Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. The beginning of the New Year is always such an exciting time. I trust the holiday period provided everyone with special times with their friends and family and the opportunity to recharge and refresh for the year ahead.

Homebush SS would like to extend a special welcome to all new families who are joining our school community and encourage everyone to become as involved as possible in all school events, from the everyday classroom helpers to volunteering some time to help out at the tuckshop or other P&C calendar events.

I was extremely proud of the way our students began the new school year. Thank you to all parents and carers who have done a wonderful job preparing students with uniforms and equipment. This is such an enormous help in allowing your child to settle quickly into a positive learning routine.

Parade

I thoroughly enjoyed our first parade last week. Well done to our students for their exemplary behaviour, particularly our new Preppies who were attending their first ever parade. A reminder that our school assembly is held each Friday morning from 8.30am in our undercover area. Parents and friends are always welcome to attend.

Leadership Speeches

It’s that time of year when our senior students are in the process of writing their school speeches. Our Year 6 students will deliver their speeches on parade this Friday 6th February. I know that they have been working very hard both at home and school in preparation for this momentous event. We wish each and every one of them every success on Friday.
STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE QSchools APP
Families can keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the QShools app. It is an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters. When downloading the app, please allow for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to your phone, including emergency alerts and important updates. It is free to download from either the App Store (for iPhones and iPads) or the Google Play Store (for Android).

School Banking
School Banking has commenced this year. If you would like your child/children to be a part of this excellent saving scheme, please contact the office. School banking occurs on a Tuesday. For those students who are new to the school, please see Paula in the Office to get the paperwork to open your very own super saver account.

School Grounds
Thank you to the parents who have continually maintained our beautiful school grounds during the start of the school year. This is a time when we need to consider mowing on a weekly basis in order to keep it under control. Volunteers are in short supply. If you are willing to sit a while on one of our mowers, or whiz around with a whipper snipper, please fill in the attached form. We’re also currently looking for a very talented Dad to take on the role of regularly servicing our mowers. So if you’re a mechanic or very handy please come and see us. Training can be organised. We are most appreciative of any families who can assist in this area.

Chess Competition
The first Chess Competition for the year will be on the 23rd February at Victoria Park School. Students have already begun practising and Mrs Dyson is always keen for any new interest in this area.
Communication Books
Homebush SS has issued all students with a Communication Book. Not only does the book look really smart, it is an important tool of communication between school and home. Class teachers can let parents know on a daily basis how their child is working and behaving as well as information on what is happening within the classroom (class newsletters etc). Information pertaining to your child’s academic growth can also be easily recorded so parents know exactly how their child is coping with consolidation of concepts taught throughout the school year.

Parent Information Sessions
Please keep an eye out in your child’s Communication Book for dates and times. Parents will find these sessions very informative and gain an understanding of routines and expectations for the year.

Tennis Lessons
Forms were sent home during the week regarding lunch time Tennis Lessons. If your child would like to attend these lessons please bring the signed form and money on Wednesday to hand to the coordinator. Please note our lessons will be 40min lessons.

Life Education
Please take special note of the attached form regarding our Life Education Information Session. Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. The Life Ed Van will be visiting our school on the 31st of March at a cost of $6 per student. There will also be a Parent Information session at 2pm if anyone is interested.

Newsletters
We want to save the environment and use our precious school funding on our students, not on paper and photocopying charges. Yes, you do supply paper and pay a photocopying levy but that is used for all our curriculum, student and classroom requirements. If we can reduce our costs then we can reduce your photocopying charges as well. Please indicate on the attached form if we can email you our Newsletter.

Safety Circus-Prep-3
We’re having a special visit from the Safety Circus for Prep-3’s on Tuesday 3rd March. Information will be sent home soon. Parents are encouraged to attend.
Getting to know... Mrs McVean

Family members: Mr McVean (patient husband of nearly 15 years) and 2 children, Alexis (Yr 3) and Lachlan (Yr 1)

Years Teaching: 17
(Interstate, Music specialist, classroom teacher—all grades except Prep and Yr 1, Instrumental - Strings and Percussion, Public school system, Private school system, Anglican, Lutheran, Catholic school systems ..... And even a Coptic Orthodox School!)

Favourite Food: Sticky ribs

Favourite Pastime: Travel...everywhere...anywhere.... Serious case of wanderlust!

Favourite Music: Anything by U2, The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin or Lenny Kravitz

First Job: Drumming in an old time dance band every Saturday night from 8pm—12pm when I
MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Whenever your child needs to take medicine at school, the form below must be filled out and brought to the office along with the medication.

A number of these were sent home last week with students who had conditions noted on their enrolment form. Data is updated yearly. Please return the form with an Action Plan from your GP.

Request to Administer Medication at School

School Name: ____________________________ Date of Birth / / 
Student Name: ____________________________ Year Level: ______

Allergies: ___________________________________

Please list all medications that your child requires during school hours. Please also list medication administered at home and any emergency medications.

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<th>Name of medication</th>
<th>Strength (eg 10mg)</th>
<th>Dosage (eg 1 tablet)</th>
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Parent/Career

Print name: ____________________________ Date: / / 
Signature: ____________________________________

I hereby request that school staff administer the necessary medication to my child while at school.

I agree to notify the school, in writing, if there are any changes in the above medication.

Authorising Practitioner

Print name: ____________________________ Phone: ________________
Signature: ____________________________________ Date: / / 

NOTE:

For school staff to administer over-the-counter medication, authorisation is required from a medical practitioner.

The following points are for security and safety purposes, and are requirements of the Health Care and Disability Services Act 1992 (Qld):

- The parent notifies the school in writing to administer medication. This may include written guidelines from the prescribing health practitioner, including potential side effects or adverse reactions.
- Provide medication in original pharmacy labelled container to the school.
- Ensure medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student’s name, dosage and times to be taken.
- Notify the school in writing when a change of dosage is required. This instruction is to be accompanied by a letter from a prescribing health practitioner or change of label from a pharmacist.
- The student must receive a dose at home without fail.
- Advise the school in writing and collect the medication when it is no longer required at school.
- Where parents are working with a prescribing health practitioner to determine a dose for that day (e.g. Insulin, Rivetti) parents will provide a letter from the prescribing health practitioner instructing that parents will be responsible for notifying the school of the adjusted doses.
- This form will be reviewed annually or as the student’s is prescribed a change in medication.

The Queensland Government has established a set of procedures for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information within the Queensland public sector based on the Information Privacy Principles. The Information Privacy Principles are incorporated into the Queensland Government’s Information Standard 2: Information Privacy Policy. Last updated: 23/03/10

Great state. Great opportunity.

Unwatermarked copy. Refer to the Department of Education, Training and Employment Policy and Procedure Register at http://www.det.qld.gov.au to ensure you have the most current version of this document.
SCHOOL MOWING
Please advise the school if you are able to assist with maintaining (mowing) our beautiful grounds.
FAMILY NAME:

We are available to assist with mowing in the follow fortnights (Please Circle):

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REQUEST TO EMAIL OUR NEWSLETTER

Please send my Newsletter via Email

NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please send home a hard copy our the Newsletter

NAME

CHANGE TO PERSONAL DETAILS

Please indicate below if your personal details have changed so we can update our records

Students Name

Parents Name

Address

Phone No

Email

Medical Conditions

# Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference
## Permission and Medical Form

As Parent/Guardian of………………………………………………………………………………, I give my consent for him/her to participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference at the MECC on Tuesday the 17th February. I agree to delegate my authority to the teachers involved. They may take whatever action deemed necessary to ensure the safety, well-being and successful conduct of the students as a group, or individually, in the above mentioned activity.

Signed: 

(Parent/Guardian)

## MEDICAL FORM

The personal details requested are to enable contact to be made with a child’s parents in the event of an emergency and are strictly confidential.

Please complete the following re: medical problems:

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<td>Others (Please list)</td>
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Emergency Contact:
NAME………………………………………………………………………

PHONE No………………………………………………………………………

Are you in a Medical Insurance Fund? Yes / No : Name of Fund: __________

Medicare Number ___________

Has your child had a Tetanus Booster in the last 12 months? Yes / No

I hereby authorise the obtaining, on my behalf, of such medical assistance as my child may require in the event of accident or illness. I authorise administering of anesthetic if this is deemed necessary by the medical officer attending.

Signed: ____________________________

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