Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see over thirty parents attend a morning tea at school. We enjoyed the chance to get to know you better and share a cuppa and a friendly chat. Please keep some time available on Tuesday 18 March 2014 between 4 and 7pm to come and look at our new facilities, see some of our programs and meet the staff.

It is with great sadness that I share the news that one of our year 11 students, Elias Soueid, passed away on the 19th February at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Our deepest condolences are extended to Elias’s family. Elias was a lovely young man with a smile that could light up any classroom. We are pleased to have had Elias in our school community for so long. He will be sadly missed by our students and staff alike.

Many in our community were saddened to hear about the tragic death of a young student at Pitt Town Public School from a falling tree branch. The Department of Education and Communities is currently organising for arborists to inspect trees in all schools. Many of the trees at Holroyd have been recently inspected as part of the building project and several have been lopped or removed.

Have you “liked” us on Facebook? We are looking for extra ways to get information to you and Facebook has proven popular with many in our community. If you’re not a Facebook fan, we will continue to put information in the newsletter or via the communication books.

Teachers are currently organising parent meeting to discuss your child’s program for the year and to review our records regarding medication and your eligibility for Assisted School Transport. Our programs are the most successful when we can work with you and share valuable information. Please take the opportunity to come and meet the teacher. If you need an interpreter, one can be arranged.

Until next time

Anne Flint
Hello from S 16

It is great to see so many of our students enjoying being back at school and curious about what they will be learning about this year. We have seven students in S16, Michelle, Layla, Tony, Amanie, Karlee, Carlos and Kenny with Joan as the teacher and Michelle as the school learning support officer. This term our class are going sailing and the students are all very excited. This is the first time sailing for Kenny and Carlos as they have come to the senior school from the junior school this year. Sailing allows our students to use the skills they are learning and to follow the PBL rules. They are very good at waiting for their turn, listening to the volunteers when on the boats and following safety instructions when near the water. The students have turns on the sail boats and the rescue boat. We always have a great time on the boats and finish our morning off with a barbeque lunch.

Our unit of work for this semester is “Myself”. Our students are very interested to see what information they can share with each other about their favourite things and themselves. We have participated in some Australia Day activities including boomerang and thong throwing and celebrated Chinese New Year by discovering which animal symbol corresponds with our birth year. Bye for now.
Welcome to our new Junior School from J6!

J6 welcomes you all to the new look Holroyd School 2014. Our students have been enjoying the facilities available in the new junior playground and in our brand new classrooms this year. Abinom, Hassan, Lorenz, Stanley and Yazen would like to give you a tour of some of the wonderful features of our new junior playground.

At the lower end of the junior playground here we sit outside one of the new junior classrooms, opposite our new bike track! On the opposite side of the bike track is our new safe play area complete with play equipment and a large swing.

Here we are playing on our newly installed play equipment in the top area of our playground. This is a much loved addition to our playground for many students!

J6 hopes you enjoyed seeing some of the exciting facilities available to us in our new junior playground and we look forward to your visit to our new school later on this term. We have many more engaging and inspiring features we would like to share with you all.

To students, staff, parents and guardians, we say welcome to Holroyd School 2014. From Abinom, Hassan, Lorenz, Stanley and Yazen!

Greetings from J6

Directly outside the bike track you can see one of three spinners available for students to enjoy. In the centre of our junior school is the sheltered assembly area where students come to line up.
Welcome to S24

S 24 has been exploring ourselves and our connections and roles within the universe. We have worked together to create classroom artwork on the Solar System. We have used different materials such as rolled up crepe paper, glitter, and paint using brushes and sponges to make it stand out in our classroom.

On Wednesdays we go sailing, which we absolutely love. While we wait for our YUMMY sausages, we go and explore the water. We practise being safe in the boats and enjoy touching the water. Imad and Fawaz enjoy sailing especially when the water is choppy and they can feel the boat going over the waves created by the rubber ducky.

Within the school setting, we continue to look at PBL and using the interactive whiteboard to complete learning activities. Cory enjoys our art sessions. George enjoys our cooking lesson each week where he can cook toast and then put strawberry jam on it for breakfast. Johnny enjoys completing deskwork and is learning to spell his name and recognise different amounts of money.

In the classroom, the boys are learning to take turns, listen and follow instructions so we can complete lots of our learning activities and earn our reward time. We are learning to use Picture Exchange Communication System and Proloquo2Go to request different food items during our breakfast program and cooking as well as the toilet, music and reward time. This allows us to have our voices heard about what we would like to eat, listen to and play with.

We especially enjoy swimming, learning how to float, kick and grab flotation aids. Hopefully we can share more pictures and our learning experiences with you next time.

Until next time,

George, Imad, Johnny, Fawaz, Cory, Manuel and Lauren
WE WANT YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES iPADS AND TABLETS

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Holroyd School is now recycling mobile phones iPads and tablets with Australian Mobile Recycling.

For every mobile phone our school collects we will receive $3 cash and for every iPad or tablet we will receive $25 cash.

We are asking all students’ families and friends to dig out any working or non-working mobile phones and tablets you no longer need and send them in to school with your child.

Any money raised will go towards interactive play equipment at our school.

Australian Mobile Recycling recommends to all persons sending in phones to restore your phone to factory settings and remove any sim cards or memory cards. If you do not know how to do this or simply forget do not panic as all phones will be wiped of all data and any sim-cards or memory cards that have been left in phones will be destroyed.

Phones can be either be handed into our front office or to your teacher.

Thank you in advance.
Getting active each day

Being physically active is not just about going for a jog, exercising, playing a sport or doing an activity – it is about getting as much movement into our everyday lives as possible. This includes walking to and from local places, using the stairs instead of the lift, playing outdoors, gardening, doing household chores and generally being active in as many ways as possible!

Why being active is important?

Active children are more likely to be active adults, and enjoy better overall health and wellbeing. Being active allows children to:
- grow and develop strong bones and muscles
- gain more confidence
- meet new friends
- develop new skills
- sleep better at night
- maintain a healthy weight
- reduce the risk of illness and disease

The benefits of active play go beyond the physical, and include the development of social and language skills, as well as brain development.

Early Childhood (up to 5 years) is an important time for your child’s physical development. This is a period of rapid physical development when basic movement skills are developed (e.g. balancing, walking, running, jumping, throwing and catching).

Toddlers (1 to 3 years) and preschoolers (3 to 5 years) should be active every day for at least three hours, spread throughout the day. Children enjoy being active and especially love it when other family members join in! So make sure you allow time in your day to get active with your children.

Choose water as a drink

Tap water is not only thirst quenching, but it also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Water is:
- Cheap, readily available, a thirst quencher without any kilojoules or sugar, essential for the optimal function of the body

Toddlers need around 1 litre of fluid a day and preschoolers around 1.2 litres each day to stay hydrated (more in hot weather). Most children enjoy drinking water if they get into the habit from an early age. Make water ‘the norm’ in your household by always having water available for children and drinking plenty of water yourself.

Tips to help children drink more tap water

- Offer water when children are thirsty.
- Have a jug of water on the table at mealtimes.
- Keep cold water in the fridge at all times, especially on hot days.
- In summer, freeze sliced fruit in ice blocks and add to a cup of water.
- Freeze half a water bottle for child care (the night before) and fill the remainder with cold water before leaving. Children will have a refreshing water bottle every day! Give your child a water bottle when they are involved in active play or sport.
- Remember to take a filled water bottle when you go out.
- Avoid having fruit juice in the house; if children don’t see it, they are less likely to want it.
- Drink more water yourself - you’re the best role model!
- Children who are refused fruit juice will not become dehydrated. When your child is thirsty, only offer water.

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Established in 2013 Try Time provides a safe and enjoyable environment where children and adults with Special Needs can play Rugby League.

Try Time allows people with special needs the opportunity to play on a weekly basis promoting - fitness, strengthening muscle tone, improvement in gross motor skills, social interaction & team work but most of all having fun and allowing them to feel equal.

If you would like further information regarding Try Time please contact:

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Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001, the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

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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.

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