Dear Parents and Carers,

Our teachers are currently busy completing half yearly reports which will be sent home in the last week of this term. After reading many of the students’ reports, it is evident that our teachers are committed to their profession and dedicated to improving the learning outcomes of your children.

As the current semester draws to a close, a reminder that the last school day for term 2 is Friday 26 June and school will resume for students on Tuesday 14 July for term 3.

Thank you to all those who responded to our Facebook request to support Holroyd Community Aid through the donation of clothing. This volunteer run charity supports people in need in the Holroyd local area. Their op-shop in Miller Street Merrylands reports that there is a particular need for baby clothing and associated baby goods as well as any other clean good quality clothing. Please drop any saleable clothing off at their op-shop in Miller Street Merrylands.

Planning is well underway for the Annual Holroyd School Concert. The concert will be held on Thursday 3rd September in term 3. The concert is a great way for our school community to come together and celebrate the learning taking place in classrooms. Parents and extended family members are welcome and encouraged to attend to support the students.

To support sun safety and outdoor learning in the warmer months of the year, the school has repaired existing shade sails and installed new ones in key areas right across the school. Club Merrylands and funds donated from the Annual Mayoral Golf Day have supported this initiative and I am happy to report the work is now complete. There are now two repaired shade sails and two newly installed shade sails. The sails look great and provide increased opportunities for students to engage in physical activities whilst being sun safe. (See page 6 for photos).

Almost half way through the school year, I’d like the take this opportunity to thank parents and the wider community for the ongoing support to deliver teaching and learning outcomes at Holroyd School.

Noel Gover
Relieving Principal
Hi from J6

J6 has had a fantastic start to the year! This semester we have been exploring our Science unit of work, ‘Living Things’. Everyone has been working hard and having a great time learning about the world around us.

J6 has participated in a variety of experiments to help us learn about the characteristics of living things. We have been learning about a range of different animals and their habitats. J6 has been working towards creating a mural of their favourite animals and where they live. Asmaa and Mohammed especially enjoyed the chance to express their creativity. They have put a lot of hard work into their artworks!

We have also been learning about the variety of habitats in our world and how animals interact with them. Billal, Kelly and Mario in particular enjoyed playing with artificial snow and slime during sensory play.

Other highlights of our week include cooking, where we have been practicing safe kitchen skills and swimming, which everyone looks forward to every week! Vincent and Obaid have had a great time practicing swimming skills and playing in the water.

Until next time!
Asmaa, Billal, Kelly, Mario, Mohammed, Obaid, Vincent, Marcelle and Emmalee.
Hello from J12

J12 have had a great start to the first half of the year.
Each week we are busy taking part in a range of learning activities.
We have all enjoyed making fruit based smoothies during our weekly cooking lessons. Everyone takes a turn to pour, blend and taste. We are all master chefs in the making!
Each week we join S13 for a shared reading program. J12 take turns passing around an animal to our friends in S13. We all love to watch the animals on the interactive whiteboard and sing Old MacDonald had a farm.
Sensory play and art activities have to be our favourite lesson. We have made coloured play dough and rice and scented body scrub. We love to use our communication books to request coloured paint and tools to make beautiful artworks.
Thanks for reading about our exciting class. Until next time
Mohammed, Vivek, Aleksia, Dilara, Amani, Hannah, Lyndal and Tammy.
News from J1

As we approach the end of the first semester we look back on some great learning and lots of fun times in J1. No matter what the lesson is we all love to get involved with our hands, and sometimes our feet, and we all love to have a good laugh.

Our unit of work this semester is science and we enjoy doing lots of experiments. These experiments allowed us to use all of our senses while we are learning. Sometimes we end up with a bit of a mess but it is all part of the experience.

In other learning we practice different ways to participate in games and fun activities. Hydrotherapy on Fridays is one of our favourite things to do each week. Each Monday Josh comes to our class for music therapy. He is helping us understand different things about instruments and music.

He also shows us how to play and engage with different instruments ourselves. Isaac, Jacob, Kevin, Montathar, Renas and Tyler would like to thank all of the staff who come to help us with our learning including Kay for science lessons, Leanne and Nadia for their stories and Sandra, Renee and all those who help us in hydrotherapy.
Greetings from S18

What a great year all students in S18 have had. We have enjoyed our term 1 excursion to ‘Sailability’ on Wednesdays and Maymuna and Elizabeth loved going on the sailing boats as well as going on the rubber duckie.

We have created and cared for a garden where we grew lettuce and used the lettuce in our chicken burgers. Sean and Amara were particularly keen to water the garden every day.

In term 2 we went to McDonalds and learnt to order and pay for a meal. Aaron and Luke loved eating the meal they ordered.

Cooking has been a fantastic program with everyone eager to make and try the different foods we cook each week. We especially like the chicken burgers and burritos.

Until next time Bye from S18.
Thank you to Club Merrylands and funds donated from the Annual Mayoral Golf Day for our two new and two repaired shade sails.
The Autism Advisory and Support Service is a not for profit charity run by parents of children with Autism for children and adults with Autism and their families.

The Autism Advisory and Support Service (AASS) provides a range of services to support, advocate, help, educate and guide families who have a family member with Autism as well as the greater community. Currently operating on donations and grants, AASS have proudly accomplished the opening of an Autism Community House in Liverpool, a 24 Hour Autism Hotline, Support Groups, Social Groups, Parent Workshops and lots more. We understand firsthand, how difficult it can be navigating a diagnosis, services, education and social events for our beautiful children. When you contact AASS, you are speaking to a parent who understands and will never turn you down for support and information.

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School finishes for Term 2 on Friday 26th June 2015.

Students return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 14th July 2015
Variety Club Ice Skating