From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 are working hard to minimise the impact on class sizes and programs but as you would appreciate, this is challenging, 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 help mitigate the impact. 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 forego General Teacher Aide support to enable TA support to student literacy and numeracy programs to continue. This will reduce support to teachers both administratively and in terms of student support for additional learning activities within the class room. Miss Cook has opted to work 0.9 so we will also run with a reduced Leadership team and the AST role will now include some literacy support to help offset the reductions. Please note also that we have dropped in enrolment numbers meaning one less class in the model for 2015. This was mainly due to a very unusually low enrolment in our kinder this year. Kinder numbers are much higher for 2015 and are back to their usual pattern.

Garden Program
Mrs Seona Findlay has informed us that she is unable to continue beyond 2014 after 5 years of volunteer involvement with the Hagley Farm School Vegetable Garden. We are highly indebted to Seona for her passion, enthusiasm, knowledge and skills which have been pivotal in sustaining the Garden classroom. Her capacity to find funds and donated items is incredible and so many of our students have benefitted overtime from her involvement. Many thanks Seona!

Northern Midlands Swimming Representatives
Congratulations to our students who performed so well at our NM carnival last week!! Congratulations also to the children who were selected in the Honorary Northern Midlands Swimming Team: Adam, Misha, Lochie, Chloe, Hollie, Zakk, Rupert and Kate.

Kind Regards,
Mick
HAGLEY HOUSE NAMES
Thank you to everyone that participated in our quest to find a third house name. The votes have been counted and Bennett (after Mrs N. O. E. Bennett also known as Mata Bennett) has come out in front.
Our School Parliament executive will meet in coming days to match a colour (Red, Yellow, Green) with one of the names (Dry, Lyttleton, Bennett).
Andrew Harris
Acting AST

KINDER PREP CONCERT
Last Thursday we were treated to a wonderful morning’s entertainment as the Kinder Prep classes performed their concert items. It was lovely to see such a large audience gather in our gym to watch the students perform. All of the items were highly entertaining, and the students clearly enjoyed themselves (except for a few nerves!). I would like to pay tribute to the teachers, teacher assistants and other supporting adults who helped the students with their performance – I’m sure all those who were there would agree that it was a great success. Well done everyone.
Sharyn Cook

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME (STAS) 2015
If you are a current 2014 recipient of STAS you do not need to reapply. Families who have been in receipt of STAS should be soon receiving correspondence directly from the Department advising them if they have been approved or not for STAS. STAS application forms are available from the school office for new enrolments or for families whose circumstances have changed and wish to apply.

INCOME TEST FOR THE SCHEME - TAXABLE INCOME TABLE 2013-14

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* For more than 8 children, add $132 per week or $6,856 per annum for each additional dependent.
# Gross Taxable Income

THANK YOU FROM LIONS CLUB OF WESTBURY
Lions Club of Westbury would like to thank the many families that sent in their old prescription glasses to the school office. Last year Australians gave over 300,000 pairs for people in Africa, Papua, East Timor and Pacific Rim and Islands. The glasses are tested, cleaned, graded, sorted and packed and given to people in need. Many thanks to all.
Anthony Harris
STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

One of our Year 3 students, Amber joined her piano teacher Chris Murray at the Launceston Church Grammar School for a piano soiree on Saturday 22nd November. Mr Murray told us that Amber played beautifully.

Library News

Books due back – a reminder to all students that library books are due back now. Which class will be the first to return all of their books?

Library Committee Meeting

The Library Committee met last week; thank you to Michelle Clarke, Francisca Cummins, Maree Smith, Martha McQueen and Robyn Shean for joining me for a very productive meeting. Thank you also to Leanne Arnott who will be continuing on as a Library Committee member, and Caroline Clarke who will join the committee for 2015.

During our meeting we took time to thank our wonderful library volunteers; Caroline Clarke and Maree Smith. These ladies have both put in many hours covering books during the year and we are so grateful for the time and effort they put into this task.

Happy reading from the library team – Mrs Jessica Marston (Teacher-Librarian), Mrs Martha McQueen (Library Technician) and Mrs Robyn Shean (Library Technician)

SCRIPTURE

Scripture Classes have now finished for the year. I would like to thank all the students that participated in the Scripture Program and look forward to seeing you again next year. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year from Fr Terry Yard, Rev Stephen Howard, Sister Maria and Francisca Cummins.
**CANTEEN**

Thursday 11th December  
Hot Dog in a roll $2.00  
Banana Paddle Pop $1.30

Tuesday 16th December  
Salad Roll $2.50  
(Ham, lettuce, cheese & carrot)  
Chocolate Paddle Pop $1.30

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

**HOUSE POINTS**

This Week  
1st Red 11 points  
2nd Yellow 8 points  
3rd Green 5 points

**OVERALL**  
1st Red 117 points  
2nd Yellow 100 points  
3rd Green 92 points

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**December**  
Wed 10th Grade 5/6 Concert 7pm  
(ticketed event)  
Fri 12th Service Awards Assembly-9.30am  
Mon 15th Grade 6 Church Service  
15-17th End of Year Pool Parties  
Tues 16th Presentation Assemblies  
Wed 17th Grade 6 Leaver’s Dinner  
Thurs 18th Last Day for Students  
Early Childhood Church Service  
Fri 19th Last Day for Staff

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
Life Centre Music School

- a stimulating music program for children 3 months to 10 years. We are now taking enrolments for 2015. Visit www.lifecentremusic.com.au or ph. Natalie on 0448517719

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5th January - 3rd February

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