What a great start to the year. Well done to our families, students and staff for making sure everyone was here on time and ready to go.

With Prep students attending school on a part-time basis over the first few weeks of Term One, I am sure it will take a little time for them to adjust to five full days in March. We hope they all have a great time as they settle into school this week.

**Newsletter to be emailed**

Would you prefer your newsletter to be emailed each fortnight? If so contact the office staff as soon as you can.

**School Photos**

The school photos will be taken on Thursday 11th May.

**Arrival Time and Safety**

We are experiencing an increase in student numbers arriving at school from 8.05am. Staff are on duty from 8.30am and gates are opened at the same time. Your child is at risk when arriving at school prior to 8.30am. Where exceptional circumstances are presented an arrangement may be made with me and the classroom teacher to accommodate these needs. Please make an appointment with me where necessary and for safety reasons ensure your child is not at school prior to 8.30am.

**Security**

Our school has been given the opportunity to upgrade our security system, so measures will be taken to increase lighting, CCTV cameras will be installed and direct contact with security personal will be available to us. Reducing theft and keeping our community safe is an absolute priority therefore I welcome this measure.
### Netball
Anyone who is in grades 3-6 and wishes to play Saturday netball needs to see Mrs. Perry on Monday.

### Hats
As we are a sun smart school hats are required to be worn from September the 1st.

### Sausage Sizzle
We will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on February 10th at lunchtime. Order forms have gone home and are available in the office.

### Prep News
A reminder that prep children do not come to school on a Wednesday for the month of February.

### School Council
Thank you to the following parents/carers for your nominations to become a part of our School Council – Sonia V (President) Lee M, Toni H, Belinda D, Sean H, Donna R, Tara K and Racheal W. The first meeting to attend is March 23 2017 in the staffroom, starting at 3.45.

### Pokemon Cards / Toys
It appears the re-introduction of these cards and toys from home are causing angst throughout the school between students. It would be best to leave these cards and toys at home to prevent them being lost at school as staff are unable to action any follow-up. Please talk with your child and let them know trading of the cards cannot take place at school nor will gifting be acceptable. The DET policy states that you bring personal items to school at your own risk.

### Book Packs
Congratulations to all our families who have received their book packs by paying in full or registering for Centrepay. These students are now in the weekly draw to win a mystery prize. Our first WINNERS are: Kegan and Shay L-M.

Ways to pay – Centrepay, Cash, EFTPOS, payment plans…please see Kristie and Sue to arrange payment.

### Drink Bottles
As the weather is heating up again, please make sure your child has a drink bottle full of water to bring to school. Drinking plenty of water throughout the day helps to keep everyone hydrated.

Enjoy the weekend! Stay cool.

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal
By Harley Barnett

A Word from Ms Ryan

Congratulations to Jataya-Jade in 1/2B on the arrival of her baby brother Seth Trent.

Happy birthday to Caleb L, Owen C, Cooper S, Kaylee S and Lexie L.

We hope you had a wonderful day.

If you have any special celebrations, please let Ms Ryan or Sue in the office know.

We would love to share your news.
The Eaglehawk Junior Football Club is seeking players in all age groups for the 2017 season. As well as having sides in under 9, under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and Youth Girls (under 18), in 2017 we have the opportunity to also field girls sides in under 12 and under 15. If you are interested in playing, please come along to our Season Launch Day at California Gully Oval on Sunday 19th February 2017 between 11.00am and 1.00pm. Enquiries to Gavin Parkes, Secretary, on 0448 374 455 or eaglehawk.jfc@gmail.com.

White Hills Junior Football Club Registration Night for season 2017

We welcome all current and new players for 2017 season. Registration night will be held at the White Hills Football Ground (Scott Street) on **Wednesday, 22nd February 2017, 4.00pm - 6.00pm**. We will be registering Teams in all junior grades. For further information visit our website or call Nigel Lewis on 0409022275. You can also register your interest to play by email to the club whjfclub@gmail.com

Prep needs your help…

If you have any clean empty boxes/ cardboard tubes/ plastic containers/ plastic lids (such as milk bottle lids) of any size at home that you are not using we would love them to be donated to the prep room for construction. Please note due to health regulations we can not use toilet roll tubes.

Calendar of events:

**Tuesday February 14** - Swimming 3/4 12:35 - 2pm
**Tuesday February 21** - Swimming 3/4 12:35 - 2pm
**Tuesday February 28** - Swimming 3/4 12:35 - 2pm
**Monday March 6** - Biocats Grade 4/5
**Tuesday March 14** - Wednesday Grade 5/6 camp
**Tuesday March 21** – Harmony Day
**Friday March 31** - Cross Country

Last day of term 1 Friday March 31st