PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

STUDENT LEARNING INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the Student Learning Interviews this week. A big thank you also to our teachers who willingly gave up their time to conduct the goal setting interviews with their students’ families.

If you were unable to attend the interviews and would still like to make a time to catch up with your child’s teacher, ring phone the office to book in a suitable time.

EXCELLENT RESULTS

This week, all school around the State received the results of their Student Attitudes to School Surveys which were completed by the Year 5 and 6 students earlier this year.

We are very excited to announce the excellent results achieved again this year. Over the last two years, our students have demonstrated through their feedback to the surveys that they are very positive about their school and their learning environment, and despite the occasional hiccups from time to time, Heathcote Primary School is able to provide our students with valuable learning opportunities.

Some really great improvements were made over the last two years in comparison to the 2010 results, especially in the areas of Student Motivation, Connectedness to Peers and Student Safety.

The survey results show that all the hard work by our teachers and families has ensured that we have been able to provide a positive and productive learning environment that our students appreciate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and our whole school community for working so hard together to achieve these great results.

Kind regards,

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many students have been coming to school wearing items of clothing that are not part of the official school uniform. Many students are wearing different coloured jumpers.

Children who are out of school uniform will be asked to go to the office, where spare uniform articles will be provided for them to wear while at school. Parents will also be contacted and asked to ensure that their student comes to school in their proper uniform.

At Heathcote PS we value... Respect Learning Teamwork Responsibility

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Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners for this week:

Miss O'Neill's Grade
- Willow Boyd
- Jewlius Allatt

Mrs. Parry's Grade
- Mikhaela Scoble
- Lily Edsall-French

Mr. Morris’ Grade
- Elizabeth Butler
- Simone Temby

Mr. Clayton’s Grade
- Pia Segafredo
- Corey Chapman

PARENTS CLUB INFORMATION

Hot Milo Days
New time:
FRIDAY LUNCH TIMES
$1.00 per cup
- Being served from the conference room area
- Children are to sit quietly until their drinks are finished
- All cups and utensils need to be placed in a rubbish bin

STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Congratulations to Miss O'Neill's grade who were the winners of our Attendance Champions trophy this week.

ART MATERIALS RECYCLING
Senior art students will need small plastic containers for paper mache models. E.g: small margarine, yoghurt, round dips.

EMA—Education Maintenance Allowance
Semester 2—EMA second instalment eligibility date is Monday 16th July 2012. $35.25 second instalment school part. $35.25 second instalment family part.
EMA application forms are available from the Office. Please come in to sign a form and present your current Health Care Card. These forms need to be lodged in the school Office by Friday 3rd August, with a copy of the current Health Care Card for processing onto the Centrelink database for us all to receive the second instalment.

SAKGP—Gardening timetable

Grade 3/4
Wednesday 10.00 am to 10.45 am

Grade 5/6
Thursday 10.00 am to 10.45 am

Parent Volunteers
1) The Gardening Sessions would benefit greatly from help by more parent volunteers. If you can spare some time during the above sessions every few weeks or so, come and let us know in the Office.

2) Gardening Glove Washing:
If you are unable to help in the gardening sessions but could help by washing gardening gloves, come and let us know in the Office.

Both Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 have their own sets of gardening gloves. Again with a few parents volunteering from each grade level on a roster, washing would only be needed once or twice a term.
HEADLICE

Headlice continues to pose a huge problem for many of our families. All parents need to check their children’s hair on a daily basis and ensure that if there are any signs of either live headlice or eggs that the proper treatment occurs before the student returns to school.

After using a recognised treatment solution, it is extremely important that you also use a specially designed headlice comb to remove all eggs and dead lice.

Many students are returning to school without having had their hair thoroughly combed through and this often results in re-infestation. I realise this is time consuming and expensive, but it is the only way to ensure proper treatment.

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items of school clothing “LOST” in the Office with “NO NAMES”.

These cannot be returned to students without names marked on them.

Please come into the Office and see if any of these items belong to your family.

Please label all school uniform with your child/ren’s names for easy identification.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

As per School Council Policy any adult who comes into the School to work with students must have a Working with Children Check. These checks are free for volunteers. The cost of the photo will be paid for by the school. Please ask at the office for details.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Donate to a Good Cause.

Heathcote Primary School has been given the opportunity to support the Gapuwiyak school in the Northern Territory with a second hand clothing drive.

The school is in Arnhem land. Gapuwiyak School is located in the community of Gapuwiyak 220km west of Nhulunbuy. The population of Gapuwiyak is approximately 1200. The main language is Djambarrpuyngu, used by many residents as a first language, and the clan is the Gupapuyngu.

Road access via 4WD is only possible in the dry season. Gapuwiyak can also be accessed via air through chartered air services only and has an all weather airstrip.

Gapuwiyak school provides education for students from early years through to senior years as well as providing education services to two Homeland Learning Centres (HLCs), and has an Indigenous principal.

The HLCs are approximately 30km northeast of Gapuwiyak and are remote sites delivering education to small groups of students unable to attend the central school in the area. The school works through the NT Open Education Centre in delivering senior years subjects to students. The school focuses on the priorities of attendance, student achievement in numeracy, literacy and pathways to employment; as well as community engagement and participation.

One of the teachers at Gapuwiyak School is Mr Jackson Clayton, Mr. Rhys Clayton’s brother.

Heathcote Primary School would appreciate donations of second hand clothing suitable for the hot climate. It would also be great if we could donate second hand books and toys in good condition.

Please help support this worthwhile cause.
On Wednesday 25th July 2012, Heathcote P.S and Holy Rosary united to win the Division 6 Loddon Campaspe Zone Football Lightning Premiership.

The team of 21 students competed against 5 other teams from the zone, including California Gully, Lightning Reef, Violet St, Eaglehawk and Axedale.

All students showed great teamwork and comradely to go undefeated through the 5 rounds and then the final.

Congratulations to all players from both schools.

A special thank you to Mick Tobin for coaching on the day, and also to the parents who attended and supported our 2012 premiers.
Congratulations to our netball team who competed at the Regional Netball Carnival today, Thursday the 26th of July.

The mixed team showed great teamwork and composure to claim 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss for the day.

All players in the team should be very proud of their efforts and achievements on the day. Well done.
2012 Attitudes to School Survey

School: Heathcote Primary School (300)

Whole school (Years 5 & 6) trend

School means plotted against distribution of all schools with Year 5-6 students

Your school's strengths and weaknesses relative to all schools with Year 5-6 students

Improvement**

First quartile  Second quartile  Third quartile  Fourth quartile

Wellbeing  Stud Morale  Stud Distress

Teaching & Learning  Sth Leaing  Schl Effort  Sth Emp

Student Relationships  Cnt Peers  Cnt Behav**  Std Stly**