



Respect Honesty Pride Success

**EARLY FINISH—2.30pm**  
**THIS FRIDAY - APRIL 4.**

#### **MESSAGE FROM BARB.**

It seems as if we have only begun the term and now we look back and reflect upon the milestones that have confirmed this term as one of the busiest and most successful starts to a school year!

We have celebrated our preps joining our school family and congratulate them, their families and teachers on a smooth transition into school life and supporting their development into lifelong learning. At the senior end of our school, our grade 6 students, teachers and support staff ensured our students embarked upon their leadership development through the three day leadership conference which we know will continue to lead them beyond primary school life.

Staff are to be congratulated as they supported activities that embraced the learning connections between home/ school and the wider school community as we informed parents with information nights, forums and embraced the multitude of cultures that underpin our school as we celebrated and shared activities throughout cultural diversity week.

Our students voice have many platforms in which to be heard loud and clear. Through Student Led Conferences, student led assemblies, class meetings and community groups. Our students have ideas, thoughts, musings and reflections that deserve to be heard on a daily basis!

Staff continue their focus on learning through weekly professional learning sessions that focus upon improving their capacity and therefore the learning outcomes for our students. Prep transition for 2015 is underway which has a dedicated group of teaching and non- teaching staff establishing a robust transition framework that will support new families into our school.

Our families continue to support the school by their contribution to School Council, parent forums, parent as helper's course, fundraising and a willingness to care for the school in a multitude of positive ways. We thank you.

I'd also like to thank parents who have ensured their child/children are on time for school every day. We still have some families who get to school after the bell but I know you will make this your priority for the remainder of the year. Soft start assists our students to be in the room ready for learning by the 9 am bell. Please help us to help you instil good work habits in your child. Learning begins at 8:50 am. Lessons start at 9 am.

#### **Student absences.....an ongoing concern.**

I regret to inform our school community that student absences remain above the state average. On paper each child had 18 days absence from school in 2013. We know we have some students who never miss a day of school...but on average, it equated to 18 days of missed learning. These are absolutely, shocking statistics. The amount of days schooling your child misses from school is reflected in their data and their learning is compromised.

This term alone, the average is 5.3 days per student. If this rate continues, our student absenteeism rates will surpass last year's abysmal statistics. The Education Department is monitoring those families with students who have unexplained absences.

On a happier note, I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday. For those families celebrating Easter, please enjoy this special time of year.

## School Council 2014/2015

School governance is a pivotal component of our school achieving its goals and priorities. Last Monday our new school council met for our first meeting of the year. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The school council supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. At this meeting office bearers were elected and it is with great pleasure that we congratulate Warren Grambau who has been re-elected school council president. Warren has been associated with the school council for approximately 13 years. Congratulations Warren. Our school council vice president was also elected and for the second year congratulations Mark Goodrich who will hold this position. Barb as principal will be the executive officer. All positions are elected by the school council.

### **FORUM: Program for students with disability**

May 16, 2014 9.45—12 noon at Bethal Primary School, Eldorado Crescent, Meadow Heights.

RSVP Maryanne Panucci on 9302 3847 or [panucci.maryanne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:panucci.maryanne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Presenters: Ann Cupples—Senior Disability Officer and Maryanne Panucci DEECD Psychologist/Network co-ordinator

Forum will cover:

- What is Program for Students Disability Program?
- Who is eligible for the Program?
- What are the categories?
- What information is required to support an application for PSD funding?
- What are the common misconceptions
- How can services support and assist

## Hume Central Secondary College

Year 7-9 Open Night  
Wednesday 30 April 2014  
6.00—7.— pm

Applications for 2015 Year 7 enrolments are now open

Open night program at the following venues:  
Blair Street—Year 7 Building  
Dimboola Road—Library

6.00—6.45 General information session

- ◆ Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) Year 7
- ◆ Academic Scholarships

6.45—7.00 pm Guided Tours

Further to this you are invited to see the College Campuses in operation.

Tours are run at Blair Street and Dimboola Road sites on the following days:

- ◆ Wednesday 30 April at 9.15am
- ◆ Thursday 1st May at 9.15am
- ◆ Friday 2nd May at 9.15am

Town Park tour available by appointment only.

Glen Proctor—College Principal  
Karen Andedrson—Dimboola Road Principal 9099 1000  
David Russell—Blair Street Principal 9302 6000  
Irene Iliadis—Town Park Campus Principal 9066 3600  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### APRIL

**FRI 4**

**EARLY FINISH 2.30PM**

**TUES 22**

**TERM 2 commences**

**WED 23**

**Year 2 swimming commences**

**WED 23**

**Responsible Pet Ownership—Preps**

**FRI 25**

**ANZAC DAY—Public Holiday**

**MON 28**

**Parent Forum—NAPLAN—9.15am in Gym Foyer.**





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