Friday 8th February
Yr 3-6 students to attend Opera Recital at Mia Mia Hall 1.30pm - 2.45pm

Mon 11th — Fri 22nd Feb
Whole School Swimming Program 12.45 – 2.45pm each day, except Wednesdays

Monday 11th February
Parents Club Morning Tea and Information Session 9.15am All parents welcome

Tuesday 12th February
Pancake Day Buddy Activity - Students to bring a gold coin donation

Wednesday 27th February
School Council Meeting - Finance Committee 5.00pm General Meeting 5.30pm

Tues 5th & Thurs 7th March
Student Learning Interviews Appointment Booking Slips to be sent home next week

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

STUDENT LEARNING INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March, we will be conducting our Student Learning Interviews for Term 1. A Student Learning Interview Time Slip will be sent home either tomorrow or Monday, which will enable you to choose a suitable time and day you are to attend the interview.

As our interviews will focus on goal setting for the year, we strongly recommend that your children attend the Student Learning Interviews with you.

ANAPHYLACTIC ALLERGIES

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction when a person is exposed to an allergen (for example eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, insect stings and some medications) and it can be life threatening.

As we have a student and a staff member who are anaphylactic, I am asking all parents and students to be mindful of the dangers involved in sending foods such as peanuts and tree nuts to school.

We often speak to the children about the importance of not sharing their food with other children at school, and we would appreciate it if you could remind your children about how dangerous this can be. Thank you for your support and diligence in this area.

PARENTS CLUB MEETING

This Monday we are holding our first official meeting of the Parents Club for 2013, so if you would like to attend please join us. The meeting will be held at 9.30am on Monday in the Gallery, after our assembly.

PAPER FREE NEWSLETTER

Each week we attach our newsletter to our school website and we also email out a copy to several families. If you would prefer to access the newsletter, or any other information, via email, please inform Susy or Kerry of your email address and she will make the necessary arrangements. Please speak to your children about your decision also, so that they know not to collect the information in paper form.

Kind Regards,

Cindi Bruechert
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Swimming notes were handed out last week and must be back in the office tomorrow.

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.

Positive Behaviour Management

At Heathcote PS we work hard to assist our students in making positive behavioural choices. We have processes in place to help our students manage their own behaviour which include the following:

- Encouraging students to make positive choices, using positive framing
- Using the Success Ladder
- Highlighting inappropriate choices with individual students where necessary
- Recording inappropriate behaviours on an Incident Form; contacting parents if needed
- Sending home a Behaviour Note if inappropriate behaviour continues

It is school policy that students receiving one or more behaviour notes per term will not be allowed to participate in end of term celebrations / excursions.

Students receiving three or more behaviour notes across the year will not be allowed to attend camp.

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 veranda area and they will not be permitted to play outdoors. Hats are available from the office for $10.00
HERE ARE SOME COMMENTS FROM OUR NEW ‘PREPPIES’...

Sienna - I like playing on the playground and I like reading books.

Erica - I really like drawing. Rainbows are my favourite things to draw.

Mikayla - The red playground is my favourite place at school. I like going down the slide on my belly.

Payton - I also like to go down the slide sometimes and I like to play in the home corner.

Alynta - I like going to Breakfast Club. I ate Weetbix and I had a drink of apple juice.

Nora - Playtime is my favourite time. I like to play on the rocket slide and I like to do activities inside.

Brooklyn - Learning about numbers is fun. I count the different things and stick them next to the right number on my sheet.

Hollie - I like sticking on the stickers and playing.

Samantha - The red twisty slide on the playground is lots of fun. I like doing activities in the classroom and learning how to read.

Sophie - I like playing on the slide, going on the swinging chains and playing things on the floor in the classroom.

Miguel - I like playing on the red playground. I also like reading. Today I read a book about studying birds.
LOCAL SCHOOLS OPEN BUS NETWORKS TO THE PUBLIC

The Heathcote, Redesdale–Mia Mia and Raywood Primary Schools have opened their school bus networks to community members, inviting them to access spare seats on services running each school day. The City of Greater Bendigo’s B-Line Transport Connections Project, funded by the State Government, encouraged the schools to consider the arrangement to give rural communities more transport options.

B-Line Coordinator Toni Grace said the community-based service allows residents in Greater Bendigo’s outer districts to travel between various localities during the school term.

“Rural community members have indicated they often find it difficult to access appointments, training and employment opportunities, and social activities due to limited transport options, so having access to the school bus network should assist with this,” Ms Grace said.

“There are designated pick up and set down points in Redesdale, Mia Mia, Heathcote, Mt Camel, Costerfield, Raywood, Neilborough, Sebastian, Woodvale and Eaglehawk. The services also link up with public transport timetables for those wanting to travel into Bendigo or onto Melbourne. Anyone wishing to access the school bus network must first complete a General Public Travel Form, Police Check or Working with Children’s Certificate and pay a small fare.”

To ensure bus drivers know to collect passengers, users must provide details of the regular days and times they intend to travel. The Primary School Principals Cindi Bruechert, Ben Fiegert and Lynne Colbert encourage community members to make the most of these newly available community transport options.

Bus timetables are available from the Heathcote, Redesdale-Mia Mia and Raywood Primary Schools, Eaglehawk and Heathcote Neighbourhood Houses, and City of Greater Bendigo offices in Bendigo and Heathcote.

For further information, contact Toni Grace on 5434 6458 or bline@bendigo.vic.gov.au.

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Dance Classes

Expression of Interest for Modern Dance Classes for Primary School age children.
Please phone Toni on 0432 016 699 for more information.
Toni Davey

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Absent Notes

It is important that all student absences are explained. Parents can phone the school office on 5433 3090, send at email to heathcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or send a note to the school.

To assist parents with this process we have included an Absent Note proforma on the back page of this newsletter. Just fill out the details and send along to school with a sibling on the day of the absence or with the child the day of return. If your child is away more than the one day please contact the school office.
HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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(insert dates)

APPROVED REASONS:  (tick one)

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205 Medical appointment
209 Dental
211 Funeral
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807 Authorised Parent choice
804 Extended Family Holiday

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