



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the very first newsletter of 2024. Term 1 is only 9 weeks long and we are almost halfway through already. I don't recall a hotter start to the year during my time in schools. It has been very frustrating for our students. They have not been able to access the outdoor grassed areas during lunch times. Hopefully, we have now seen the last of the extreme heat and we can get back to some normality. We have all been very thankful for our reverse cycled air conditioners that have been installed throughout the school over the past four years. In the last week of 2023, the school took part in a Public School Review. The outcome of the school review is available on the school website. Please take the time to have a look at the report.

Late last year, the School Board conducted a vote for two vacant parent positions. Anne Hauraki was voted in by the school community and there was a tie for the second position. Consequently, we are now conducting a second vote for the one available parent position. Voting slips have gone home and we ask that you drop your voting slip back into the box located in the office prior to Tuesday 27th February. I will notify you of the outcome.

We have started the year nicely with our new Kindy students settling into the classroom well. I have already seen such a difference in the first three weeks with how they have adjusted to the new routines of school.



Our 2024 Kindy Students

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

- Kindy Day
- Yearn & Cuppa before Assembly
- Year 6 Assembly (9am)

FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

- Breakfast Club
- Jump Jam (all students)
- Uniform Shop Open (8.30am-9.30am)
- Drum Corp
- New students commence @ 8am*
- Old students commence @ 8.25am*
- Faction Frozen Friday – P-Y6 (\$2)

MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY

- Breakfast Club
- LEGO Club
- P&C Meeting – Staff Room @ 6pm

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

- Running Club (8.10am)

WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

- Skipping Club – selected students (8am)
- Breakfast Club
- Kindy Day
- Kindy Speech Screening

THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY

- Kindy Day
- Kindy Speech Screening
- Freo Footy Cup (Girls)

FRIDAY 1st MARCH

- Breakfast Club
- Faction Frozen Friday – P-Y6 (\$2)
- Jump Jam (all students)
- Uniform Shop Open (8.30am-9.30am)
- Drum Corp
- New students commence @ 8am*
- Old students commence @ 8.25am*

P & C MEETING
Re-schedule

Monday 26th February
6pm – Staff Room

We have welcomed our new staff to Herne Hill Primary School. Mr Kurt Charlton in Year 3, Miss Caitlin Doeglas in Year 4, our new Chaplain, Stella Jones and Education Assistant, Phoenix Thompson. We have also welcomed a regular to our school, Miss Zoey Grafham who is in Year 1 on a Friday. Welcome to all our new staff.

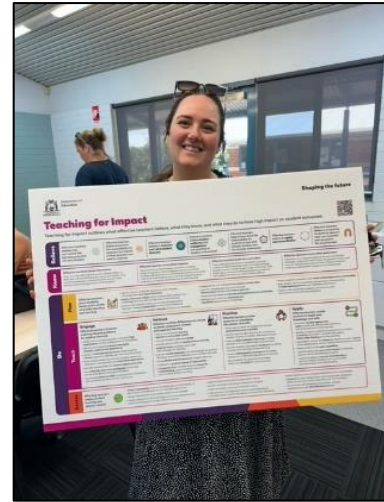
In the two School Development Days before school started, staff used the time to engage with the Teaching for Impact DOE strategy which is being headed up by Mrs McDermott, Diabetes Training, and classroom and phase of learning planning.



Kurt Charlton (Yr 3 teacher)



Caitlin Doeglas (Yr 4 teacher)



Stella Jones (Chaplain)



Phoenix Thompson (EA)

On Tuesday, the Pre-Primary held an information session for parents. It was a great turn out by the PP parents who were able to spend some time with their children in the morning and go through some of the Literacy and Numeracy rotations.

Last Wednesday, Miss Self organised for Fremantle Dockers players to visit the school and conduct a few sessions with classes. This was a great experience for our students to connect with AFL players. Luke Ryan, Michael Walters, Josh Treacy and Brennan Cox were the players who made themselves available to our school. I can't wait for Miss Self to get the West Coast Eagles players here next!!



Pre-Primary information session



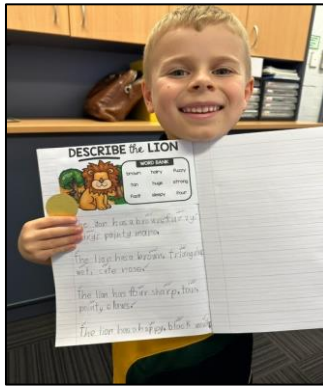
Fremantle Dockers players with the Year 5 Class and Yr 6 super fan, Sophie

Coming up in Term 1 is NAPLAN for Year 3 & Year 5. Mrs O'Leary is our NAPLAN Co-ordinator so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact her. On Thursday 28th March, we will be holding our Parent Teacher Meetings. This will be an opportunity for teachers to provide an indication of where your child is at with their learning. Shortly, booking information will be available on Dojo for you to log in to make a booking. The sessions are 15 minutes long. If you require a lengthier meeting, please make a time with the classroom teacher during their available times.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We have had reticulation issues with the pump on the bore so the grass is not looking its best. I believe it is now back and working. The grass will come back nice and green soon. The Art Storeroom in the Senior Block has been completely re-fitted with new floor, painting, windows, and shelves. This project took over a year to complete due supplier and tradie issues.

Over the first few weeks, I have been lucky enough to have had some students come to the office to show me their work. Students can be sent to me for great work, improvement and for trying their best.



I want to say a big thank to the Oldfield family for donating two large toasters for our Breakfast Club. Thank you so much! These will help get that toast into the mouths of our students a lot quicker.



Chantelle Oldfield dropping off the new toasters for Breakfast Club

Amanda Kelley
PRINCIPAL
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Attendance

2024 TERM 1 ATTENDANCE							
	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
K	100	96	90				
PP	100	98	94				
Yr 1	100	98	98				
Yr 2	100	94	86				
Yr 3	100	98	96				
Yr 4	100	97	95				
Yr 5	99	89	90				
Yr 6	100	96	97				
School	99.87	95.75	93.25				

Please contact the school via text (0437 412 511) or phone (6296 8200) when your child is absent. **DO NOT** communicate absences through class Dojo. Thank you to everyone for texting or contacting the office when your child is absent. Great start to the year with attendance.

90-100%	Attendance is considered regular.
80-89%	Is considered at risk (80% equates to missing 1 day per week.
60-79%	Is considered at moderate risk (60% equates to missing 2 days every week.
0-59%	Is considered severe educational risk.

Mel O'Leary
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sick Students

Please be reminded that if students are unwell, they should be staying home. Health Department are still recommending 5 days isolation for students with COVID. Your co-operation on this would be appreciated. There is a teacher shortage and relief teachers are difficult at times and having large number of students out ill within the classroom impacts the teaching program. Thank you.

EDU-Dance - Term 2

In Term 2, Edu-Dance is back. These are weekly lessons with a concert to be held on Thursday 27th June. The cost is \$29 per student.

If you would like to pay off the Edu-Dance, please see Karen in the office. EFTPOS, bank transfer and Qkr is available for payment.

Dance is part of the curriculum and will be assessed and will be reported on and required by all students.

HHPS Communications Policy

Communication Type	Protocols
Class Dojo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will be available during reasonable working hours. Staff are unable to respond to parents or other staff members when “quiet hours” are set on Class Dojo. • Reasonable schoolwork hours are 7:30am – 3:30pm • Staff will be unavailable to respond to messages on weekends, non-working days and when on leave. • Messages during reasonable work hours will be responded to within 24 hours. • Class Dojo for short messages, any bigger concerns or issues should take place via a phone call, face-to-face meeting or email.
Emails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School staff will respond to emails within 24 hours during reasonable working hours only.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All attendance notifications must go through Admin via: SMS: 0437 412 511 Email: Hernehill.ps@education.wa.edu.au Phone: 6296 8200 • Class Dojo not to be used for attendance communication.
Phone Calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All parent phone calls to staff to go through the office. • Phone to arrange any meetings with staff. A message to reply will be forwarded to the staff member. • Due to staff teaching requirements, staff may not be able to check Class Dojo throughout the day. • If a parent needs to speak to a teacher, please contact Admin.

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting – Re-Schedule

Unfortunately, the P&C were unable to form a committee and hold the meeting last week. Another meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th February at 6pm in the Staff Room. All executive positions have been filled except for Secretary – there were no nominations. The P&C needs to fill all executive positions to have a committee. The P&C provide great support for the students at the school. Without their fundraising efforts the school would not have had subsidised excursions, swimming lessons, resources purchased and recently 10 x iPads were purchased for the school. If you are able to volunteer on the P & C, please come down on Monday and become a member of the P&C. To join it is just a gold coin.



iPads in the Classroom

COMMUNITY NOTICE

COME DOWN AND PLAY

AUSKICK TO YEAR 12.

**BOYS & GIRLS
RON JOSE OVAL
MIDVALE**

FOR REGISTRATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION:
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