Dear Bourke Street Parents and Carers,

Re: 2015 Outside School Hours Care

As you are aware, the provision of the Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) services at Bourke Street Public School has recently been tendered. As a result of the tender process, Helping Hands Network, a specialist OSHC provider, has been appointed to operate and manage the School’s OSHC Service. We are currently working with Helping Hands and the Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate to endeavor to have the service operating Before and After School Care from the 27 January 2015

Helping Hands Network operates as a community partnership with Schools, P&C’s, Parents and Children to provide all of their Outside School Hours Care needs. They actively cooperate with government agencies, schools and parents, to provide a high quality service, ensuring the use of the service and the payment of fees is convenient and affordable while providing exceptional value and a financial contribution to the school community.

The Helping Hands Network company philosophy is to provide more than just a child minding service and strives to build stronger, happier and healthier communities through the provision of quality childcare in partnership with children, parents and schools. They tailor their programs to meet the local school community needs. More information on the company can be found at:


Additional information will be sent home to each family in the next couple of weeks: a letter of introduction; a brochure that provides an overview on how the service will operate and enrolment forms. Also information will be available on the school app. as well as the school website.

Families can also enroll online by going to the Helping Hands website from the 1 January. There is no charge to enroll in the service, and I encourage all families to do so. Even if you only need to use the service in absolute emergencies, enrolling provides your family with an extra safeguard. It is a licensing requirement that children can only attend the service if an enrolment form has been completed.

We will organise an information session for parents who wish to hear more about Helping Hands Network and how the service is operated for January 2015. This information will be provided with the enrolment packs. For any queries, or if you do not receive your enrolment information please contact Helping Hands Network on 1300 612 462.

We look forward to welcoming Helping Hands Network as part of our school community.

Kind Regards,

Peter Johnston
Principal
17 December 2014