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

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

SAKGP OFFICIAL OPENING

Last Friday we celebrated the Official Opening of our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. About 70 community members helped us celebrate the opening and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea provided by our students. I would like to thank all the people who have assisted us in organising the official opening and especially to our wonderful ‘cooks’ - Pia, Georgia, Ryan and Kate - who demonstrated their skills for us under the guidance of our patron, Peter Russell-Clarke.

As part of the celebrations we drew the SAKGP Raffle that we had organised earlier this year. The winners of the raffle prizes were as follows:

1st Prize: EBONY CAPES - Accommodation for 1 night Poolside Deluxe Suite at All Seasons Bendigo, including full buffet breakfast. Donated by All Seasons Bendigo. Plus $100 restaurant voucher.

2nd Prize: HEATHER DURSTON $150 Mitre 10 Voucher. Donated by Mitre 10, Heathcote.

3rd Prize: BRIAN O’NEILL Logitech speakers & subwoofer. Donated by Centre Com, Bendigo. Plus $30 Myer voucher

4th Prize: BEVERLY CAHILL $70 Dinner voucher. Donated by The Commercial Hotel, Heathcote.

90th ANNIVERSARY - HONOUR BOARD

Today marks the 90th Anniversary of the unveiling of the Heathcote Primary School Honour Board. The Honour Board lists the names of 74 past students who served in The Great War between 1914 - 1919.

Tomorrow our students will participate in a small ceremony to help them recognise the importance of this wonderful historical artefact.

EARLY FINISH NEXT FRIDAY

Please note that students finish at 1.15pm next Friday 21st December.

2013 ENROLMENTS

If you know of any children who are leaving the school next year or alternatively any children who need to be enrolled, could you please let the office staff know as soon as possible. This enrolment information will help us finalise our planning for 2013. Thankyou

Kind Regards,

Cindi Bruechert
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

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

Miss O'Neill's Grade
- Kody Johnson
- Willow Boyd
Mrs. Parry’s Grade
- Ashton Edwards
- George Chamouras
Mr. Morris’ Grade
- Bailey Wilson
- Taylah Kurrle
Mr. Clayton’s Grade
- Corey Chapman
- Liam Wallwork

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items of school clothing in the “LOST” property box 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. Writing of names may need to be redone after many washes.

PARENTS CLUB

Heathcote Primary School
Christmas Raffle

Hampers to be Won!!
Drawn: Thursday 20th December
50 cents per ticket.
Raffle Tickets are selling fast BUT more donations are needed for the hampers. Any items gratefully received.
Donations for the Hampers can be placed in the box in the Office.
Hampers will be made up from these donations for the raffle draw.

The Parents Club will once again be selling Icypoles for our students every Friday lunchtime
Zooper Dooper Icypoles and Prima Drinks
Icypoles 50c Primas $1.00

LIBRARY NEWS

Please have a look around at home for any Library Books and bring them into the Office.
All outstanding accounts for lost books are due to be paid if the books cannot be found.
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Library books can be left there anytime too.

Thank you,
June Gleeson, Teacher/Librarian

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTES

Thank you to all the families who have completed and returned their “Without Explanation Absence Note”. These have been altered to “Approved Absence” with correct coding. To help us to finish off the year with correct coding, if your child is away, please telephone the school with the reason for Absence.

Your time, understanding and organisation is very much appreciated.
Cheryl and Susy

PAULS COLLECT A CAP

The collection box is still in the Office, ready for our next despatch.
Please keep the caps coming in!

Thank you,
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SUMMER’S HERE

YOUR LOCAL SWIMMING POOL IS WAITING FOR YOU

FUN GAMES WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Open every day 10.00 am 7.00 pm

Barrack Street, HEATHCOTE

Heathcote Community Pool Project Inc.

SANTA MEETS THE BUSHRANGERS
By Melvyn Morrow
By arrangement with: David Spicer Productions — www.davidspicer.com

Heathcote RSL Hall
Friday December 14th - 8pm
Saturday December 15th - Matinee 2pm

Adults $12.00 Concession $8.00 Children $6.00

Bookings: Maree Hingston 54333802
Tickets from Heathcote Visitor Information Centre

Sponsored by: Bushranger Golf, Heathcote Community House Inc.

Come Celebrate the Star of Christmas

JESUS

St John’s Anglican Church
165 High Street
Heathcote

Christmas Eve
Commencing 6.30 with drinks, nibbles and family fun on the lawn.

Finished by 8.00pm
CHEFS: Heathcote primary school students Georgia Edsall-French, Kate Bordin, Pia Segafredo and Ryan Comer get cooking at the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Below, member for Rodney Paul Weller and Bendigo mayor Lisa Ruffell at the launch.

Kitchen Garden launches

Students from Heathcote primary school welcomed the community into their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden at the official opening on Friday.

The school received a national grant of $66,000 from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, a foundation funded by the national and state governments.

The grant was used to renovate a classroom into a kitchen facility and purchase produce for the garden.

Heathcote primary school principal Cindi Bruechert said students were excited by the new facilities.

“They learn the whole process of planting, tending, harvesting and just generally looking after and caring for the garden,” she said.

Ms Bruechert said as well as receiving a grant, the local community contributed to the project by making donations.

“We really appreciate all the support we received from the local community, from businesses in Heathcote and Bendigo there were so many different groups from the community who supports us,” Ms Bruechert said.

“The opening was the first time some people had seen the completed version of the project and they all seemed really rapt,” she said. Member for Rodney Paul Weller attended the event along with Greater City of Bendigo mayor Lisa Ruffell and councillors Helen Leach and Mark Weragoda. Television chef Peter Russell-Clarke attended the event and offered his cooking expertise to a group of students in a live cooking demonstration.

Year 6 student Ryan Comer was part of the cooking demonstration and said he enjoyed classes in the kitchen garden.

“Normal primary schools don’t get to have a kitchen like this,” he said. “We are lucky.”

— Maddie Winse