Principal’s Report

Welcome Kindergarten
Welcome to our twenty five eager, young students who commenced their educational journey at Hay Public School this week. After undergoing Best Start testing last week, students were settled into two classes, KW with Mrs Rebecca Wall and K/1Z with Miss Ellen Zambon. Our other classes have made positive starts to 2016 and are already demonstrating great commitment to their learning. Our final enrolment number looks likely to be 193 which is 12 students less than this time last year.

Student Leaders’ Induction
Parents and community members are invited to attend our Student Leader Induction Assembly and Captains’ Tree Planting Ceremony on Monday 15th February, commencing at 12:00pm. Our other classes have made positive starts to 2016 and are already demonstrating great commitment to their learning. Our final enrolment number looks likely to be 193 which is 12 students less than this time last year.

Crossing the Road
I would like to issue a few reminders that are important for the start of the year. All students should be travelling to and from school in a safe manner. This includes:
• Crossing the road safely and using the school crossings where appropriate
• Wearing a helmet when riding bicycles
• Remaining safely in seats of buses when the bus is in motion
• Not behaving in a manner on a bus that distracts the driver
• Wearing a seatbelt in cars and buses at all times

Change of Details
Student details change at times and it is the parent’s responsibility to advise the school of any changes. These include:
• Change of address or phone number (especially mobile phone numbers)
• Change of emergency contact details
• Change of any medical condition of students
• Change of family situation that may affect a student’s performance at school
Any other change in circumstance that affects your child in the school setting Maintaining a close relationship with the school and keeping the school well informed will prevent any problems that could arise in the future. Information can be passed onto your child’s teacher or an appointment can be made to discuss this with the principal.

Have a great week!
Carol Oataway
Principal
Quality education in a caring environment

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This year we welcome Miss Bronwyn Hicks who will be teaching 4/5H. Welcome also to Mrs Maree Clavel who will be teaching 3/4R on Fridays.

All classes will participate in Library, Computer Technology and Kitchen Garden, starting this week. Please refer to your child’s timetable for 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 that will be regularly checked to ensure your child is spending an appropriate amount of time each day engaging with texts.

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
- 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: Stage 3 excursion this year is to Bendigo and Ballarat. This is planned for Week 3 Term 4. Further information regarding payment will be sent home early this term.

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Further information regarding our school curriculum and activities will be discussed at our Parent Information session on Wednesday at 5pm. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle.

Finally, parents are very 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.

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- Captains and Vice Captains
- Parliamentarians
- House Captains

Details are as follows:
- Date: Monday 15th February
- Time: 12pm
- Where: School Hall

Student Leaders are to be dressed in full summer school uniform as they lead by example.

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Parent Information Session K-6

Wednesday 10th Feb
5pm in School Hall
BBQ & Picnic Tea to follow
ALL WELCOME

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**Sport Report**

**House Captains**

Congratulations to the following children who were selected at meetings last Friday.

**Cadell** – Rhys Lees and Richard Weymouth

**Cobb** – Adrian Pascoe and Marlee McPhellamy

**Oxley** – Reece Deacon and Telesa Cooper

**Sturt** – Will Cooper and Renee Wall

I am sure you will all lead by example.

**Annual Swimming Carnival**

Our HPS Swimming Carnival will be held at the John Houston Memorial Pool this Friday. The carnival will commence at approximately 9.45am with 100m events.

Student 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 the competitors turn this year juniors turning 8, 9 or 10 in 2016 and seniors turning 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 11th February.

**Carnival Canteen**

NO LUNCH ORDERS will be provided 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 the either – it would be much appreciated – just for an hour would be great during the day.

**Donations** of fruit or cakes would be greatly appreciated.

**Deniliquin & District Carnival**

The Deniliquin & District Carnival will be held in Hay on Thursday 25th February. 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 Pearson on 6993 1270 as soon as possible.

**Riverina Swimming Carnival**

The Riverina Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 7th March in Albury.

**District Cricket Trials**

Boys will be nominated to participate in the Deni District Cricket Trials on Monday 22nd February. These trials will be held at the Deniliquin High School nets from 10.00am – 12.00pm. Cost is $2 per cricketer. The Riverina Trials will be held on Monday 29th February.

**Riverina Tennis Trials**

Children are currently being selected to attend the Riverina Tennis Trials in Griffith on Friday 26th February, as the District Trials (in Deni) clash with our swimming carnival.
University of NSW International Competitions

Please complete the entry form and return it to the yellow box in the front office by Tuesday 30th March.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Name: _______________________ Year______
Class:_________________________________

Please tick □
- Digital Technologies - 17 May   $8.00
- Science –31 May       $8.00
- Spelling -15 June  $11.00
- Writing –13-17 June  $17.00
- English –2 Aug       $8.00
- Mathematics –16 Aug  $8.00
- All of the above   $60.00

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: $_______________

Direct Credit payments are accepted

BSB 032-001   Acc No   141581
Account Name: Hay Public School

HAY PUBLIC SCHOOL
PAYMENTS COUPON

Once a Year Payments per child:
- General Contribution Fee $30.00
- Subject Fee    $25.00

Performances
- Dinosaur Science 14th March $5.00
- Life Education 6th-8th June $10.00
- Cyber Wiser 16th August $5.00

TOTAL PAYMENT PER CHILD PER YEAR $75.00

Name:_________________________$___________
Name:_________________________$___________
Name:_________________________$___________
Total Payment   $_______________

Payment to yellow box in front office
or direct credit details

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SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Hay Public School were successful in their application for a Federal Government funded chaplain to be in the school for 10 hours a week for the next three years.

Generate are pleased to be engaged by the school as the chaplaincy provider. Generate Ministries is a Christian organisation employing approximately 150 School Chaplains in NSW state schools. School Chaplains work in partnership with schools, local Chaplaincy Support Teams, and Generate Ministries, to provide pastoral care to students and staff.

What is a Chaplain?

A Chaplain is an additional support for school communities to assist with the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of members of school communities.

Chaplains are able to run specific programs tailored to the needs of the school such as grief and loss, resilience building and anti-bullying. Chaplains also provide one-on-one care, mentoring and support for students, parents and staff.

Chaplains network with the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school.

What kind of activities can a Chaplain do?

- Work with Learning Support or Welfare Team to facilitate student wellbeing
- Provide pastoral care for students, staff and the wider school community
- Facilitate small group programs and one-on-one meetings with students
- Facilitate lunch time activities to assist students in building healthy relationships
- Network with welfare services, local churches and other agencies in the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school
- Facilitate groups, events and activities to support spiritual wellbeing with voluntary student participation
- Build mentoring relationships and assist students with goal setting
- Support staff at school camps, excursions and other activities as required

Generate Ministries invites applications for the position of School Chaplain for 10 hours per week at Hay Public School. More details and application process can be found at www.mychaplain.org.au . Applications close 11th February, 2016.

For further information contact Janice Mitchell, Regional Chaplaincy Manager on 0408686165.