Dear Parents and Carers,

Do you keep up to date with the school news on Facebook? We have many followers from our school community but there are still some families that have not yet connected with us. Look up the Holroyd School Facebook page (“google” it) and see what is current. It’s the fastest way to get information to you.

Last week we celebrated Education Week with all public schools across NSW. Our action-packed “local heroes” celebrations included a visit from Ryka, who shared Aboriginal culture through performance of music, dance and stories. We had a visit from Poppy the Possum, who shared her love of reading with our students. Our local Youth Command Officer, Senior Constable Dakic from the police joined our students in the playground at lunch time, building our students’ trust and understanding of those community members that are there to support a peaceful and cohesive society. And of course, our families and friends joined their children in their learning about local heroes on open day, a highlight being a visit from the local fire brigade. Check out the back page!

Finally, I remind you that we have had a number of cases of whooping cough in our school community. If your child has a cough, please take them to your doctor and tell the doctor of the whooping cough outbreak in the school. Also, please keep your children at home if they are sick with conditions such as coughing, green or yellow runny nose, vomiting, diarrhoea or a temperature. We have neither the staffing or facilities to look after sick children. We do not want these illnesses spreading amongst our students and staff. Replacing sick staff costs the school significant amounts of money we would rather be spending on your children’s’ resources and education.

Until next time
Anne Flint
Hi from S24

In S24 we have been extremely busy each and every day this year. We divide our time between Holroyd and Merrylands High School. Anthony Phommasouk, Karlee and Charlie are new to the class this year while Anthony Aboumelhem, Ayman, Lan, Mohammad, Tara and Youssef have been part of the class for a number of years. While we enjoy the social opportunities that attending Merrylands High School provides we still like catching up with our friends back at Holroyd.

Each week we take part in a wide range of learning programs where we strive to do our best. As a class we also ensure that we have lots of fun along the way. Some highlights of the week include: attending a local supermarket to purchase the ingredients required in our cooking program. Here each student has been learning to use the self-checkout facilities to purchase items on their shopping list. The students have also been learning to use Opal Cards to travel on public buses and trains in order to access a range of activities in the community.

Journeys have included catching a bus from the high school to Bowlarama at Wetherill Park, using a train to get from Merrylands Station to the Aquatic Centre at Olympic Park and using a combination of trains and buses to travel to Westfield Parramatta. Is it great to see the students becoming more confident when out in the local community. Finally, our year 12 students attend work experience each Thursday. Here they have been learning new skills which they will be able to use in the workplace next year.

Every Monday we travel to Sydney Markets to purchase a variety of fruit and vegetables. At school the students sort, count and bag the fruit and vegies ready to sell at the class’s fruit store. This is hard work for the students but very rewarding as profits are put towards their camp in term 4.

The class is currently hard at work practising our item which we will perform at the whole school concert. The concert will be held on the Thursday of week 8 this term. We look forward to performing it in front of our parents and family and other members of the school community.

We have certainly had a fun and eventful year to date and are looking forward to what the rest of the year has to offer.
Hi from S24
Every day in S14 is a busy day, and that's the way we like it! Our weekly time table is packed full of activities that help us to be more independent, to give us more control over our education, to help us communicate better with the people in our lives and to help us to develop physical skills like walking or standing.

One of our favourite lessons is art and we each have our own preferred way to create our art works. We always make a fantastic mess in art class!

Arif likes to stand up while he paints with gloves on. Hassan loves using big paint brushes to paint independently. Aziza really likes to use her hands to paint with bright colours. Ellis likes to use rollers with large handles and loves watching the colour move across the page. Montather also enjoys watching the colours and likes to use small paint brushes. Mariam loves to paint while she is in her standing frame and uses a special glove to hold a brush.

Each day we use lots of different ways to communicate with each other including PECS, Key Word Sign, Tactile Sign, Objects and using our voices! We have used the iPad to record each of our voices so that we can listen to the sounds we can each make. Our classroom can get very noisy! But Krista and Suzanne don't mind.
Greetings from S22

This year S22 have participated in a range of living skills and work skills programs, as well as our regular community access and classroom programs. During work experience, the students have collated and filled envelopes for the local Council, as well as learning to place cards in envelopes, stamping envelopes and placing address labels onto envelopes. The students have also been using the paper shredder, the can crusher and collecting recycling from the senior classroom.

Most of these tasks are completed independently after teachers have modelled what is expected from the task.

Students have also been learning how to complete tasks that they might do at home. This has included folding towels, hanging shirts on a hanger, ironing pillowcases, washing dishes, setting the table, folding socks and clothes, as well as pegging clothes onto an airer. The students have shown great improvement in all tasks, and are able to stay on task to complete each job.

In the community, the students have been grocery shopping in Merrylands, Winston Hills and Seven Hills. They use a visual shopping list to assist them to locate the items needed and take turns to push the trolley and load the groceries at the checkout. Along with our buddy class S26, the class have been Bowling and to McDonalds to practise and refine their skills in these environments.

By far the highlight of our week is when our friends from The Chapel School in Merrylands come and visit. Each week students from both schools participate in cooking, gardening and social skills.

Asad, Calvin, Fatma, Tony, Sheraz, Ahmed, Iman and Hussain along with Sharon and Vicki
Hello from J9

J9 has had a very busy but exciting year so far! We can’t believe we are over halfway through the 2015 school year. It has really flown by as we have been settling into the routines and rules of our new school, working towards achieving our learning goals and having lots of fun while doing so!

J9 is a class of 5 energetic boys who love to be active. For Bailey, Daniel, David and Alan they have worked hard on adapting to their first year of school and new school, with “expert” modelling from their peer Kuberan.

As part of our learning last semester throughout our science unit of work, ‘Paddock to Plate’ J9 learnt about what living things need to stay alive and be healthy, focusing on where food comes from and how it gets to us from farms and factories.

As part of this unit, J9 took part in growing a range of fruits and vegetables in our class garden such as parsley, chives, carrots, cos lettuce, celery and cherry tomatoes. Watering our garden, removing the weeds and fruits/vegetables when they were ready to harvest was a highlight for all of the boys!

David, Kuberan and Bailey especially enjoyed trying these different fruits/vegetables grown in our garden during our weekly ‘Crunch and Sip’ sessions and were excited to incorporate these in cooking lessons, making dishes such as yummy stir fries, caesar salad, garlic bread with parsley and scrambled eggs with chives.

J9 ended the semester and their learning in the unit ‘Paddock to Plate’ with an excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm at Fairfield. It was a great opportunity for the boys to experience a “farm”. They enjoyed chasing the chickens in the paddocks, a tractor ride throughout the “farm”, patting and feeding the baby farm animals in the nursery and the stockman whip show, where David was chosen to have a crack!

Our teachers are so proud of the progress we have made so far this year and the wonderfully dynamic personalities we all bring to make such a beautiful class. Goodbye for now... Daniel, David, Alan, Kuberan, Bailey, Casey, Michelle Barnes and Simone.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our year 12 student, Fatma wrote a film script and then worked with her class to direct and produce the film. A big thankyou to Emma Bruce who completed the final editing and then submitted into the focus on ability competition.

As a finalist in the 2015 schools section of the FOA Film awards, we stand a chance to win some great prizes.
The school with the most online votes wins a $10,000 Rebel Sport equipment package. The runner up wins a $5000 Rebel Sport equipment package.

We need your vote!

Please watch the film and then Vote 1 for our school! Go to:


Fruit and Veg Month
Week 7 – 10

Holroyd School will be participating in Fruit and Veg Month in weeks 7 – 10 of term 3. During this time, we encourage you to send fresh fruit and vegetables with your child each day to school. All classrooms will be participating in a variety of activities to encourage students to try new foods and to eat fresh fruit and vegetables.
INVITATION

Blacktown Workers Club
Saturday 29th August 2015

Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park
Sunday 30th August 2015

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION
(see separate admission ticket, one numbered ticket per person)

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Please note that these tickets have been generously sponsored by Sydney’s business community to enable your clients to 90 minutes of family entertainment which is guaranteed to amuse and astound the family.

Please contact the school office on 96371219 if you would like tickets to any of the above shows. Tickets numbers are limited and will be distributed on first in, first served basis.
Congratulations to our students who participated in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. A big thank you to all the parents and carers that supported our Read-a-thon. The Read-a-thon raised a total of $3166. We will be purchasing over 100 new books including all the books that were on display during the Education day activities. Some of the books will be allocated to the Premier’s Reading Challenge and others will go to the school library. We also received an extra $170 credit from Central Book Supplies to purchase additional books.

J2 raised the most money in the primary school.
S24 raised the most money in the senior school.

The class awards went to:

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Thank you again to all those students, parents, carers and staff that participated in our Read-a-thon.
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Marist Sony Children's Holiday Camp

St Joseph's College
Hunters Hill
5 - 8 December 2015

This year St Joseph's College takes great pleasure in hosting its 12th four-day camp for boys and girls with special needs.

We aim:
• To provide a four-day fun camp for children with special needs at no cost to their parents/carers.
• To offer respite to the home-carers and families of the children.
• To provide senior students from St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, Marist Sisters College, Woolwich and Brigidine College, St Ives, with an opportunity to use their gifts in the service of others.

The children
We accommodate 30 children between the ages of 5 to 15 who have special needs.

Medical facilities and team
Medical facilities of the highest standard are available at the St Joseph's College Health Centre. The camp will be staffed by a team of volunteer registered doctors and nurses on a 24-hour basis. This will ensure all the children's medical needs will be catered for.

Personal companions
Senior students from St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, Marist Sisters College, Woolwich and Brigidine College, St Ives, will be the children's carers and personal companions for the duration of the camp. These young men and women have voluntarily applied to look after the children and have a most important role at the camp. Each carer is interviewed and selected with great care.

The personal companions are supported in their roles by a medical team as well as teaching staff from the three schools.
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<td>Vegie dippers (Carrot, celery, cucumber and capsicum sticks with reduced fat dip like hummus and rice crackers)</td>
<td>Banana or mandarin or cherries &amp; Slice of fruit bread spread with cream cheese</td>
<td>Fresh pear or apple or piece fresh seasonal fruit. Cheese stick or wedge of reduced fat cheese</td>
<td>Fresh dates and carrot sticks. A slice of reduced fat cheese and Jatz biscuits or rice crackers</td>
<td>Halved kiwifruit (include a plastic spoon to eat it) or a bunch of seedless grapes or frozen orange wedges. Reduced fat cereal bar or a cream cheese pikelet</td>
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<td>Lunch</td>
<td>Avocado, ham, cucumber &amp; lettuce wholegrain sandwich. Fresh seasonal fruit salad</td>
<td>Cherry tomato, cucumber &amp; tuna pasta salad. Apple or pear or small bunch of seedless grapes or mandarin</td>
<td>Crunchy salad &amp; cream cheese wrap. Banana &amp; (optional) Small tub of vanilla fruche or yoghurt</td>
<td>Pita pocket bread with boiled egg, lettuce, celery and a little reduced fat mayonnaise or hummus. Fresh seasonal fruit salad</td>
<td>Crunchy celery, grated cheese &amp; lettuce wholegrain roll. Melon balls (rockmelon, watermelon and/or honeydew melon) or a piece seasonal fruit</td>
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Autism Advisory and Support Service

proudly invite

all children with additional needs to the

Sydney Symphony Orchestra
Music 4 Health Concert

When: Thursday 27th August 2015
Where: Mounties
101 Meadows Rd Mt Pritchard
Time: 10:45am for 11:00am start
Cost: A gold coin donation to AASS is appreciated.

RSVP: 3rd August 2015
Ph: 9601 2844 (between 9am and 2pm) or
Email: reception@aass.org.au

Each student receives a special gift.

As there will be photographs/video taken at the event, please notify AASS of any students who do not have permission to have their photo taken by a third party.

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"Empowering children with Autism and their families through knowledge and support."
“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” - Professor Fred Hollows

The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others.

After three successful years in the ACT the Award is expanding into NSW with the support of NSW Premier Mike Baird.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a compassionate Year 6 student through the online nomination form by August 21. It’s a great opportunity for students to be recognised outside the sporting and academic realm.

All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sydney to announce the NSW winner.

To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward

Thank you to Sam from MCS Mobility for the kind donation of nappies.
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