Dear Parents and Carers,

Our 2013 Annual School Report has been uploaded onto our website [www.holroyd-s.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.holroyd-s.schools.nsw.edu.au). Alternatively, “Google” Holroyd School and you will find our website. If you use Facebook, you will also find the link to the website there. Once on the Holroyd School website, open the “Our School” tab along the top, then click in 2013 Annual School Report. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the school and we will be happy to print one off for you. Using our website to share the Annual School Report saves some of our printing budget for lesson-based colour printing for your children.

I have seen many of you here meeting with your child’s teacher and I hope you know how much we value your contribution to your child’s education. Our teachers and learning support officers work incredibly hard to tailor a program to meet your child’s learning needs and they appreciate your interest and support. We hope to organise some meetings for parents next term so we can continue to share information and learn from each other. It’s nice just getting to know each other too!

On Monday the 12th May of May, we will be having the “official opening” of our new facilities. It will be a more formal affair than our community open night, with an assembly and speeches from members of parliament. You are most welcome to attend and I will share the times as soon as I have that information.

This is our last week of term 1. School finishes on Friday 11th April and recommences on Tuesday 29th April.

Enjoy the holidays with your families.

Anne Flint
Principal

Fire and Rescue NSW
Open Day 2014

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

You are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, extrication techniques for road crashes (cutting up vehicles) hop aboard a fire truck, learn about becoming a fire fighter and get an information bag while chatting with fire fighters about fire safety and what they do.

Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so come along and learn as much as you can.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people and their parents to meet their local fire fighters and learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Don’t leave fire safety to chance this winter – google - Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day 2014 to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.
Hello and welcome to J9! We are a composite class of 4 boys; Eric, Kuberan, Mohammed and Vivek and 2 girls; Corena and Dilara. We all have our individual and differing personalities and interests and together we create a classroom that has lots of fun and laughter.

Eric looks forward to swimming every Friday afternoon. He gets so excited when we get the swim bag out. He laughs and kicks in the water excitedly. During free time, Eric loves rolling on the gym ball, reading Disney story books and playing with the pin toy.

Kuberan is most interested in sensory play and playing on the swing. He also enjoys music videos and songs on the interactive whiteboard. Kuberan has also been working very hard with our Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) rules.

Mohammed loves spending his leisure time playing with little cars, farm house and tea set. He has also developed a good friendship with Vivek. They have lots of fun dancing, playing ball games and toys together.

Vivek enjoys morning circle activities and is particularly enthusiastic when we look at what day and month we are up to. He also likes watching music videos on the Interactive whiteboard. He always participates enthusiastically by singing along and doing the action. Vivek particularly likes riding the bike and playing on the swings.

Corena’s favourite lesson is music. She looks forward to music therapy every Monday. She gets so excited and plays the instruments enthusiastically. During sensory play, Corena likes playing with glass jelly balls and popping them. At free choice session, Corena enjoys sharing her toys with her classmates. It is lovely to see that Corena has made some good friends in class.

Dilara adores listening to music on the CD player. She will get up and dance to her favourite songs. She particularly likes playing with little cars and enjoys swimming and bike riding.

This term we have introduced a range of interesting activities such as cooking. We have made pancakes, toasts, popcorn and sprinkled biscuits. Students in J9 have been learning about different cooking procedures and at the same time, they have also been learning our Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) rule ‘waiting’; ‘help’ and ‘staying with the group’.

This term has been a very busy term but I am delighted to have such a lovely bunch of students and a very supportive and caring teacher’s aide, Kerry, to work with.
Hello from S23!
I can’t believe how quickly this term has gone. We have had so much fun this term, especially on community access. Each week we go to Homebush Park for a BBQ and to play on the equipment. Sam loves playing in the sand and James likes to play on the climbing equipment.

The students in S23 really enjoy our weekly cooking lessons. So far we have cooked pancakes, fried rice, omelettes and made milkshakes. Nicholas loves to help cook but generally does not eat the food. However, he did try the pancakes and liked them which was fantastic.

We play games in class to help our coordination and to work on our turn taking and listening skills. Ball games is a preferred activity by all the students in S23 and this involves throwing, catching and bouncing the ball to a staff member. Sohum really likes to play with a ball and will happily throw and catch a ball.

Our class likes walking around looking at all the exciting new parts of the school. We take regular walks to the junior school and play on the new equipment in the senior school which the students really enjoy.

Thank you for reading about our class.

Good bye from S23 (James, Sohum, Nicholas, Sam, Ramona and Rachel).
Welcome to J10

We have been working hard and learning a lot in J10. This term, in our COGs lessons, we have been learning about the different elements that effect the growth of plants; soil, water, sun and air. We enjoyed planting seeds and have been conducting an experiment, watering one plant but not the other. Over the weeks we have been watching the effects that watering and not watering the plants have had on their growth.

Each week we enjoy going to the bike track for a picnic to practise our PECS skills. We like to call this our PEC-nic! We sit in a circle on a picnic rug and wait our turn to ask for yummy food. Rita is very good at requesting chips and drinks and Selena’s favourite choice is chocolate.

We also have a lot of fun in J10. Sensory play is one of our favourite times of the week. Selena, Jenny, Aziza and Arthur particularly enjoy making a mess with shaving cream! We also love to sing and dance. Every day we listen to songs. Amy and Rose R encourage us to clap and dance along to the music.

Until next time, from Aziza, Arthur, Jenny, Rose K, Selena, Rita, Rose R and Amy in J10.

School resumes for students in Term 2 on Tuesday 29th April
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.

Open Day

Congratulations to our Open Day raffle prize winners;

Alicia Maldigri
Aileen Shaw
Brooklyn Watson
Sara Mokhaiber
Sabrina Wiley
Maryann Rebello
Katie Taiba
Aidan Vaughn
Teresa Kizana
Tyler Oldenburg
Andy Vo
Jenny Nguyen
Sarah Anderson
Rose Reweti
Michael Dib
Helen & Charles Bailey
Julie Lillis
Steven Oo
Morgan King
Denise Smyth
Wisam Istefo
Katherine Quach
Asma Abou-Melham
Cheang Thlang
Peter Skinner

A big thankyou to the following businesses who helped make our Open Day a huge success;

Cincotta Chemist, Merrylands
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Sunrise Bakery
IGA, Merrylands West
Trims Fruit, Merrylands
Coles, Merrylands
Teachers Mutual Bank
Granville TAFE, Padstow Campus
IGA, Wetherill Park
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.

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FREE COME TRY DAY
SOCcer PROGRAM
For CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

When: Saturday 12th April 2014
Where: Ernie Smith Reserve: Kelso Park Moorebank
Time: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
Expression of Interest:
To register plus further information please contact :
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Disability soccer program in Western Sydney

Fitness 4 All, in association with the Disability Trust, is starting up a Soccer program in the Western Sydney region.
This program enables participants to learn all the skills associated with the game, whilst developing friendships, in a fun and supportive environment. Details below:
Day: Tuesday afternoons
Time: 3:45pm - 5pm
Venue: Campbelltown PCYC
Address: 96 Minto Road, Minto 2566
Start date: Tuesday 7th May 2013
Cost: $10.00 per week.

NOTE: If your child requires one on one support we advise that a support person be present at each lesson. If you would like to join the Campbelltown Soccer program contact Amy Carroll by Friday 3rd May on 1300 361 960 OR email: amy@disabilitytrust.org.au

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FACT SHEET

Select healthier snacks

It is important to offer your child healthy snacks. Children need to eat between meals as they have small stomachs and need small amounts of food more often than adults.

Choose snacks based on:
- fruit
- vegetables
- reduced fat (not skim) milk, cheese, custard and yoghurt
- high fibre or whole grain breads, crackers and cereals.

Tips to make healthy snacks easy
- Keep healthy snacks in the fridge and pantry.
- Put healthy snacks in your child’s lunch box.
- Have fresh fruit in a bowl on the kitchen bench.
- Have meals and snacks at the same time each day.

Easy and healthy snack ideas include:
- fresh, frozen, canned or dried fruit
- reduced fat fruit yoghurt
- rice paper rolls
- hummus with pita bread
- small serves of fruit muffins
- cooked noodles with tofu and vegetables
- reduced fat custard
- corn or rice cakes
- sushi.

Tips to encourage healthier snacks
- Set limits on the number of unhealthy snacks allowed and explain that these snacks are treats and not everyday foods.
- Offer a range of healthy foods so your child can choose what they want.
- Don’t keep unhealthy snack foods in the house.
- Choose healthy snacks yourself. It will help your child eat healthy snacks!

For more information and ideas on healthy eating and physical activity go to www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au