Welcome to Stage 2 2016!

Welcome back all students and their families to another great year at HPS! This year Stage 2 consists of four great classes. We welcome Mrs Leggett to HPS who is teaching 3L, Mrs Miller is teaching 3M, Mrs Ayliffe is teaching 4A and Mrs Pike is teaching 5/4P.

We are all excited about the New Year and engaging the students in rich and interesting learning activities.

Stage 2 brings lots of new opportunities to students that they may not have experienced before in previous years. Students in Stage 2 have opportunities to compete in PSSA sporting competitions, attend swimming and athletics carnivals, attend overnight excursions to exciting destinations, learn cursive handwriting skills and much, much more. This is exciting for students and provides great opportunities for them to develop into responsible primary students.

At HPS the teachers work collaboratively to produce learning programs that are consistent across classrooms in each stage. This term Stage 2 students will be learning how to write powerful sentences and persuasive texts, they will be engaging in Karate Maths groups to further develop number skills in Mathematics and will be engaging in a History, Science and Geography unit of work titled ‘Beat the Heat’ where students will be learning about heat, climates, adaptations and how to use heat to achieve a purpose. Students in 5/4P will be also be engaging in such activities, however will be studying Australian colonies and Scientific changes.

On the HPS website you will find a list of resources that Stage 2 students require on a daily basis at school. Please ensure all supplies are clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. Shortly your child will bring home workbooks that require covering. Please cover these books and return them on the following school day. If you are unable to cover the books in this time frame, please return the books regardless with your child and they can be sent home again to be covered. Please see your child’s teacher if there is a problem in covering books.

Over the year events such as sports carnivals, Naplan assessments (Year 3 only), excursions and special occasions will arise. Notes will be sent home informing parents of such events as well as information on our school app, website and in the fortnightly newsletter. Please check these forums regularly to remain updated on what is happening at HPS.

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The **Stage 2 information night** will be held in Week 3 of this term. More information regarding dates and times will be distributed shortly.
This will be an opportunity for the Stage 2 teachers to discuss what students will be learning over the year, events that will take place and answer any questions. Students are welcome to attend this session which will be held in 3M. If you wish to have a meeting with your child’s teacher at any time please contact the office to make an appointment.

Next week homework for students will begin, where students will engage in revising and developing skills such as Spelling, Reading and Mathematics. It is expected that students complete their weekly homework tasks, as well as engaging in daily reading of at least 10 minutes to develop fluency and reading skills.

Weekly sport will commence in Term 1 and students are expected to wear sports uniform of a Friday, including white sneakers. Students require a school bucket hat to participate. These hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. This term Sport in Schools, a buy-in program will visit HPS each Friday engaging students in fundamental movement skills and activities as well as athletic activities in preparation for the school athletics carnival later in the term. Notes regarding costs and information about this program were sent home late 2015. If you require a copy of this note please see the Office.

As in previous years, Mrs Norton will be teaching students in the library. **3L** and **3M** will visit the library on **Tuesdays.** **5/4P** will visit the library on **Wednesdays** and **4A** of a **Thursday.** Students are required to bring their library bags and any books borrowed each week.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in Stage 2 in 2016 and thank you in advance for your support in your child’s learning.

Kind regards the Stage 2 teachers

Alison Miller   Jen Leggett   Anne-Marie Ayliffe   Tahnee Pike

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