Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

COMMUNITY FAIR

At our School Council Meeting last night, our Parents Club President, Wendy Cahill, presented a very detailed proposal regarding the organisation of a Community Fair to be hosted by Heathcote PS. School Council Members were impressed by the proposal and happily agreed to holding the fair this year. The fair will be held on Saturday 13th September.

If you would like to help out with the organisation of the fair or if you would like more information about this event, please contact Wendy or myself.

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT—THANKYOU

Thank you to all the students and family members who attended our first Family Science Night last Tuesday and a big thank you to all our staff members for planning, preparing and presenting all the wonderful science experiments.

READING WITH YOUR CHILDREN

If you would like to learn some good strategies to help your child improve their reading, then come along to our Information Session next Friday 23rd May from 2.15pm - 3.15pm.

Mrs. Parry and I will be giving out some useful little tips that you can use when listening to your child read and when reading books together with your child. We will also be sharing some information about the best way to prepare your child for the learning experiences they encounter at school.

Miss O’Neill and our lovely Junior Unit assistants will be running a Developmental Play Session for the children while the Reading Information Session is being held, so if your toddler or pre-schooler would like to join in the fun activities in the classroom, they are most welcome!

Kind Regards,

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

Miss O'Neill's Grade
- Brock Cassidy
- Summer Elliot

Mrs. Parry's Grade
- Payton Guy
- Samantha Close

Miss Somerville's Grade
- Levi Boyd
- George Chamouras

Mr. Clayton's Grade
- Hayden Bird
- Jorjia Formosa

Used/Second Hand Uniforms: If anyone has any uniform items that their children have outgrown, we would appreciate any donations for families seeking second hand uniforms.

School Stock (new): the school currently has in stock a number of items:
- navy trackpants $15.00
- navy beanies (with logo) $6.00
- navy broad rimmed hats (no logo) $10.00

We also have a few limited stock items:
- **Red** short sleeve polo (with logo)
  Size 4 and Size 8 $15.00 each
- **Red** short sleeve polo (no logo)
  Size 14 and size 16 $10.00 each
- **Red** long sleeve polo (with logo)
  Size 8 $15.00
- **Red** long sleeve polo (no logo)
  Size 6 & size 8 $10.00 each
- **Navy** long sleeve polo with logo
  size 4 $15.00

Please see Kerry at the school office if you would like to purchase any uniform items.

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

Thank you to those families who have contributed. If you prefer to pay for the whole term the cost is $14.00.

**Hot Chocolate / Milo Day:**
Parents Club are 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: Next Tuesday, 27th May at 9.00am. All welcome.

As we approach winter with our cold and flu season, we are needing tissues in the classroom. We are therefore asking all students to contribute a box of tissues for the classroom if you haven't already done so.
PHOTOS FROM OUR FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT
Are you eligible for public dental care?
All children aged 0–12 years and all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to access public dental services and are offered the next available appointment.

Treatment is free for people who hold a health care card; a minimal co-payment may be required for people who do not have a health care card. Call Bendigo Health public dental service - 5454 7994 or Amy Clark, Loddon Mallee Oral Health Network on 0418 983 190.

VOLunteers — thank you from the Minister of education

Dear parents and carers,

In my time as Minister for Education, I have met many dedicated volunteers giving up their time and using their expertise to provide students and school communities with the very best learning and development opportunities.

As Australia celebrates the 25th National Volunteer Week from May 12-18, it’s an opportune time to recognise and celebrate the valuable work volunteers do in our school communities.

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I would like to sincerely thank all of you who donate your time and expertise to your school. It wouldn’t be the same place without your important contribution.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Martin Dixon, MP
Minister for Education