learning.

At Holroyd School, we have always valued ongoing professional learning, high expectations for our students and a strong partnership with you, the families and carers of our students.

We are also extremely lucky to be in the midst of the rebuilding of our school. While we sometimes get frustrated about the inconvenience of teaching and learning on a building site, the improvement in facilities is amazing. The classes in the 6 new classrooms are very impressed with the improvements. I have included some photos of the journey so far.

On the last day of term, our staff banded together and worked hard packing everything in the junior school.

At the end of a long day, staff finally farewelled the junior school.
Did we think we’d ever be ready for the start of this term? It rained and rained, holding up the builders and removalists.

We were delighted to see the demountable classrooms leave the site early in the last school holidays.

We worked day and night.
The anxious wait was worth it. On the first day back teachers and students moved into the new classrooms and they are beautiful. I look forward to sharing the new facilities with you.

Anne Flint

Now, the junior school has been demolished. Staff and students have had some mixed feelings. There are a lot of great memories in that old school, first built by a parent group in the 1960’s, then known as the Dunrossil School. The new junior school will rise from the rubble and another great chapter of education for our students will continue.
It’s the beginning of term 3 and JAmy has settled well into our new classroom. We are all very excited that work has begun on rebuilding the junior school.

Our very first year of school has been full of fun and excitement. We have all made new friends and are working hard in all our activities. This term we are learning about our home and school. We are particularly good at creating artworks that relate to our topic and we all love to draw and paint.

Throughout the week we take part in many fun activities. Each week on a Tuesday morning we look forward to visiting the pool. This is one of Adam’s and Tyler’s favourite activities. Adam loves to kick his legs and splash in the water while Tyler likes to lay back in the warm water and relax. We also attend music therapy on a Tuesday. Kyarah has proven herself to be a very talented drummer. Music therapy is great fun for us all.

Visiting the multi-sensory room every week is a highlight for Jawad. He finds the bright lights, music and sensory wall stimulating and fun. The trampoline is Vivek’s favourite weekly activity. He loves jumping as high as he can and even helps to bounce the other students.

On a Thursday the whole class participates in Special Olympics.

All of the students in JAmy have been practicing their tennis, T-ball and bowling skills. We are becoming very good! We all like attending assembly on a Friday, especially when it is our turn to perform for the school. So far this year we have taken on the characters of the ‘Wizard Of Oz’ and danced down the yellow brick road, and sung and danced to the song ‘Singing in the rain’. We can’t wait to perform again this term!

We hope you have enjoyed getting to know a little about some of the fun things we do each week at school. Bye for now!

From Adam, Tyler, Kyarah, Jawad, Vivek, Amy, Kerry and Marina.
Greetings from J Rachel

Wow I can’t believe it is already Term 3! This year has gone so quickly and we have had lots of fun. It has been a busy start to the term in J Rachel with lots of changes and new activities for the students to experience. The class have accepted changes to the routine well, which is an amazing achievement.

The students are happily settling into their new, and much bigger, classroom. We have a lovely grass area out the back of our room and the students are really enjoying the space. Johnny plays with his bubbles at the table, Sam plays with sand on the grass, Nicholas sits on the mats in the sun, Germaine kicks a ball around and Kalan jumps on the mini trampoline.

Germaine and Johnny enjoy expelling energy during our weekly visits to the senior bike track with its exciting and fun gym equipment.

J Rachel has been focusing on our school PBL rules, especially ‘being kind to our friends’ and ‘keeping our hands and feet to ourselves’. Every morning Johnny, Sam, Kalan, Germaine and Nicholas look at photos of themselves displaying these appropriate behaviours. They all like looking at photos of themselves and their class mates. The students are working hard to follow these PBL expectations.

Thanks for catching up with J Rachel.

Johnny, Sam, Kalan, Germaine, Nicholas, Rachel and Jo.
Hi Folks,

Wow, where to begin. Are we really over half way through the year and in term 3 already? It is hard to believe.... time has really flown by in S Damien this year.

Firstly, it must be said that we love our new classroom which we moved into at the beginning of this term. Having such wonderful facilities helps contribute to a productive learning environment. It took a little time to get used to our new setting but we are now starting to adjust to our new routine.

Each week we are busy taking part in a range of learning activities. We always try our best while having fun and enjoying what we do are also important to us. A favourite activity is our weekly trip to Stockland Merrylands where we purchase ingredients required in our cooking lesson. We are currently learning to use the self-checkout machines to purchase and pay for items. We also look forward to our weekly community access session which we alternate between three activities: a BBQ at Blaxland Riverside Park at Sydney’s Olympic Park, Bowling at Bowlarama Wetherill Park and purchasing our lunch at the food court in Stockland Merrylands.

We have certainly had a fun and eventful year to date and are looking forward to the rest of the year.

Until next time cheerio from,
Caglar, Charlie, Steven, Stuart, Tony, William, Mary and Damien
Hello from S Sarah,

It is hard to believe the year is more than half way through.

We have been working hard at our IEP’s and class programs. Each Monday we shop at the Coles supermarket in Merrylands, buying ingredients for many of the cooking programs that are underway in the senior school. Asad is excellent at manoeuvring a trolley around the supermarket. Tuesday we enjoy our own cooking program, we particularly enjoy the eating part. Steven is developing some fine ‘masterchef’ skills.

Wednesday is our community access day; during first term we were lucky enough to go sailing at Dobroyd Point. Our sailing skills developed over the course of the term; Michael was able to solo sail for a short time with one of our very kind volunteers trailing close behind. Terms 2 and 3 have seen us exploring the different areas of Olympic park at Homebush; followed by a tasty BBQ lunch. Tara loves rope climbing in the adventure playground. Thursday we have participated in aqua aerobics with S Damien- our skills are slowly improving.

This term we have relocated to the top end of the school due to the rebuilding, Sarah and Kirily believe we have handled the change extremely well. The extra walk to our classroom each day is helping us keep fit!

This term we are looking forward to our visit to Parramatta Westfield where we will vote for our school in the CUA grant competition, and the walkathon to help raise money for new playground equipment. Until next time, Asad, Grace, Iman, Michael, Sheraz, Steven, Julia, Tara Kirily and Sarah

Julia has been developing her social and work skills by participating in a work experience program in the DEC Strathfield office. We also fold and deliver newspapers in the local area before lunch on Thursday. Friday we participate in Special Olympics and look forward to assembly in the afternoon. Grace, Iman and Sheraz are always first up for the disco at the end of assembly.
News from S22

S22 have had a very fun filled start to the year. We are a class of seven boys with a lot of energy to put into everything we do. This term we have been going to Sydney Olympic Park for community access. At the park we eat hot chips as our weekly treat, play on the equipment and feed the ducks and eels.

Post School Options Expo

On Thursday 29th August a Post School Options Expo will be held here at Holroyd School. Parents of students in years 10,11, & 12 have already been sent an invitation to attend but anyone else who would like to know what will happen to their child once they leave school is also very welcome.

There will be presentations from ADHC funded services who offer Community Participation and Transition to Work Programs, as well as a parent’s personal experience of implementing a self-managed program. There will be opportunities for discussion and question time.

The Expo will start at 10am and conclude at 12pm. Please join us if you can.

Circus Quirkus tickets

Rotary Club of Ryde Inc has donated some free tickets to upcoming performances of Circus Quirkus. We have limited tickets to the following shows.

Sat 24th August—5.00pm at UTS Kuring-gai, Eton Road, Lindfield
Sun 25th August—11.00am at Blacktown Workers Club, Campbell Street, Blacktown
Sun 25th August—2.00pm at Blacktown Workers Club, Campbell Street, Blacktown

If you would like free tickets to any of these performances please contact the school office. Tickets will be distributed on a first come first served basis.
We need your votes to help us win $5,000 to improve our school!

There are only a few weeks left to vote for our school project to win $5,000 from this year’s CUA Community Care program. We plan to use the money to help purchase new accessible playground equipment.

Thank you to everyone who has voted so far – your support has been incredible. There are still a few weeks left to vote, so if you haven’t already voted, please vote now! You can register your vote at [www.cuacommunitycare.com.au](http://www.cuacommunitycare.com.au) or go to the local CUA branch in Parramatta Westfield. Don’t forget – you can make a vote once online and once in the branch.

We’re up against 10 other schools in the area and it’s down to who gets the most community votes. So, please feel free to get friends and family involved and voting as well!

To learn more about CUA Community Care and our school project proposal, please visit [www.cuacommunitycare.com.au](http://www.cuacommunitycare.com.au) and select our school from the drop-down menu.

Thanks again for your support!
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the ‘Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

**Act now!**
Time is running out fast!

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The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

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