Dear Parents and Carers,

I have finished reading each of the 186 students’ semester 1 reports and I hope you will be as impressed as I was with the achievements your children have made. The reports will be sent home this week. Students have been working hard in their class and community programs. Class programs provide an opportunity to develop and practise new skills and community programs provide the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills learnt in the classroom. Participating in each program planned by the teachers is important to maximise the potential of each child to achieve their goals. The teachers and learning support officers are incredibly creative in the way they engage the students in learning that is personalised to meet their needs and fulfil the legislative requirements of working within the NSW syllabuses.

We enjoyed some wonderful programs this term. Some of our adventurous parents enjoyed an excursion to Broderick Gillawarna School to share in a parent music session, conducted by Josh Oshlack from the Rhythm Village. Josh runs a terrific music program for some of our classes at school each week. We were all a bit self-conscious at the start of the day but the drumming worked a treat at including everyone in a joyful (and pretty impressive) percussion session. A few of our parents are fabulous dancers too!

The parents who attended quickly found common ground…firstly their children, the struggles and successes they face, and, by the end of the bus trip back to Holroyd, the food and recipes that can be shared across our varied cultures. I didn’t know there were so many variations to the way we can make kibbeh! The parent day was great fun! Keep your eye out for a cooking day next term for our parents to share together.

We look forward to a busy term three that will include our official opening of the new school facilities on the 8th September and our Holroyd Concert on the 11th September. Please add these two events to your calendar if you can. The concert in particular will showcase work from every class in the school.

Enjoy the holiday break.

Anne Flint
Principal
Hello from J8

J8 and the music man,

We come from down your way
And We can play. What can you play?

We play....

The Guitar with ADAM

The African Drums with GEORGE

The Bells with NORAH

The Congo Drums with AMANI

The Horn with SIMON

The Bongos with OBAID

The Tambourine with HANNAH

AND WE PLAY TOGETHER
So far we have had a blue party and a red party where we have had lots blue food and red food. Blueberry and strawberries proved to be a favourite.

J4 wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing our friends back at school in semester 2.

Easter egg hunt. To celebrate Harmony Day we created some lovely artwork and joined in the junior school assembly. We also celebrated NAIDOC week with a fantastic assembly where we listened to a story all about the ‘Rainbow Serpent’.

Our COGS theme for semester 1 is ‘Changes’ and we have been learning about our likes and dislikes and changes in life stages where we learnt about babies, children and adults. We have made some great fruit dishes in our cooking sessions and we have discovered some things we like to eat more than others. Our milkshakes were a great hit and everyone enjoyed them!
We have really enjoyed our sensory sessions where we explore different textures, colours and smells.

J4 has celebrated two birthdays this term Sujoud and Emmanuel who both turned 6 years old. We have been learning about colours so each party has its own colour theme.
Greetings from S29

S29 has had a fantastic first semester filled with fun experiences and positive learning. In the classroom Mujahid has settled in well to the senior school and is familiar with his new deskwork routine. Michael is trying new things every week in cooking. Steven and Ashley are progressing through multiple desk puzzles and enjoying using the Ipad and computers to learn. Tony and Oliver are relishing the challenges their desk work brings them each week. It has been a very enthusiastic semester in S29’s classroom. Our cooking program pleases our tastebuds every week during cooking class. We have produced some fantastic artworks during our creative arts lessons too.

Outside of the classroom, S29 have participated in numerous activities. We delivered the local newspaper to the community each week. The weather has been very kind to us all semester. For community access, we tackled the Sailability program in first term at Dobroyd Point. This involved stepping into a sailing boat with an instructor and independently steering the boat around the bay. In Second term we travelled to Wetherill Park for tenpin bowling. We also enjoyed the water features and play equipment of Putney Park whilst eating our lunch.

Until next time from Ashley, Oliver, Steven, Michael, Tony, Mujahid, Mark and Sam.
Welcome to S27

This semester S27 have settled into new routines and class programs very well. In Term 1 we attended Homebush Park and enjoyed playing ball games with S23 and cooking a BBQ. In term 2 we continued this program in the senior school bike track and take advantage of using the great exercise equipment and the trampoline. We have created some fabulous artworks surrounding our theme this semester ‘Identity’. We have made some fabulous progress with our communication and confidently and enthusiastically use our communication folders. Our favourite activities throughout the week are hot chips, swimming, our grooming program, structured sensory play and cooking. We have made fantastic spaghetti, pizzas and meatballs.

This term we have enjoyed the Variety Club disco and we are really looking forward to ice skating at Macquarie Shopping centre.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, ready for next term!

Ethan, Paul, Rahel, Bilal, Joshua, Mariam, Marilyn and Natalie.
Dear Parents

Holroyd School is hosting practical workshops on making communication resources based on strategies the school uses to engage students in learning and developing communication skills. The purpose of the workshops is to create consistent communication strategies for students across environments.

Workshop 1 9:30am
Beginning Computer Skills, Techniques and Strategies-
Google searches, copying, pasting pictures into Microsoft Word, laminating, downloading photos from phones.

Workshop 2 10:00am
How to create a “First-Then’

Workshop 3 10:30am
Using Proloquo2go on an iPad-
Proloquo2Go is a portable augmentative and alternative communication system that runs on an iPad, iPhone or iPod touch and can be used to meet the diverse needs of individuals with communication needs.

Workshop 4 11:00am
How to create a Social Story-
Assists students to have a greater understanding of following correct

Please phone the school if you are interested in attending.
FACT SHEET

Get active each day

Physical activity is an important part of being healthy. Being active:

- builds strong bones and muscles
- improves balance
- is a good way to make friends
- helps children keep to a healthy weight.

Every day toddlers and preschool children should:

- be physically active for at least 3 hours, spread throughout the day.
- not be sitting for more than 1 hour at a time.

Physical activity can be done in small amounts over the day. Your child can start slowly and then do a little more each day.

Help your child be more active

- Turn off the TV and go outside to play.
- Play together.
- Get active as a family.
- Go for a walk to the local park.
- Go for a bike ride together.
- When buying gifts for your children, choose ones they can use to be active eg bats and balls.
- Let them try a range of activities.
- Let them choose activities that they enjoy.

Turn off the TV and get active!

- Your child should spend no more than 1 hour a day watching TV, DVDs or playing computer games.
- Help your child to be active in as many ways as they can during the day.
- Find active indoor and outdoor games for your child to play instead of watching TV.
- Limit the amount of time your child spends playing computer games or on the internet by using a roster or timer.
- Do not have a TV or computer in your child’s bedroom.

When being active remember to:

- Wear safe and stable shoes.
- Wear sunscreen and a hat when outside.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Have fun.

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

NSW Government Health
Parenting a child with a disability comes with exceptional challenges. How do you know what’s best and what works? We can supply specially-tailored parenting support but we need your help.

This is your chance to tell us about your child’s experiences as well as your own. Let us know if you’re getting enough parenting support and share with us the types of support you would like to receive.

We’ll use your views to deliver a parenting program in ways that suit families across Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales.

If you have a child with a disability, aged 2-10, go to the My Say website and help us improve parenting services for your family.

To have your say and find out more about the program, visit www.mysay.org.au

This program is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia.
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.

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.

Term 3 starts for students on Tuesday 15th July 2014

Enjoy the break!