Staff allocation reduction
As part of the public service staffing reduction budget strategy implemented by the current government, we have had our teacher staffing allocation reduced by one fulltime teaching equivalent. We have worked hard to minimise the impact on class sizes and programs, but as you would appreciate, this is a challenging scenario, and reduced educational provision will be a result. Some of the additional dollars provided in the increased School Resource Package, as part of the Better Schools Fairer Funding model, will mitigate the impact marginally. We have had to cut the teacher component from our Literacy Support program (0.3 of a full time teacher) and teachers have agreed to the removal of General Teacher Aide support to enable TA support to student literacy and numeracy programs to continue. Miss Cook has opted to work 0.9, so we will also run with a reduced leadership team.

House Names
We have reintroduced our two historical house names (Lyttleton and Dry) and then, through school community consultation, we have identified a third house name. This has been a project involving our school parliament. I wanted to thank Jenny Walters for her assistance as our fantastic “resident historian”. The proposed name, pending family endorsement, is Bennett, in recognition of the long term contribution of Mrs Mata Bennett, who was a matron through the residential Cottage Boys and Girl's era.

Advanced Skills Teacher (AST) Position
The process to select an AST for 2015 onwards (replacing Mr Fleming) has been completed and the successful applicant is Mrs Lauren Beams. We are extremely pleased to have Mrs Beams join us in the New Year.

Agricultural education Lead Teacher Position
Congratulations to Mr Andrew Harris who has been the successful applicant for this position. We are working with our Department’s HR office to appoint a replacement for Andrew.

The Olde Classroom
The Olde Classroom is a wonderful heritage asset to our school, visitor centre and community in general. We have been monitoring its condition in recent times and have had an engineer’s report completed which indicates that significant work is needed to remediate the building. I am pleased to say that funding for this work has been supported by the Department of Education and will be completed in the early part of the year, in readiness for the 150th year celebrations for the original school house.

New Entry Path
This project, in partnership with the Meander Valley Council, has progressed very little since our site visits mid-year and endorsement. Likewise with other promised works such as the entry upgrade, possible relocated play equipment, and MacFarlane’s Lane surface upgrade, which have all stalled.

Continued overleaf
Professional Learning
Our Professional Learning focus this year has focussed on Aboriginal education and literacy, specifically persuasive writing and spelling. We have also been working intensively on our mathematics program. There has been increased support for a greater number of students through the expansion of our Levelled literacy support program.

Centre of Excellence and Lead Teacher Agricultural Education
Mid-year we were excited to have the announcement of support for a Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Education to be based at HFS by the Liberal party as part of their election platform. The support includes a Curriculum Officer, based at HFS, to support connection to industry, development of curriculum resources in response to the Australian Curriculum and delivery of professional learning to Farm school staff and others. Mr Andrew Harris has been the successful applicant for this position. Andrew will be a significant loss to our school but will bring his excellent experience and skills to this role. We are also extremely pleased to have $100,000 to support the improvement of the Environment Centre infrastructure. We have a great partnership with Primary Industries Education Foundation as a Primezone partner to support the implementation of the Australian Curriculum into Hagley and other schools.

Farm and Environment Centre
Visitor numbers were extremely strong again this year with just under 5000 visitors from just over 200 schools. This represents 6461 visitor contact days (taking into account day and camp visitors). This is a great result and congratulations to our hardworking and skilled team at the Centre, Lou Garwood, Anthony Harris and Chris Johns. Our farm has continued to improve its financial return this year. Our goal is to break even but this proves to be a continuing challenge. I would like to publicly thank Matthew Johnson, Pud Gibson and also the farm management group who provide an oversight of our enterprise.

Leaving staff
We are saying goodbye to some of our long serving staff this year. Those retiring include:

Mrs Ginette Thomas, our irreplaceable arts and performance guru and Teacher Assistant extraordinaire; Mrs Mavis Wesley who has, as I understand it, had 78 years of involvement in the school as pupil, mother, grandmother and more recently (15 years or so) as our resident spinning and weaving demonstrator at the Environment Centre an incredible involvement and contribution. Judy Thow our camp kitchen manager for 17 years, Robyn Dickinson our excellent cleaner of all but 20 years and of course Mr Patrick Fleming our AST will all be leaving us this year – I want to share an acrostic poem which I hope captures some of Patrick’s qualities

Personable/Professional/Persistent
Accessible to all
Teacher first and foremost
Retiring but always welcome
Inspired and inspirational
Caring and considered
Kind and Thoughtful

A huge thanks to the following people!!
To our outgoing P and F executive so capably led by Patsy Graham. To Olivia Johnston and her new team for taking on the challenge. To Seona Findlay for her 5 years of passionate leadership of our Garden Program. To Sheree Butler-Bryan, one of our cleaning team, who is leaving us, many thanks for your contribution to our school.
In the interests of brevity, I would just like to recognise our incredibly dedicated and hardworking staff, in particular Sharyn Cook, Patrick Fleming and Andrew Harris for their outstanding educational leadership. Also to Carol Spencer who manages the challenges of 3 financial entities (Farm, Environment Centre and School) and the staffing challenge of 57 employees.

Last comments are directed to our fantastic students who have demonstrated some great improvements in learning across the breadth of the curriculum. Congratulations on a brilliant 2014! To our school community thank you for your support and have a safe and enjoyable festive season and tremendous start to 2015.

Kind Regards,
Mick
EARLY CHILDHOOD CHURCH SERVICE

On Thursday 18th December, children from Prep to Year 2 will go to the Hagley church for our annual church service. If the weather is kind, we will walk through the paddocks to reach the church, and so your child may need to take hay fever medication that morning if they have allergies. While parents may attend, it is a very small church, and there is only space for a few extra adults.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your children an enjoyable Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Regards, Sharyn Cook

NEWS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

Last week Environment Centre Staff farewelled Mrs Mavis Wesley and Mrs Judith Thow.

Judith has worked in the kitchen preparing meals for our visitors over a period of 17 years. All have appreciated the meals especially prepared to the Hagley 'recipe'. Mavis has worked with children visiting our Environment Centre for 27 years (we think). Her role in showing children the skills of spinning and weaving with different fibres is a key activity of the Cottage Industries experience. Mavis has worked tirelessly and with great patience at times, to give each child a part of the activity. The Hagley School community and in particular the Environment Centre Staff, sincerely thank Mavis for her dedication and commitment.

Anthony Harris, Lou Garwood and Chris Johns

LIBRARY NEWS

Book returns – Thank you to all students who have returned their library books. As of this morning we still have 70 student loans outstanding. If your child brings home a note about an overdue book please help them have a good search for the missing book/s and contact the library if you have any problems locating it. Well done to the following classes who have returned all of their books – Kinder Homan (1st to have all books back), Prep R/A, Prep/1B, 3/4G.

Yearly Statistics – Total number of student loans for 2014 – over 13,000! That’s an average of 32.5 books per student. In addition staff borrowed over 8000 books many of which were used in classrooms by students for reading and research.

Hour of Code – Last week a number of Primary classes participated in the Hour of Code during their library lessons. This international promotion has been designed to encourage children to learn about Computer Science, one aspect of which is learning how to code or program computers. To find out more go to www.hourofcode.com/au

We hope you enjoy some reading time with your family over the holidays – The library team; Mrs Jessica Marston (Teacher-Librarian), Mrs Martha McQueen (Library-Technician) and Mrs Robyn Shean (Library-Technician).

UNIFORM SHOP

We have had a large demand for second hand school dresses, in particular small sizes. Should you have any you wish to sell please bring them along during Book Sales next year and we will be happy to sell them for you

Bernadette Clarke
Prep—Grade 2 Award Recipients

Prep Garwood
Award
Jorjah Cleary - A conscientious student who is enthusiastic and passionate about learning.
Certificate
Caden Mitchell – A considerate and focused student who has a positive attitude towards learning.

Prep Morgan
Award
Jackson Walker – A conscientious and persistent student who has shown a significant improvement in all areas
Piper Lowe – A focused and diligent student with a positive attitude towards learning and her peers.
Certificate
Fiona Batterham – a positive and responsible student who displays kindness and generosity of spirit
Lily Clark – a responsible student with a caring and generous spirit

Prep Richardson/Ankin
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Prep/1 Bailey
Award
Bridie Findlay – a considerate and focused student who is actively involved in all aspects of school life
Brad Chenery – a self-motivated and responsible student who is an excellent role model for others
Certificate
Ella Minchin – achieving a high academic standard across the curriculum
Camden Munro – a hard working student who demonstrates persistence in his learning

1/2 Jacob Miller/Harris
Award
Hunter Palfreyman – an enthusiastic and dedicated student who always displays a positive attitude towards learning
Ty Williams – a positive and enthusiastic learner who always gives of his best
Certificate
Mikayla Bernes – For making wonderful progress in her learning this year
Meika Donnelly – A kind and caring student who is always willing to assist her peers

1/2 Moore
Award
Abi Nichols – A positive and hard-working student who has developed confidence in her own abilities
Alec Harris – A self-motivated learner who has achieved excellent results in all areas.
Certificate
Beau Henry – An enthusiastic learner with a positive outlook and approach towards all his work
Sophie Batterham – Improvement across all areas and a positive attitude towards learning;

1/2 Steriovich/Tyers
Award
Mischa Campbell - A kind and considerate student who tries her best in all learning areas
Hayley O'Callaghan – A positive and responsible learner who tries her best in all learning areas
Certificate
Laura Case – Completing her work to a high standard and improvement in all aspects of school life
Riley Prewer – Always displaying a positive attitude towards his school work

2 Korpershoek
Award
Maddison Bennett – A thoughtful and kind student who always gives of her best
Rihanna McDonald – Consistent application and improvement in all areas of the curriculum
Certificate
Hailee Blenkhorn – Application and commitment to improve her literacy skills
Lachlan McIntee – For consistent application and improvement in all areas of the curriculum

Kate Kolodjasnij Award
George Gibson and Sarah Ferguson
Grade 3-Grade 5 Award Recipients

Grade 3/4 Daalder Award
Solomon Clarke – A conscientious student who has achieved excellent academic standards
Benjamin Findlay – Excellent academic achievement in all curriculum areas

Grade 3/4 Donald Award
Jesse Eames – A conscientious and responsible student who has achieved excellent results in Mathematics.
James Badcock – A positive and self-motivated learner who has achieved a high academic standard

Grade 3/4 Gray Award
Daniel Douglas – Excellent Application and academic achievement
Kate Antunovich – a self-motivated and enthusiastic student with an outstanding attitude towards learning

Grade 3/4 Lawes/Preece Award
Amber Brazendale – Consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning, resulting in steady improvements in all areas.
Niekaylah Binns – A positive and enthusiastic student who has developed confidence and resilience throughout the year

Grade 5 Eyles/Ryan Award
John Cummins – An excellent role model who always displays a positive attitude
Chloe Smith – A thoughtful and considerate person who always gives her best

Grade 5 Gardiner Award
Lucy Graham – A conscientious self-motivated learner who has achieved high academic success
Hollie Singline – A self-motivated learner who has consistently worked hard in all areas of the curriculum

Grade 5 Johnson Award
Tom Stylianou – Positive attitude and focused application to learning
Tyson Campbell – Consistent application and academic progress

Grade 5 Tyson Award
Danielle O’Kane – A caring, helpful student who shows consideration for others and approaches learning in an enthusiastic manner
Casey Waterworth – A conscientious and responsible student with an outstanding attitude towards learning
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**2014 Grade 6 Presentations**
DATES TO REMEMBER

December
Wed 17th  Pool Parties
  11.10 - Prep M, Prep/1 Bailey
  11.55 - Prep R/A
Thurs 18th  Grade 6 Leaver’s Dinner 6.30pm
Fri 19th  Last Day for Staff

Janurary
Book Sales
28th & 29th  9.00am-1.30pm both days

March
17th  Hagley Athletic Carnival
27th  NMPSSA Athletic Carnival

HOUSE POINTS

This Week
1st  Red  5 points
2nd  Yellow  4 points
3rd  Green  3 points

OVERALL
1st  Red  122 points
2nd  Yellow  104 points
3rd  Green  95 points

January
Book Sales
28th & 29th  9.00am-1.30pm both days

March
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27th  NMPSSA Athletic Carnival

LOST & FOUND
At the NM swimming carnival a pair of navy sz 10 ‘champion’ shorts were taken by mistake, this child is also missing a pair of sz 14 black ‘champion’ shorts. Could you please check your child’s wardrobe to make sure your child took home the right shorts. Please return to the office if found.

CANTEEN
Thursday 18th December
Chicken Burger  $2.50
(plain or with lettuce/mayo)
Dixie Cup  $1.00
(gluten free)

Recess Sales
Vege Chips  90c  Popcorn  60c
Ovalteenies  90c  Yoghurt Frogs  10c
Fruit Juice  $1.50  Flavoured Milk  $1.50
Yoghurt straws  20c

2015 Term Dates
Term 1
Wednesday 4th Feb— Wednesday 1st April
Term 2
Monday 20 April—Friday 3rd July
Term 3
Tuesday 21 July—Friday 25th September
Term 4
Monday 12th October—Thursday 17th December

* Please note these may be subject to change
2015 MEANDER VALLEY YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Available for 12 to 25 y.o.’s. Participants MUST register. There are limited places. Parents/guardians need to fill in the annual registration form and relevant consent form.

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PHOENIX BASKETBALL CLUB

Are you interested in playing basketball in 2015?
Please contact Jenny Sparks at info@phoenixbasketball.com.au or on 0418 348 233

BRACKNELL PRIMARY OUTSIDE SCHOOL VACATION CARE—JANUARY 5TH TO FEBRUARY 3RD

INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE ON BOTH THESE PROGRAMS

ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP TROPHY TOUR 2015

Date: Tuesday, 20 January 2015
Time: 8.00am – 10.30am
Location: Westbury
Address: Westbury Sports Ground
Participants will have the opportunity to get their photo taken with the ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy, test their batting and bowling skills and show their support to the 14 nations competing in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.