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On Monday we held our Annual General Meeting of school council. Keep an eye on the newsletter for information about each of our members but we are pleased to inform you that our members are:

Parents/Guardians
Pauline Pendrick, Louise Perrett, Libby Miles, Amanda Collins, Emma Brooks, Craig Johnsey, Michelle Peverill,

Community Reps
Rachael MacKrell, Daryl Cooper

Staff
Lauren Meredith, Emma Wragge, Joan Keil

For 2016 our elected school council position holders are:

President: Pauline Pendrick
Vice-president: Amanda Collins
Treasurer: Daryl Cooper
Vice Treasurer: Louise Perrett

The school Annual Report was presented at the meeting and will soon be available on the school website, the closed Facebook page and from the office. Please let us know if you would like one sent home.

We also discussed and ratified our main focus areas for the year as we went through and discussed our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). Schools are required to identify their main foci that slot under the headings of Student Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing. While there is still a focus on all areas of the curriculum our main goals for the year will be improving our student outcomes in number and creating a positive climate for learning. We will be linking with other schools in the Wellington Cluster to explore and implement the features of Growth Mindset and the impact the philosophy can have on learning, self-esteem, positive thinking. We will be reflecting on our teaching and learning processes and the ways in which we support our students. We want to create stronger links between home and school and develop a deeper partnership between teachers and families.

All of these goals will fit within our aim which is to work with families so that our students leave our school with empathy, compassion, initiative, perseverance, and a strong sense of self-worth. We want them to be successful self-managers with a sense of justice and a willingness to give back to their community. We want them to have a sense of pride knowing that they have worked hard to achieve the highest personal results they can. We want them to leave with memories of good times, good friends, and a readiness to take on the world.

Thank you to everyone for the support this term in all activities, classrooms, excursions, special programs, working bees and for just letting our teachers know when something is working. Good luck with the raffle ticket selling. Someone from our community will sell the winning ticket – maybe your family will be enjoying sunny Queensland before you know it.

Have a happy and safe holiday. We will see you all back on Monday 11 April.
Family & Friends News

Major Raffle
Family & Friends are running a raffle and the major prize is a holiday to Queensland for 4 nights at Sea World Resort for 2 adults and 2 children, $1000 Virgin Airfares, unlimited entry to Movie World, Sea World & Wet ‘n’ Wild Gold Coast. Tickets are just $2 each and it is drawn on May 20th. We do have a 2nd and 3rd prize which consists of vouchers and prizes. There is also, for those families who do sell a complete booklet, a chance to win a mini iPod, vouchers and more. All tickets need to be accounted for, so please if you only want to buy a few and don’t think you can sell the rest of the book then please return to the school office. If you would like extra raffle books then please see the office. Thank you everyone and good luck.

1st prize valued at $2900.

Cross Country

Advance Notice
Our annual school cross country event will be held at the Knob Reserve on Friday 15th April, starting at 9.30am. This is the first Friday of term 2. It would be really beneficial if students could spare some time during their holidays to have a few practice runs to ensure that they have a reasonable fitness level prior to our event.

All students will be participating and will run in age groups. Distances will range from 1km to 3km for senior students. Parent assistance will be most welcome! If you would like to help out please let your child’s teacher know, Thank you.

HDSSA Cross Country.
The district cross country will be held at Heyfield on Wednesday 20th April. Our school team will be decided after the school cross country event.
We had our School Biathlon last Wednesday, and congratulations to all students who participated and a big thank you to our parents who helped and staff involved. The winning house is Antonio! Followed closely by Touchstone & Ariel.
Working Bee

Thank you to Louise Perrett for organising the working bee last Saturday and to the Pendrick, Peverill, Proctor, Johnsey and Perrett families for their time and effort in making the grounds look even better than before. Thanks also to Keira Proctor and Aiden Johnsey for their work on the day. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

A big congratulations to Teddy who represented our School in the Regional Swimming Carnival and swam an impressive 4th in his heat and 11th overall. A fantastic effort!

Hip Hop!! A fun time was had by all.

Happy Easter