Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2015 school year. Many of you took the opportunity to meet your child’s new teacher and school learning support officer (SLSO) at Parent Night on Tuesday 10 February. It provided an opportunity to new families to join our friendly school community and the established families to learn about the year ahead. Currently, many of you are meeting with your child’s teacher to plan for this year of learning. Please take the opportunity to talk to the teacher about the things that are important to you for your child’s learning. You also have a lot of knowledge about your child that can be shared with the teacher. Thank you if you have already taken the time to meet the teacher.

We have a number of new staff joining our team this year. Welcome to Emmalee Hope, Suzanne Jurinario, Louis Fitzpatrick, Amy Towers and Kylie Cameron. Each new member of staff brings a fresh perspective and a range of skills. The culture of collegial sharing at Holroyd School means that we all benefit from working with new staff and the newer staff benefit from the experience and support of those staff who have worked here for some time.

Finally, we are finalising our three year school plan, making sure that it aligns with our Holroyd School Values. Thank you to parents that took part in the focus group meeting at the end of last year. Your insights, along with school evaluations helped us to develop the three strategic directions for our plan. The school plan will be published early in term two.

Until next time

Anne Flint
J11 would like to warmly welcome everyone back to Holroyd School for 2015. It has been lovely seeing all the teachers and students again after a well-deserved holiday break.

This year, J11 has four staff members and seven students. The staff members are Kylie, Crystal, Sue and Liz. The students are Corena, Kiara, Khoder, Kuhan, Abdulkarim, Vincent and John. Our class has some fantastic role models who have been displaying great positive behaviours and we have had an enjoyable start to the year.

Our timetable allows us to work very hard on our numeracy and literacy learning and enjoy creative arts lessons and sensory play; including The Rhythm Village music sessions which we have been very engaged in. For physical activities we love to get outside on the Whirly-Go-Round, walking to the bike track, jumping on the trampoline, visiting the Mini-Gym and our favourites, riding the Liberty Swing and Swimming!

This Semester we are focusing on Science and our topic is “Let’s Experiment”. So far we have delighted in exploring changes in matter where we are learning about solids, gases and liquids. Some of the lessons we have participated in so far are; Liquid Art, where we discovered water and oil don’t mix, and sorting and collage images of solids and liquids.

We have also been experimenting with changes in solids and liquids through cooking. So far we have explored jelly, pancakes and chocolate.

It is fun watching the solids change to liquids and back to solids again and even better when we get to try them!

We are looking forward to strengthening our friendships further this year and are excited for the year ahead. Thanks for getting to know us!

Until next time,
Kylie, Crystal, Sue, Liz, Corena, Kiara, Khoder, Kuhan, Abdulkarim, Vincent and John
Welcome to S30. This year we have five students: Joshua, Bilal, James, Paul and Mariam. Our teachers are Lauren and Helen. We are settling in very nicely to our new classroom and our new timetable.

Within the classroom, we have been using the interactive whiteboard for morning circle, maths, song choices and our unit of work “The Needs of Living Things.” We are really enjoying using PECS for cooking, art and sensory and telling our teaching all the ingredients we need or what we would like to do.

Within the school setting, we have really enjoyed exploring the different areas of the school. We really enjoy the Liberty Swing, the swimming pool and the library. We are very good at waiting our turn for the Liberty Swing. In the swimming pool we are learning to swim the length of the pool with a noodle and retrieving sunken objects. On Tuesdays we enjoy visiting the library and choosing a different book to read. We are getting very good at actions and speaking key phrases.

On Wednesdays, we go on the bus to visit our awesome new community access place. Birrong Leisure Centre allows us to explore a water park and play with our friends and teachers. We really enjoy counting down till the big bucket empties all the water on top of us. We are slowly learning to be brave and try the different water slides.

Tuesdays are another favourite day where we are learning to select the different ingredients for our recipe. We really enjoy using PECS and getting our photo taken for each of the step of the visual recipe. Our favourite recipe so far has been the nachos.

That’s all from S30 for now. We are off for more adventures.
Joshua, Bilal, James, Paul and Mariam, Lauren and Helen.
Welcome from J2

J2 welcomes five new students that have never been to school before. Their names are NOAH, KEN, MINA, EYMEN and KARAM. There are two other students that are in our class and their names are SARA and ADAM.

Connie and Tracy are the teachers’ of J2 and we take great pride in our work and make sure that all of the students in our care are happy, safe and comfortable at school. Our classroom is full of stimulating things to see, listen to, feel, smell and do. The activities are developed to excite and stimulate communication at every opportunity. Currently we are learning how to use the Big Mac switches to activate a beater to make pancakes for Mina, who enjoys the sweet syrup. Karam finds the loud sounds of the beaters hilarious and can move his hand towards the switch to make them go faster. Ken and Noah are using switches to make toys move and to see amazing things on the interactive whiteboard in our classroom. Eyman enjoys the lights in our sensory room. Every student gets an opportunity to relax and use their senses within a range of carefully organised sensory stations around our classroom. This semester our Literacy theme is Discovering Fairy Tales and our Science theme is the needs of plants and animals and this creates many engaging interactive opportunities.

Students in our class are given many opportunities to change their physical positions throughout the day. They are also given a weekly session of hydrotherapy to enhance their physical development and sense of well-being. As a result we have many happy students as the photos show.

Our wonderful experiences are documented with many photos which are being shared eagerly with parents via our class communication books and can also be seen in our classroom on display.
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.

**Holroyd City Council’s Harmony Day Walk**

5.00pm Saturday 21 March, 2015

Come join us on a one kilometre walk to celebrate Holroyd’s diversity. We are setting off from Merrylands Memorial Park, Treves Street Merrylands at 5pm and walking up Pitt Street to Holroyd Gardens, where we will join the Holroyd Family Festival. The Festival will have stalls, music, food and entertainment.

The WALK is free and suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

Wear something orange to show your support for Harmony, and comfortable walking shoes.

To register and for further information, please contact Beatrice Sesay on 9840 9677 or email beatrice.sesay@holroyd.nsw.gov.au
YEAR 12 GRADUATION FUNDRAISER

Our Year 12 students /families will soon be selling chocolates to start raising money for their end of year graduation. If any other families would like to help with this fundraising and would like a box of chocolates to sell, please let the office know and we will provide you with a box of chocolates when the fundraising commences.

Holroyd Family Festival

Food, Fitness, Fashion & Fun

Saturday 21 March 2015
5.30pm - 9.30pm
Holroyd Gardens
Corner Walpole & Pitt Streets,
Merrylands

Cooking with Janelle Bloom, fitness with Commando Steve, free rides and activities, stalls, fireworks and much more!

For more information
phone 9840 9840 or
visit www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au
The Mother’s Day Classic – 10 May 2015

Parramatta Park or The Domain

Get ready to celebrate a classic Mother’s Day!

Registration opened in December 2014 for Australia’s biggest breast cancer research event, the annual Women in Super Mother’s Day Classic.

Every Mother’s Day for the past 17 years, Australians have walked or run to fund research and honour those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

At the 2014 Mother’s Day Classic more than 135,000 participants in 97 events around the nation and on overseas military bases raised $4.5 million, bringing the overall total raised to $24.3 million.

Register now at: 

This year’s event is being held on Sunday 10 May 2015, and is open to all ages and fitness levels, so there is something for everyone, whether you want to participate or simply come along and support.

More than a quarter of a million people have participated in past Mother’s Day Classic events, and you can too this year by registering at www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

The Mother’s Day Classic was established in 1998 by Women in Super.

Women in Super continue to organise the event. Since Women in Super initiated the event in 1998, survival rates for women diagnosed with breast cancer have increased to 85%.

ME Bank has proudly supported the Mother’s Day Classic as the major sponsor since 2005.
Kids are eating less than half the veg they should be. How can you educate and encourage kids to eat more?

Healthy Kids has lots of ideas and info about healthy eating and vamping up the veg. Have a look at www.healthy-kids.com.au

In addition to lunchboxes and dinners, Crunch&Sip is a great opportunity to promote veg. Kids really don't do too badly when it comes to eating fruit, so maybe it's time to really encourage veg.