Hannans Road - Learning for Life

Thursday 11 February 2016

**Student Leaders**

Many student leadership opportunities are available at Hannans Road and the most visible of these are our School Leaders and our House Captains. We elected our School Leaders in 2015 and introduce them to our new parents and students in the photo below.

From left to right: James Huang (Captain), Holly Mirfin (Captain), Susana Fakaosi (School Leader), Feng Zhu (Vice Captain), Nafsan Ibrahim (School Leader) and Demi Mallouk (Vice Captain)
This week we also elected students to lead our sports houses. Congratulations to the students pictured below for their election to the position of House Captain.

From left to right: Benjamin Lin (Macquarie), Dahlia Ghneifer (Phillip), William Kakuleni (Flinders) Laiba Khan (Sturt) Gamaa Bushara (Phillip) Hunee Elabbas (Macquarie) Noah Charide (Sturt) and Clarissa Cheow (Flinders)

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**Chinese and Lunar New Year**

This Friday during our whole school assembly we will be acknowledging Chinese New Year with special performances. Mr Li will lead our students in a traditional dragon dance including drumming. Parents are encouraged to join us for this important cultural event which starts at the new assembly time of 2:45pm.

**Reminder- Swimming Carnival**

Our swimming carnival is scheduled for Wednesday 17 February at Peakhurst West Indoor Swimming Centre. Permission notes for this event have been sent home and need to be returned by Monday 15 February. Parents are most welcome to meet us at the venue to support this event. If you have not returned your permission note please do so as soon as possible to ensure your child can attend.
Student attendance

For students to have success with their learning they must attend school consistently. Some absences are unavoidable, however every effort should be made to ensure students attend school on gazetted school days. The list below provides some acceptable and unacceptable absence examples:

**Acceptable**
- Unavoidable medical, specialist or dental appointments (Try to encourage appointments outside school hours, or close to home time.)
- Religious holidays
- Urgent family situation (E.g. funerals)
- Sick or infectious disease (E.g. conjunctivitis)

**Unacceptable**
- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding siblings/other children/older relatives
- Minor family events (birthdays)
- Hair cuts
- Weather conditions: Rainy/Windy/Hot
- Frequent car problems
- Frequent late train/bus
- Airport/Visitors from overseas or other states
- Other member of the family is sick
- Hospital visits to relatives or friends
- Head Lice (This can be treated effectively at home after school)

If you are unsure whether you should send your child to school please contact your child’s class teacher or the office.

**Reminder - P&C Meeting**

At 2:00pm on Tuesday February 16 our P&C will hold the Annual General Meeting followed by the election of the P&C committee. This meeting will be held in Room 5 (next to 3/4T) and all parents are encouraged to attend.

**Active Afterschool Sport**

Afterschool sport will commence next week for those students who have been accepted into the program. Unfortunately demand for places always exceeds supply and many students miss out. Students who have been accepted will receive written notification of this and those students who missed out will be given priority for the program in Term 2.

Dan Sprange
Principal