Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

It has been a busy start to the year and we are now well and truly underway. It’s been a pleasure to watch all of the students as they become increasingly mature, independent and confident both in the yard and in the classroom.

We are also excited to be starting to advertise our school in The Leader and offer tours for future families during our Open Day on March 18th. We have an excellent school with capable children and a challenging curriculum, and look forward to growing even more in 2017. If you have any friends or family who may be looking to enrol, please encourage them to contact the school office in order to book a tour. There will also be a special lunch for our current families (please see the 3/4 section for more detail), as a way of saying ‘thank you’ for your continued support.

Warm Regards,

Jacqui Bosman

Important News

Media Interest in HNPS

Keep an eye and ear out for Hoa Nghiem Primary School in the media. Residents of the Greater Dandenong Area should grab a copy of this week’s Leader local newspaper. Hoa Nghiem Primary school was covered in an article (pictured below) as well as an advertisement. See if you can spot some familiar faces! Additionally, Ms Bosman will be appearing on a radio interview this afternoon (22 February) on 3AW Drive with Tom Elliott at 4:30. Tune in at 693AM.

We are so pleased at the interest we have received, a testament to our unique education and philosophy model!

Important Announcement

Last week your child went home with a uniform order form for extra uniform and winter uniform.

Due to our small numbers it is difficult to take orders in an ad-hoc fashion so we ask that all orders be submitted on Thursday 29th February.
Farewell to Miss Bui

This week is Miss Bui’s final week working in the office of Hoa Nghiem Primary School. She has been helping out with the school’s initial stages and start up. We are sad to see her go and she will be missed!

Sister Thich Phuoc Uyen will continue to work at school and will be your contact in the office.

News From the Classroom

F-2 News

Recently, our class has learnt about mutual consideration and respect with. Everybody came up with ideas about what kindness looks like and sounds like and are actively taking up the behaviour in the classroom and in the play yard!

We have also established our buddy program with the 3/4s with opportunities for shared play and learning.

3/4 News

We are always busy in the 3/4 classroom, and the last two weeks have been no exception: from getting our first set of homework to creating story maps and much more! In Maths, we have had a big focus on understanding place value and reading six and seven digit numbers correctly. Place value is an incredibly important part of Maths, because without it we cannot correctly understand or solve questions that use addition, subtraction, multiplication or division.

Being a small school, the 3/4s get many leadership opportunities. This will help them grow into responsible and respectful citizens, and I hope that you are seeing some of that at home! There are two big events that the 3/4s are planning for this term, which will also be a part of their assessment:

School Athletics Carnival: The 3/4s are planning an athletics carnival to be held on the last day of Term 1. In pairs, they are working to come up with games that are fun for all ages, but also suitable for the younger children to play. This means that they must be mindful of the fact that some skills are harder for younger children, think about making clear rules and also plan how a game will be supervised so that there are no injuries.

Healthy Lunch: We have been learning a great deal about healthy eating choices during this term. To demonstrate their knowledge, the 3/4 class will be taking over the canteen on Friday, March 18th. They will be preparing some foods for visitors to our Open Day, as well as making lunch for the school. Families will also be invited to this lunch, so please look for an invitation to come home with your child in the next few weeks.

School Council

On 10th February we called for parent self-nominations for the Hoa Nghiem Primary School Council.

The nomination period has since closed and we have received a nomination for Ms Ngoc Yen Tran.

As the total number of nominations has not exceeded the number of positions, we will not conduct an election and Ms Tran will be the sole parent member on the council.