**Before and After School Care Update**

**Great news!** As of this week, families are able to begin the enrolment process for inclusion into the Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service which will begin at our school in 2015.

Can I encourage all families to enrol their children into this service even if you may not feel you will need to use it. Why? Because circumstances may change for you next year and if you have enrolled, the process for booking in is much simpler from an administrative point of view.

**Enrolling does not cost anything and there is no obligation to take up the service.**

If your child/children is/are enrolled and if you happen to get caught out unexpectedly and cannot be at home or are late home, then the OSHC service can easily accommodate your child/children at a moment’s notice.

Further information is included in the flyer attached to this newsletter as well as visiting the Extend website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au).

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**Intensive Swimming Program**

Our intensive learn to swim program will begin in Week 7 for primary students and weeks 8/9 for infant students.

Kindergarten students and those students from Years 3-6 identified as requiring lessons will, have one week’s instruction. Students from all classes in Year 1 (1J, 1N, 1S, 1H) and Year 2 will participate for 2 weeks.

Permission notes, costings and further details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

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**School Discipline Issues**

From time to time students come home with issues about other students being mean or being bullied etc. and it is understandable that parents can get concerned, angry and upset.

My advice to you is that if or when this happens, listen to what your child has to say and calmly question them to find out specific details, then mention that you will contact the school to find out more information so that things can get followed up.

*It is important to do this for a number of reasons.*

**Firstly,** we need to know so that we can do follow up and take appropriate action in line with our discipline policy. The process that we are strongly committed to is that all incidents that we are notified about are *fully investigated, documented and followed through*. This includes communicating to all parties concerned about the outcome of our findings.

**Secondly,** it is vitally important that parents who have concerns about an alleged incident do not take matters into their own hands as this can lead to serious consequences and complicate matters.

**Finally and most importantly,** the wellbeing of every student at our school is a high priority for us and if as a parent you have concerns about your child’s wellbeing we need to be informed so that we can work together to achieve a positive outcome.
School News

Level Awards

**Silver**
- Jack Coleman 4
- Ned Gray 2
- Cyrus Lindsay 2

**Bronze**
- Tahlia Weir-Smith 5
- Laura Hill 4
- Phoebe Packer 3

Friday 7th November 2014
9.15am - 11.00am

Gumnuts: Information session

Teacher: Mrs Jacka
- Questions about school
- Questions about what to bring
- Overview of Kindergarten
- Prior to school – hearing, speech and sight
- School uniform available to be ordered

Seedlings: Orientation with Yr 4/5 buddies

Teacher: Mrs Newton
- “Fish find navigation activity”-Buddies will show seedlings the different buildings and areas of HPS.

Presentation Day 2014
Please Note change of venue and time!!!!

When: Wednesday 10th December
Time: 10.30am
Where: Howlong Public School
Under the COLA - assembly area

Active After School Community Sport has kicked off again this term. The K-2’s are enjoying learning many new ball skills.

A free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers will be held by Roads and Maritime Services in conjunction with Corowa Shire Council at Howlong Country Golf Club on the evening of Wednesday 12 November 2014 commencing 6:30pm.

The two hour course, Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers, will offer parents and supervisors hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

The course will cover topics such as: new laws for learner and P-plate drivers, how to use the new Learner Driver Log Book, how to plan on-road driving sessions.

Bookings for the Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers course are essential and can be made by calling Scott Landells from Corowa Shire on 0481 267 269.
**School News**

**Howman’s Gap Excursion**
Our Year 5 and 6 students and accompanying staff had a busy but fun time away last week. Participation in such activities allows students to develop their independence as well as learn new skills including leadership and problem solving.

From a staff member’s perspective it can be a somewhat tiring experience, but well worth it when you see the growth and development of many of our students in a more relaxed and different environment than the classroom.

**P&C News**

**Canteen Roster**

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**Meal Deal One**

- Cheeky Chicken Roll
- Fruit Salad Cup
- Water
- $6.00

**Meal Deal Two**

- Naughty Nacho’s
- Fruit Salad Cup
- Water
- $6.00

**P&C Pie Drive**

Earlier this week notes went home to families about our Pie Drive Fundraiser.

Attached is the order from if you haven’t received it.

All monies and orders are due back to school by Wednesday 5th November

**Next P&C Meeting**

Tuesday 11th November
7pm in the Library
Everyone Welcome!
School News

Extend OOSH at Howlong Primary School

Have you heard the good news?

Extend is delighted to deliver a Before and After School Care service to commence Term 1 2015 (subject to government licensing and approval). We are thrilled to begin a new partnership with the school community and look forward to delivering a quality service.

Enrol now!

Enrolment is available now online at extend.com.au. You only pay the annual enrolment fee when you make a booking so enrol now and pay later! Please note – all children must be enrolled before attending. Additional information will shortly be made available for distribution to each student. This information includes a flyer about our services, as well as info on your out of pocket expense.

Keep an eye out for your enrolment information in your child’s bag!

Operating hours and fees

Before School Care: 7.00am – 8.45am $20.50 permanent, $23.50 casual
*YOU PAY BETWEEN: $6.52 - $10.25 for a permanent booking

After School Care: 3.00pm – 6.00pm $26.00 permanent, $29.00 casual
*YOU PAY BETWEEN: $7.78 - $13.00 for a permanent booking

*Child Care Benefits and the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate of up to $7500 apply for eligible families. Fees are per child per session.

Fee Relief – the facts

Fact 1: The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is NOT income tested! We encourage you to apply!
Fact 2: 50% is the minimum reduction you may receive in your fees. Further benefits may apply to you.

Read further information and estimate your out of pocket expense at extend.com.au.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Sport Fundraiser

Don’t forget tomorrow is our sports fundraiser day. Students can come dressed as their favourite sporting hero or as someone playing their favourite sport.

When: Friday 31st October (tomorrow)

Why: To support those students who have represented our school and the region at a state carnival this year. Please support this worthwhile activity.

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Please support this worthwhile activity.

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Welcome to Extend

About Us

Since 2002, our goal at Extend has been to enrich the lives of children through out of school hours programs. As a national organisation, Extend caters daily for thousands of children in Independent, Catholic and Government schools across Australia.

Our focus is **quality** for kids, **safety**, **respect**, and of course, **FUN**!

Find out more at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

Getting started

Complete an enrolment to get started today. This will automatically roll over each calendar year, so all you need to do is update your details with us if they change. And if for whatever reason you no longer require the service, simply contact us to let us know. The good news is you won’t be required to pay your annual enrolment fee until you actually make a booking.

ENROL BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE AT [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

Once you receive confirmation of your enrolment by email, you will be able to make or change your bookings online. See our website for booking terms and conditions.

For information on operating hours and fees at your service, visit the Outside School Hours Care venue, school website, or contact us directly.

Affordable Fees

**MYTH:**

“We won’t qualify for any child care entitlements. Our income is too high.”

This is **NOT** true!

**Get the facts:**

**FACT #1**

The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is **NOT** income tested!

**FACT #2**

50% is the minimum reduction you may receive in your fees

**All we need**

is a CRN and Date of Birth for you and each child attending.

Complete this when enrolling or simply contact us any time to provide us with those details.

*Read further information and try our Fee Relief calculator at our website.*

If you are not receiving child care fee relief, contact our Customer Service team to discuss.

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**Qualified Staff**

Our rigorous recruitment process ensures we maintain the best team of people to deliver an engaging program in a safe and secure environment.

*Every Extend Educator holds the required qualifications, medical certifications, and relevant work experience.*

Furthermore, Extend offers ongoing training, professional development, and continual support to staff.

** Loads of Fun **

Extend's programs are always packed with lots of active and engaging activities catered for boys and girls.

A range of activities are offered including:

- art & craft
- dance & movement
- science
- cooking
- physical activity & sports
- construction
- games & play

... the list goes on!

In addition to the daily program, children are given plenty of choice and can access a variety of resources to create their own play opportunities.

Homework club can also be provided upon request.

**Healthy Food Menu**

We encourage healthy eating by providing nutritional food at Before School Care, After School Care, and Vacation Care.

This includes:

- fresh fruit
- sandwiches
- vegetables
- pasta
- cereal
- crackers
- milk & water
- dips
- and other healthy nut-free variations.

Families of children with specific dietary needs are asked to speak with the service Team Leader to ensure that an appropriate menu can be provided that is inclusive of all children.

[Check out our FAQ at extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)
Fee Relief - The Facts

NUMBER ONE MYTH

"We won’t qualify for any child care entitlements. Our income is too high."

DO YOU QUALIFY?
Qualifying criteria for entitlements

- Your children attend approved care
- You are an Australian resident or holder of a qualifying visa
- You are either working, looking for work, training or studying
- Your children meet government immunisation requirements

FACT #1
The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is NOT income tested!
The CCR offers families a massive 50% reduction in their child care fees, irrespective of their income level.

FACT #2
50% is the minimum reduction you may receive in your fees
Families with an income less than $150,000 per year will also qualify for CCB as well as CCR, meaning even more savings!

It’s all good news!
Want to find out more or apply for these entitlements?
Contact the Department of Human Services on 13 61 50.
enquiries@extend.com.au
Extend Head Office 1300 366 437

A partnership with Extend is

- Easy for schools
- Affordable for families
- Fun for kids

Read further information and try our Fee Relief Calculator at extend.com.au

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Monday 27th October 2014

**P & C - Pie Drive**

The P & C are holding a pie drive to raise funds to support our school. Forms and money are due back to the school office by **Wednesday 5th November** (if forms and money are not received by this date orders will not be able to be processed).

Pies must be collected between 2:45pm and 3:15pm from the school hall on Thursday 13th November.

If you need any further information please contact either:

Mel Trevethan - 0433 266 380
Jodie Kohn - 0427 125 291
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Money & forms due back to school office – Wednesday 5th November.

Howlorn Public School – P A C – Pie Drive

Parent Name ____________________________________________

Student Name __________________________________________

Phone Number _________________________________________

Class _________________________________________________

Name ________________________________________________
Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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NB Harold Products are subject to availability
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate _______ to Life Education NSW.
Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: _______________________________ Phone (optional): _______________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
Suburb: ______________________ Postcode: ____________________________
Email (optional) ____________________________ Child’s Class: ____________

Visit Life Education at www.lifeeducation.org.au or www.healthyharold.org.au

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