

Holroyd News

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you recently at the parent-teacher night. I appreciate the time you set aside to meet the staff working with your child this year. I also want to thank the staff for extending their work day to meet with you.

You will be invited to attend the Individual Education Plan meeting which includes the review of support needed by your child to participate in learning; transport provision (if required); health care plans (if required); and behaviour support plans (if required).

Please take advantage of this opportunity to work with the school to maximise your child's learning. You and your child's teacher have detailed knowledge about your child and we are always the most successful when we can work together. This meeting is also a good opportunity to discuss any therapy your child may be having.

Attendance at school is compulsory. The hours between 9.00am and 3.00pm are for educational instruction. While the school wishes to support students in receiving therapy services I request that you book therapy sessions out of school hours. I will, on a case by case basis, consider requests for a therapist to work in the school with your child, provided that it is supporting the educational program and is not disrupting the classroom routines or the learning of other students. Teachers cannot be distracted from their role of teaching the entire class. All requests for therapy visits to school must be made in writing by you, the parent. Booking ongoing therapy sessions during school time will also result in the student being marked 'absent – unapproved leave' on the attendance register. An occasional visit to a therapist during school hours, for example, for an initial assessment is acceptable. I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

There are some upcoming events that you may want to lock into your calendar. The Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC) is hosting the second community expo on Thursday 15th March, here in the school hall. Margarita and Anisha from CMRC have again managed to draw together a range of community support agencies that may be able to assist in supporting you and your family. The primary school will be having an Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 29th March. You are most welcome to join us then. Details of these events will be sent out shortly.

Until next time,

Anne Flint

Principal

P&C REPORT

Hi to all Holroyd School parents,

The P&C continues to work hard to assist the school and support links between parents and school staff. We would love to see more parents involved in activities such as fundraising and helping out at school events. If you have any time to assist please let our P&C know by contacting me on 0438 530 531 or at holroydschoolpc@gmail.com.

Some of the major events planned for this semester include:

Purple Day (Epilepsy Action Australia) - last day of Term 1. We will be collecting a gold coin donation and students will be encouraged to come to school in mufti clothing.

Mother's day stall - students will have the opportunity to purchase little gifts for their mums, grand -mums and carers. We are also organising a raffle and looking for donations. If you know of any business owners that may be willing to donate items please let me know. Finally I would like to thank Hamida, Nicole, Lia, Antonios, Kesh, Lisa, Julie, Jo and Joshica for their amazing effort and support in all our activities. We look forward to organising many more activities this year.

Until next time, Gricel Mendez, P&C President

SCHOOL EVENTS

MARCH		
Thursday 15th	Community Migrant Resource Centre Exhibition Holroyd School Hall	
Wednesday 21st	Harmony Day	
Thursday 29th	Easter Hat Parade [Junior School]	
Friday 30th	Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
APRIL		
Monday 2nd	Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Friday 13th	Last day of Term 1. PURPLE DAY [Gold coin donation]	

Thank you to all the families that joined us for our welcome dinner on Tuesday 20 February. It was a great opportunity for families to meet teachers and support staff, visit classrooms, learn more about their child's daily school routine and understand school procedures.

Greetings from \$14

Teresa, Tracy and Kirily welcome six students to \$14 this year. Mariam, Awel, Rose, Renas, Hayatollah and Montathar have all settled in well to the new school year after the long summer break.

This semester we will be exploring our senses in the unit of work titled 'The Needs of Living Things'. We will also share a garden and goldfish aquarium with our fellow students in order to better understand what plants and living creatures need for survival.

Our week in \$14 is very busy. In addition to our daily mobility program, we participate in a variety of curriculum-based learning activities, including sensory art; cooking and tasting; and relaxation through sensory activities such as music and lights. We also enjoy time outdoors on the liberty swing.

One of our favourite activities is our weekly music sessions, which allow students to hear a variety of music and sounds, as well as see and feel a wide-range of instruments.

We also really enjoy the freedom of warm water to relax our bodies in our weekly hydrotherapy sessions in the school swimming pool.



We are all looking forward to another exciting year in \$14. Bye for now!

From Mariam, Awel, Rose, Renas, Hayatollah, Montathar, Teresa,

Tracy and Kirily.

Hello from J1

Students in J1 have had an enjoyable and very busy start to the year. We have had a wonderful time welcoming the Year of the Dog and learning about the traditions behind Lunar New Year, such as the colourful and noisy dragon dances and red envelope gift giving.

During art lessons, we have enjoyed creating sculptures of dogs and dragons using paint and a variety of textured materials including coloured pipe cleaners, cardboard tubes, egg cartons and stickers.









The use of technology during class lessons enables our students to achieve independence and meet learning goals. This includes the touch screen on the interactive white board; as well as different switches, which enable students to operate toys and engage with computer programs.







We are also enjoying our time outside the classroom, including weekly music lessons with our friends in J2 in the music room; hydrotherapy sessions in the school swimming pool; and fun on the liberty swing and other outdoor equipment.







It has been exciting getting to know our new classmates, staff and routines. We are grateful to the support staff and fellow students who support us in our learning. We are looking forward to an enjoyable 2018.

Until next time, Tyler, Adam, Eyman, Karam, Amir, Ibrahim, Helen and Sue



We are in urgent need of shorts and tracksuit pants in decent, pre-loved condition, in sizes 4 to 12, to boost our emergency supply of back-up clothing. Please send your donations to the school office, clearly labelled 'clothing donation'.

Your generosity is most appreciated!

News from S26

Hello and welcome to \$26.

We have had a great start to the 2018 school year. We welcomed new student Reyaz to Holroyd School; and Hannah, Zhiming and Mario to Year 7 and high school. Fellow class mates Kiara,

Vincent, Abdulkarim and Khoder have shown kindness in helping familiarise our new students with the high school grounds and class routines.

One of our favourite weekly activities is spending time bowling with our peers in S27 and students from Youth Off The Streets. It has been wonderful to see the friendships between all the students strengthen each week.

We also participate in gymnastics with our friends in J9 (Alegra, Hanyu, Jamie, Laya, Lewis, Zayd and Zoe) each week. We enjoy this peer support session, which allows us to be 'big brothers and sisters' to our younger friends in primary school. We help one another to learn, follow the Holroyd School Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) rules, and practise turn-taking and sharing skills.

Another weekly highlight is our fun cooking session. We have already learnt how to make pizzas, fried rice and mini quiches. Our classroom smells delicious every Wednesday!

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting 2018. Until next time, Khoder, Hannah, Kiara, Vincent, Reyaz, Abdulkarim, Zhiming, Mario, Terese, Dorothy and Michelle













Kindergarten Welcome

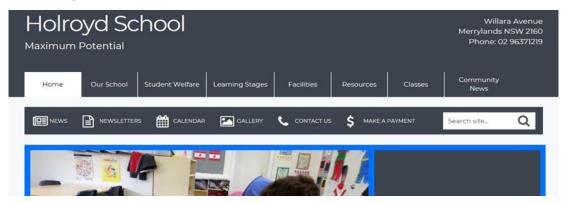
We warmly welcome our eleven kindergarten students and their families to Holroyd School this year. It has been a busy first few weeks with children getting to know their new environment, establishing routines and making new friends. We are very pleased with the progress each child has made as they transition into school life. We wish you all a long and happy association with our school.





HOW TO PAY HOLROYD SCHOOL INVOICES ONLINE

1. Log onto the school website: http://www.holroyd-s.schools.nsw.edu.au/



2. Click on the MAKE A PAYMENT button. This will take you to the Westpac Site.

3. Complete the following fields:

Given Name (student's first name)
Surname (student's surname)
Class or Year (student's class name)
Date of Birth (Student's date of birth)
Payer details (all the fields)
Payment Options (please choose the relevant box)

4. Click Next

NOTE: Only fields marked with a GREEN * (asterisk) are mandatory.

5. You will then be taken to this secure payment window.

THIS WILL BE THE AMOUNT YOU ARE PAYING.

Complete all the mandatory fields (those marked with a GREEN *)

- 6. Continue by clicking NEXT until the payment is complete.
- 7. You will receive an online payment receipt, which should be kept for future reference, if required.

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.
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* Contact Phone Number	

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