Welcome back to 2013 in what should be a productive and rewarding year for all students. I would like to extend a special welcome to our 32 new Kindergarten children who enrolled this week. I wish them well as they start on a whole new journey of lifelong learning.

Our classes / teachers this year are:

**Kinder Red**  Mrs Simpson
**K/1 Blue**  Miss King
**1/2 Red**  Miss Jones
**2 Blue**  Miss Kennedy
**3/4 Red**  Mrs Rutledge & Mrs Cullenward
**3/4Blue**  Mrs Shea
**3-6 Red**  Miss Adams
**5/6 Blue**  Mrs Pearson
**5/6 Red**  Mrs Christensen & Mrs Hedt
**Relief**  Miss Burke
**Library**  Mrs Murphy
**Computer**  Mr Ayres
**Reading Recovery**  Miss Hiebl
**Literacy Mentor**  Mrs Murphy
**Numeracy Mentor**  Miss Hiebl
**Learning Assistance**  Mr Ayres, Miss Hiebl, Mrs Campbell
**School Learning Support Officers**  Mrs Lilburne, Mrs Headon, Mrs Mijk, Ms Nieswaag
**Kitchen/Garden**  Mrs Maynard
**Kitchen/Garden**  Mrs Lilburne

This year all students will be expected to wear the correct school uniform complete with sun-safe school hats. The P&C endorsed summer uniform for the girls is a blue dress with white collar and a blue cotton button through shirt with grey shorts for the boys. Well done to the students who are making a special effort with their uniform this year.

The first P&C meeting of the year will be held this Thursday, commencing at 2pm in the Ready Set Kinder room. New parents are especially invited to attend.

Please come along to our first major event of the year, Hay Public School’s annual swimming carnival. This will be held on Friday 15th February.

Have a great week!

Carol Oataway
Principal
Welcome back to school in 2013! It is wonderful to see children dressed in their HPS summer school uniform. We hope you all enjoyed the school holidays and are ready for a fun-filled Term 1.

Stage 1 welcomes Miss Jones who will be teaching Year 1/2. Miss Hiebl will continue with Reading Recovery and we welcome Mrs Campbell back to school teaching the Language Program with Stage 1 students.

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All children will need:
- HPS summer uniform
- HPS Sports Uniform (Wednesdays)
- Black school shoes
- HPS broad brimmed hat
- Water bottle/fruit break/recess snack/packed lunch
- School bag
- Box of tissues for the classroom

Year 1 and Year 2 Students only:
- (Year 2) Pencil case: glue stick, colour pencils, 2 lead pencils, ruler and rubber
- Home Reader folder
- Homework book
- Library bag
- Art smock

Accelerated Literacy (AL)

All classes will engage in AL learning this term. You can support your child’s learning in literacy by asking questions about what they are learning in class and by reading stories to your child by the same author.

K RED - The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
K/1 BLUE – Rosie’s Walk by Pat Hutchins
1/2 RED and 2 BLUE – The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

Home Reading

The Home Reading program commenced this week. Please support your child’s learning and allow them the chance to enhance their skills by listening to them read each night. By signing their Home Reading diary the children can work towards visiting Mrs Oataway after reaching 25 nights.

Homework

Homework commenced this week. Activities will reflect and consolidate the learning that occurs in the classroom. Please contact your child’s teacher if assistance is needed or the activities are unmanageable.

Guided Reading Groups

Parent helpers are once again needed to successfully run our Guided Reading sessions each morning. If you are able to help out in your child’s classroom we would really appreciate the support.

Mrs Simpson Assistant Principal K-2

Stage 2 & 3 News

On behalf of the Stage 2 and 3 staff I would like to welcome everyone to the 2013 school year. I extend also a very warm welcome to our new families. I am excited for the opportunities that await your children this year. All staff have been working hard over the summer holidays preparing for the school year, ensuring a quality learning and teaching environment for students to be successful.

We welcome this year to Stage 2, Mrs Jayne Rutledge and to Stage 3, Mrs Dannielle Christensen and Mrs Leanne Hedt. Miss Adams is taking a break from library and will be teaching a composite 3 to 6 class. Welcome back to Mrs Sherelle Shea and Mrs Robyn Pearson. We are very fortunate to have such experienced and enthusiastic staff in Stage 2 and 3 this year.

This year we will continue to implement Accelerated Literacy with the addition of the Super Six Comprehension strategies. Maths groups will begin next week and these will focus on literacy in numeracy and run over three days (Mon, Tues, Wed). Students will be divided into six groups according to their competency and understanding of numeracy. Movement within the groups will occur throughout the year as students complete various assessments.

All classes will participate in library, computer technology and Kitchen Garden. Please refer to your child’s timetable for
Our HPS Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 15th February at the John Houston Memorial Pool. The carnival will commence at approximately 9.45am with 100m events. Students need to attend school as normal on Friday for roll marking. Children in Year 3-6 and ONLY Year 2 children (who turn 8 this year) and can SWIM A LAP OF ANY STROKE will walk to the pool with their House teachers at 9.30am. Events are according to the age competitors turn this year 2013. Juniors turn 8, 9 or 10 in 2013 and Seniors turn 11,12 or 13. Students should take their own recess, lunch and water bottle.

NB Lunch for officials is only provided at the District Swimming Carnival. Water and fruit will be available for our helpers.

**Slip! Slop! Slap!**
Children need to be well protected from the sun. When not competing, swimmers should stay in their House areas and support their team. Parents should apply sunscreen to their children before coming to school.

Permission notes have been issued. These must be completed accurately and returned to CLASS TEACHERS by Thursday 14th February.

**Carnival Canteen**
NO LUNCH ORDERS will be available at the pool.

The P & C will be running the canteen and BBQ lunch for the swimming carnival. If you could spare some time to help out on either - it would be very much appreciated - just for an hour would be great during the day.

Canteen will be running all day from 10am (cold drinks/chips/ confectionary) BBQ will run from 11am to 2pm.

**Donations** of fruit or cakes would be greatly appreciated
Please contact Serena 0437391808 / Mandy 0428933093 or Julieanne Jones (Canteen) 69931270

**BBQ** Jorian Millyard,

Please call Julieanne at the canteen if you are able to assist with the canteen at either the pool or school.

**House Captains 2013**
Congratulations to the following children who were elected at meetings last Thursday.

**CADELL** (Red) Erin Shalders, Jack Gibson

**COBB** (Yellow) Lillian Ives, Sam Martin

**OXLEY** (Green) Grace Nisbet, Ben Eade

**STURT** (Blue) Bethany Hurst, Harley Harris

I’m sure you all will lead by example. WELL DONE!

**Deniliquin & District Carnival**
The Deniliquin & District Carnival will be held in Hay on Friday 1st March. Again we rely on the tremendous support of our parent body. If you are able to assist at either (or both) carnivals, please contact Mrs Robyn Pearson on 02 6993 1270 as soon as possible.

**Riverina Swimming Carnival**
The Riverina Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 8th March in Albury.

**Stage 2 & 3 Sport**
Stage 2 and 3 sport will be held on Thursday afternoons again this year. Please remember to wear your sports uniform every Thursday.

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**Term 1, Week 3**

specific times.
Home Reading is a very important part of a child’s learning. We will be encouraging all students to participate in home reading each night. Each child will be given a reading journal and folder and teachers will regularly check that these outcomes are being met.

Our discipline policy provides a positive focus to encourage desirable student behaviours. The expectations promote and embrace the core values of public education…RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, INTEGRITY, COOPERATION, CARE, DEMOCRACY,EXCELLENCE, PARTICIPATION AND FAIRNESS. It is based on the philosophy that teachers have a right to teach and students have a right to learn. All teachers use assertive discipline strategies to ensure optimal intellectual, social, emotional and physical success for all students.

It is important for all children to be prepared for learning. Please ensure your child has the appropriate stationery items as outlined in their class letter.

- **Excursions** - This year Stage 2 will participate in an excursion to Billabong Ranch and Stage 3 will visit Canberra. Both these excursions will be in Term 3. Stage 3 excursion is in Week 9 and Stage 2 excursion, Week 10. Costing of these excursions will be sent home next week and parents are encouraged to start paying these off.

Parents are welcome to assist in school activities such as Kitchen-Garden, class reading, sports carnivals etc. If you would like to volunteer your time please notify your child’s teacher.

On behalf of all staff I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your children this year.

**Mrs Suzanne Murphy**

**Assistant Principal Stage 2 & 3**

**Parliament Fundraiser**

**Easter Egg Raffle** - Parliament will once again be running the Easter Egg Raffle this year. All students from K-6 are encouraged to donate an Easter item for this raffle. Some suggestions are… eggs, Bunny Ears, Easter mugs, stickers etc. donations can be left at the front office.

All families will receive a raffle book of tickets to be sold. Tickets are $1 each. When all tickets are sold please place money and tickets in a clearly labelled envelope with your name and class and put it in the yellow box in the front office.

**Sports News**

Welcome back to another year of sport at Hay Public School. We look forward to your interest and involvement in 2013.

**Annual Swimming Carnival**

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Stage 3 Sport
Mr Ayres will conduct trials this Thursday to select a cricket team (boys) for the upcoming State Knockout team. Girls who wish to trial for the school tennis team should bring their racquet and water bottle for sport this Thursday afternoon. Mrs Cullenward will supervise our tennis players.

Active After Schools
Active After School program will be held on Monday afternoons and started this week.

The program will be run at school from 3.15pm to 4.30pm and during that time the children will be provided with a healthy afternoon tea.

The first 20 children to return their permission notes will be accepted into the program.

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Coming Events / Sporting Dates
14th Feb P&C Meeting 2pm
15th Feb HPS Swimming Carnival
20th Feb District Tennis Trials-Deni
22nd Feb Students leaders’ Induction Assembly
26th Feb ARL Clinic 11.40
1st Mar District Swimming Carnival
4th Mar District Cricket Trials (Boys) Deni
8th Mar Regional Swimming-Albury

FREE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC
FORTNIGHTLY AT COMMUNITY HEALTH
PH: 1800 450 046 for an appointment

P & C CLOTHING POOL
LOCATED IN THE CANTEEN
ALL ITEMS $1.00
DONATIONS WELCOME
CURRENTLY HAVE PLENTIFUL STOCK

FOR SALE- HAY PUBLIC SCHOOL HATS
Two sizes available
Generous fitting
$10.00 each
Available front office

School Banking Day Reminder
Don’t forget that Monday is School Banking Day and students should bring in their weekly deposit to the front office first thing in the morning.

Students who have ten tokens are eligible for money boxes.

HPS Breakfast Program
Will commence next Monday 18th Feb
Donations of cereal, milk or fruit would be most appreciated.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1
Due by Wednesday
20th February 2013
No late orders please.

COMMUNITY SPORT
Little Athletics
Has resumed for 2013 and will be held on Fridays at 6pm at the No 1 Oval. Parents please bring plenty of water for your child/children.

Hay Scouts
Has resumed for 2013 at Baden Powell Hall.
Joey (6-8 years) Tuesdays 5-6pm
Cubs (8-11 years) Tuesdays 6-7.30pm
Scouts (11-15 years) Mondays 6-7.30pm

Hay Soccer Club
Registration day Sunday 17th Feb
9am –12pm No 3 Oval Hay Park