### At Heathcote PS we value...

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<td>Parent Information Session and Family BBQ — 5.30pm - 7.00pm</td>
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<td>Friday 8th Feb</td>
<td>Yr 3-6 students to attend Opera Recital at Mia Mia Hall 1.30pm - 2.45pm</td>
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<td>Mon 11th — Fri 22nd Feb</td>
<td>Whole School Swimming Program 12.45 – 2.45pm each day, except Wednesdays</td>
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<td>Monday 11th Feb</td>
<td>Parents Club Morning Tea and Information Session 9.15am All parents welcome</td>
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<td>Tuesday 12th Feb</td>
<td>Pancake Day Buddy Activity - Students to bring a gold coin donation</td>
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<td>Wednesday 27th Feb</td>
<td>School Council Meeting - Finance Committee 5.00pm General Meeting 5.30pm</td>
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<td>Student Learning Interviews Appointment Booking Slips to be sent home next week</td>
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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all had a great holiday break and that you are well rested and ready for 2013. Our staff have been very busy over the last week participating in Professional Development and preparing the classrooms and programs, which has ensured a really positive start to the year. All the students have settled into their new grades and are working well.

NEW STUDENTS AND STAFF

I would like to send a special welcome to all our new students and their families; and also our new staff members, **Kerry Prentice**, our extra Business Manager (Kerry and Susy will be sharing the role this year); **Jenny Ryan**, our Science/Art teacher; and **Michelle Witham**, our SAKGP Garden Specialist

We are very pleased to have 11 Prep students joining our school community; and a further 10 students across the other year levels.

Welcome to the following ‘Preppies’ and their families: Brooklyn, Sienna, Erica, Alynta, Hollie, Samantha, Miguel, Payton, Sophie, Mikayla and Nora. I would also like to welcome the following students who have joined us recently. Welcome to Summer, Niklas, Jai, Rod, Cody, Josh, Thomas, Angus, Xavier and Jordy.

We look forward to getting to know these students and their families throughout the year.

2013 TEACHING STAFFING

#### Junior Learning Community
- P-2 Teacher: Marg Parry – Unit Leader
- P-2 Teacher: Alison O’Neill
- Support Teacher: Jenny Ryan
- Support Teacher: June Gleeson
- Reading Recovery: May Mc Lean
- Education Support: Cheryl Freeman

#### Senior Learning Community
- 3-6 Teacher: Richard Morris – Unit Leader
- 3-6 Teacher: Rhys Clayton
- Support Teacher: Jenny Ryan
- Education Support: Brenda King
- Education Support: Joan Stammers

PARENT PARTICIPATION

There are many opportunities for you to participate in your child’s school and education. This could be in the form of nominating for school council, helping in the classroom, helping with our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, or supporting social and fundraising events. The most important thing you can do is support your children in their school life. Be positive and interested in their daily activities, friendships and their education. To assist you with ideas to help your child academically we will be running an **Information Session** on Wed 6th Feb, which will be followed by a **Family BBQ**. We hope that many of you are able to attend this important information session.

Kind Regards,

Cindi Bruechert
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for primary students per year is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with your child’s education. To be eligible to receive the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit. The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of first Term (30th January 2013) for the first instalment and the first day of third Term (15 July 2013) for the second instalment.
- Submit your application by the due date.

EMA application forms are available from the school office and must be submitted to the school office no later than 22 February 2013 for the first instalment.

LIBRARY

Library sessions this year will again be conducted on Wednesday for all students across the school.

To borrow books from our library pupils require a cloth bag, preferably with a drawstring top. This bag ensures the safety and cleanliness of our books as they are carried between home and school.

Please remember if you misplace a book to inform the school immediately so we can all begin to search for the "lost" item.

Happy reading! We have lots of exciting, new books to share.

June Gleeson (Teacher/Librarian)

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Parents are most welcome to attend our Monday morning assemblies at 9.00am, where we sing the National Anthem, discuss upcoming events and give out awards. We would love to see you all there!

SWIMMING REMINDER

Swimming notes were handed out yesterday and must be back in the office by next Thursday 7th February.

Our swimming program starts on Monday 11th February. Please remember to clearly name all your child’s clothing and swimming gear to save any confusion if items are misplaced when your child is changing. Remember, all students must wear a protective top and sunscreen while participating in their swimming lessons.

SUN SMART POLICY

As part of our Sun Smart Policy we require all children to wear wide brimmed hats at school during Terms 1 and 4.

If your child does not have a hat with them at school they will be required to stay under the covered area and they will not be permitted to play outdoors. Hats are available from the office for $10.00 each.

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY PLANS

If your child is asthmatic or has any allergies, please forward an up to date asthma plan or allergy plan to the school as soon as possible.