Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

**At Heathcote PS we value...**

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<td>Wednesday 14th Nov</td>
<td>Year 5-6's to attend Milo Cricket Cup Chittick Park, Seymour</td>
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<td>Friday 16th Nov</td>
<td>Prep - 2 Sleepover All students to be picked up by 8.00am on Saturday morning</td>
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<td>Transition Session for 2013 Preps and all other students 9.00am to 11.00am</td>
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<td>Wed. 21st November</td>
<td>School Council Meeting Finance 5.00 pm Main Meeting 5.30 pm</td>
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<td>Monday 26th November</td>
<td>Transition Session 2013 Preps will need to bring snack, lunch &amp; drink 10.00am to 1.00pm</td>
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<td>Tuesday 4th November</td>
<td>2013 Orientation Day / Transition Session for all students 9.00am to 1.00pm</td>
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<td>Friday 7th December</td>
<td>SAKGP Official Opening and Raffle Draw All families welcome 2.00pm - 3.00pm</td>
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<td>Saturday 8th December</td>
<td>Carols in the Bush Concert, Barrack Reserve Students invited to participate if interested</td>
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<td>Tuesday 18th December</td>
<td>Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony Family members welcome to attend</td>
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<td>Thursday 20th December</td>
<td>End of Year Concert and Picnic Tea All families welcome to come and join the celebrations</td>
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<td>Last day of school for 2012 Time to celebrate Christmas and to enjoy your holidays!</td>
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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Thank you to the families who came along to school on Monday to help us celebrate our Family Fun Day.

It was pleasing to family members supporting our students in their various events and enjoying some special time with their children throughout the day.

I would like to thank all the staff members for their assistance in running the day and for doing such a great job as judges throughout the days events. I would also like to give a special thankyou to our family members who assisted with handing out place cards; helping with the equipment and also participating in our parent events!

Thank you also to Mr Morris, Cheryl, Brenda and Joan for organising and preparing a wonderful BBQ lunch. Your help is very much appreciated. There are some great photos of our special day on the back page of this newsletter.

A case of whopping cough has been reported within the school community, so we are asking all families to take note if their child develops a persistent cough that does not subsided after a few days. Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.

The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night. Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

Whooping cough requires treatment by a course of antibiotics, so please ensure your child sees the doctor if you have any concerns.

Kind Regards,

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CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

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

Miss O’Neill’s Grade
- Dakota Delmo
- Harry Pitt

Mrs. Parry’s Grade
- Lily Ford
- Jack Tolra-Morris

Mr. Morris’ Grade
- Aidan Talen
- Zac Schmidt

Mr. Clayton’s Grade
- Victor Butler
- Tristan Boyd

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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

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.

SAKGP SESSIONS TERM 4

Volunteers Required

To enable us to run the Garden and Cooking Sessions more effectively we would love to have at least two adult assistants for each session. This will help to keep the student work group small which would provide a more focussed learning opportunity for all of our students in these two ‘hands on’ learning environments.

If you can help, please let the Office know.

Grade 3/4
Garden Session Wed. 10.15 - 11.00 am
Cooking Session Wed. 11.30 to 1.00pm

Grade 5/6
Garden Session Friday 10.15 - 11.00 am
Cooking Session Friday 11.30 - 1.00 pm

MISSING BOOK

One of our students is missing his personal hard cover copy of the book ‘Diary of Wimpy Kid—Dog’s Day. Could you please have a look around at home to see if you child may have accidentally brought this book home. Thank you.

HATS—Term 4

We are a Sun Smart School so we need to wear our broad brimmed hats for all of Term 4.

Please name all hats for easy return to their owner

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

No hat = No outdoor play.

Hats are available for purchase from the office for $10.00 each.
Hosting is Fun! Become a WEP Family!

Bring a piece of the world into your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an exchange student from Italy, Canada, Finland or Brazil in January.

Visit New Places – Revisit Old Favourites!
Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

Become a WEP Host Family – It’s Easy!
Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you’ll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP!

FIND OUT MORE!
Contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP today for a FREE information pack.
Phone: 1300 884 733
Web: www.wep.org.au
Email: info@wep.org.au

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is an Australian, not-for-profit student exchange organisation, determined to make a difference by helping young people of different cultures gain insight and understanding about other ways of life and world views.

HEATHCOTE TENNIS CLUB

Tennis lessons at Heathcote Primary School
On the Basketball Court every Tuesday from 3.30pm - 4.00pm
All Primary School age children welcome. Gold Coin Donation
Commencing Tuesday 13th November. Phone Mary Beedle on 0432 284 775

Bendigo South East Secondary College

Grade 6 Students and Parents-

A REMINDER

You are invited to an Induction Evening for those enrolled in Year 7 at Bendigo South East College in 2013.

DATE: Tuesday, 13th November 2012
TIME: 7:00pm – 8:00pm
VENUE: Bendigo South East Secondary College
Performing Arts Building for those with surnames A to K
College Hall for those with surnames L to Z

IF YOU ONLY DO ONE THING THIS FIRE SEASON

Speak to CFA Sunday 18th November in Heathcote

What: Free Fire Ready Safety information afternoon
Where: Heathcote RSL Hall
When: 2pm – 3pm, Sunday 18th November 2012
Find out: Must-have bushfire information for this season
For more information: CFA District 18 Office (1800 820 118)

Don’t understand English? Require an AUSLAN interpreter? Need assistance to access the venue?
Let us know and we’ll do our best to help.

If you belong to a community group or club, talk to us about arranging a customised session.

Please note that CFA postpone all community meetings when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Danger.
PHOTOS FROM OUR FAMILY FUN DAY