PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

NAPLAN TESTING

On Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May, our students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake the 2014 NAPLAN tests. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

Some words of advice for families with students in these grade levels:

- Ensure that children go to bed early on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Make sure they have breakfast each morning before they come to school.
- Try to ensure that there has been no altercation with family members in the morning before they leave for school.

More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

YEAR 7 INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next Wednesday, many of the Secondary Colleges will be holding their information session for students going into Year 7 in 2015. If your child is in Grade 6 this year, please make sure you attend one of these sessions next week.

HABITS FOR HARMONY

Throughout May we will be introducing a new Habits for Harmony focus at Heathcote PS. Throughout May our students will be focusing on the habit of ‘speaking respectfully to others’.

Every classroom will have a lesson on why it is important to speak respectfully to others. All children and staff in the school will have a common understanding of what speaking respectfully is and how it affects the harmony of our school community. Every classroom will focus on this habit and celebrate how they have learnt to put this habit into practice at the end of May. Each classroom will decide what their celebration will be.

You can support this program at home by discussing the monthly habit we are learning and explain to your child how this habit leads to harmony at school and at home.

Kind Regards,

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Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from last week:

**Miss O'Neill's Grade**
- Tye Francis
- Harrison Ferguson

**Mrs. Parry's Grade**
- Ashton Edwards
- Emily Mitchell

**Miss Somerville's Grade**
- Ellie Close
- Brock Kurrle

**Mr. Clayton's Grade**
- Cody Sauvarin
- Liam Wallwork

Fashion On High will be closing down soon and therefore unable to supply our school uniforms in the future.

They will be holding a stall at the school on Friday, 2nd May and Friday, 9th May to sell any stock they still have available.

Parents Club will be making available for sale a number of second hand uniforms or navy items of clothing. If families have any items that their children have outgrown, they may wish to donate to the school for this stall.

We have had several reported cases of head lice recently. So we ask that all parents check their children's hair on a daily basis and ensure that if there are any signs of either live head lice or eggs that the proper treatment occurs before the student returns to school.

We really appreciate when parents notify us of any cases of head lice so we can remind other families to keep checking children’s hair.

**Cooking contribution:** After discussion with the School Council, we are asking students to make a $2 contribution on the days that they are partaking in the Cooking program at school, to assist with the running costs of the SAKG program.
- Grade 5/6 Mondays
- Grade 3/4 Tuesdays

**Mothers’ Day Stall:**
Parents Club will hold a stall for students to purchase items for Mothers Day on Friday, 9th May. Items range from $1.00 to $5.00.

**Hot Chocolate / Milo Day:**
Parents Club will be selling Hot Chocolate each Friday lunchtime this term. Milo with a sweet biscuit will be $1.00.

Any donations of milk or disposable cups would be greatly appreciated.

**Next Meeting:**
All parents and carers are welcome to our next meeting on Tuesday, 13 May at 9am.

**Your child should receive the next order form for Scholastic Bookclub (Issue 3) this week. The orders are due back Friday, 9th May.**
Dear Parents & Students... PHOTO DAY IS THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2014

School photo order envelopes have been distributed to every student. Extras available from the office.

Important Information

- Every student ordering photos must return an order envelope before photo day.
- Every student ordering photos must return their own order envelope – even if their payment is in their sibling’s envelope.
- Sibling photo order envelopes can be collected from the school office and must be returned to the school office before photo day.
- Orders placed after photo day will be charged a late order fee.

Order Instructions

1. Select a photo package option - each option is explained on the flyer attached to the order envelope.
2. Complete your order envelope - use a black or blue ball point pen and fill in your order and contact details.
3. Complete payment - cash cheque or credit card

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Grade 6 Information Evenings at the following Colleges:
Wednesday 7th May at 7pm

Eaglehawk College Bendigo
Contact
Ph. 5446 8099
www.eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au

Weeroona College Bendigo
Contact
Ph. 5443 2133
www.weeroona.vic.edu.au

Bendigo South East College
Contact
Ph. 5443 4461
www.bse.vic.edu.au

Crusoe College
Contact
Ph. 5447 7722
www.crusoecollege.vic.edu.au