Principal’s Report

Student Numbers
This year our student numbers have fallen below 201 which means that our front office will only be manned with 2 staff members for 3 days a week, instead of the current arrangement of 5 days per week. We are extremely close to keeping a full time front office assistant, however we need to know of any students who may be enrolling at Hay Public School in the near future. Please phone the school if you are aware of any students who are intending to enrol in either Term 1 or Term 2.

Tell Them From Me Student Survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary and will be open to students from Year 4 to 6. A consent form is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **13th March 2016**.

Dinosaur Science
Thank you to the many families who have paid for their general contribution, subject fees and performances for the year. The first performance will be held next Monday and has lashings of humour, loads of audience participation and huge scale models for budding palaeontologists to re-construct. Dinosaur Science comes to the school at a cost of $5.00 per student. Please ensure that you have paid for your child so that they are able to attend this performance.

P&C AGM
Please note, that due to unforeseen circumstances, the P&C AGM has had to be postponed to Thursday 31st March. All positions will be declared vacant and the P&C are looking for willing, hard-working members who work well as a team and have the interests of the students at heart. New members are especially welcomed. Members of our P&C participate in many ways to support our school; on school committees, merit selection panels, policy development and reviews, school promotion, uniform pool and fundraising. Our P&C members dedicate countless volunteer hours to participate in a partnership that sees Hay Public School and the community working side by side. Their contributions are many and are greatly valued. The P&C donates regularly and generously to the school and its students every year.

Have a great week!

Carol Oataway
**Principal**
Stage 2 and 3 News
Annual Fundraiser
Easter Raffle
Parliament are again having their annual Easter Raffle. All families are kindly asked to donate eggs, chocolate, fluffy toys - all things Easter towards this bumper raffle. Donations can be left at the front office. All families have been issued with a book of tickets with each book containing 10 tickets to be sold for $1.00 per ticket.

Sold books may be returned to the front office.
This is usually a bumper raffle with many, many prizes to be won. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 and funds raised go towards the Year 6 Farewell and gift.

DONATIONS MAY BE LEFT AT THE FRONT OFFICE

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRT

Name: ____________________________________________
Class: ________________________________
Payment Enclosed: $ 25.00

Smart Skills Science Workshop
Mrs Christensen and Mrs Mijok accompanied Year 6 to the Hay War Memorial High School to participate in the Smart Skills Science Workshop which was run by Questacon. The students enjoyed an afternoon of fun filled activities.

Sports News
Boys’ Cricket Knockout
Our boys’ cricket team defeated Deni North last Tuesday at the Edward River Oval. Congratulations to the boys and thanks to Mrs Cullenward and parents who assisted throughout the day. Our team now progress to Round 3 and travel to Deni (again!) to play Deni South on Tuesday 15th March. Let’s hope for some much cooler weather!!

Riverina Swimming Carnival
The Riverina Swimming Carnival was held on Monday in Albury. Six children qualified for this carnival, four in individual events.

Lara Bush- 14th Year 50m freestyle- 57.56
Lucy Shea- 13th Jnr Girls backstroke- 53.02
Jim Houston- 5th 9 Year 50m freestyle- 42.93
Jack Headon- 15th 10 Year 50m freestyle- 42.86
4th Jnr Boys breaststroke- 54.52
Jnr Boys’ Relay - Jim Houston, Jack Headon, Ralph Robson and Christopher McGuiirk- 3rd 2.58.62

Congratulations to everyone on achieving personal bests and to our Junior Boys Relay Team who qualified for the State Carnival. WOW!! Well done also to the Booligal relay team who qualified for the PP6 event.
The NSWPSSA Championships will be held at Homebush on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April.

**District AFL Trials**
Adrian Pascoe, Tom Christensen, Jack Headon, Finn Cullenward, Daniel Stewart and Lachlan Clark participated in the District AFL Trials in Deni today.

**District Soccer Trials**
Congratulations to Beau Hutchison, Reece Deacon, Liam Hayward, Adrian Pascoe, Telesa Cooper, Georgia Booth, Lily Masters and Skye Liburne who have been selected to attend the District Soccer Trials on Friday (9.00am) in Deniliquin (Rotary Park).

**P & C NEWS!**

- **Students** - It's time to save your money, start organising your costumes and sell your raffle tickets for the out of this World Fete. There will be lots of fun activities and games.
- **Small raffle books** will be sent home with each child. It would be appreciated if you could sell these and return to the school by Friday 11th March.
- The raffle now has two extra great prizes– a print by Chris McClelland and another load of wood. That's 7 great prizes to be won by 7 lucky people.
- There will be a prize (pass to enjoy selected fete activities free of charge) for the child who sells the most tickets and all children who return sold books will go in the draw for another prize.
- There will be a **cake stall** at the fete and donations would be very much appreciated.
- Have some extra items lying around home that you no longer need? Donations to the white elephant stall can be left at the kitchen garden or front office.
- Help wanted! The P & C is seeking parents to help man stalls and activities in approximately 1 1/2 hour shifts so we can provide these great activities for the kids and all still enjoy the fete. If you are able to help with a shift, please contact Kylie on 0419 634 037.

**COLLINGWOOD VISIT**

**NO 2 OVAL**

**WED 16TH MARCH**

**10.45AM - 12.15PM**

**Coming Events/ Sporting Dates**

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**FETE UNLIMITED RIDE PASSES**

Pre-Purchase from front office to avoid the line up! $30 first child, $25 second child, $20 per child thereafter from the same family.

**HPS P&C AGM**

Postponed to Thursday 31st March at 2pm in the staffroom.

All welcome
Parents, grandparents and community members are encouraged and welcome to become helpers at the canteen.
A couple of hours in the morning preparing sandwiches, BBQ etc would be most appreciated.
Please call the school for further details.

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

Payment to yellow box in front office

or direct credit details

BSB 032-001 Acc No 141581.

Acc Name– Hay Public School

HAY PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN

Under New Management

Parents, grandparents and community members are encouraged and welcome to become helpers at the canteen.
A couple of hours in the morning preparing sandwiches, BBQ etc would be most appreciated.
Please call the school for further details.

Friday Special Lunch

HOMEMADE Mini Pizza
Ham & Pineapple or BBQ Chicken
Icecream Cup
Popcorn $5.00
Orders by Thursday please

Canteen Birthday Cup Cake
Orders $25.00

CHECK US OUT ON:
WEB ADDRESS: www.hay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au