PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

At Heathcote PS we value...

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

IMPACT OF PERSONAL ISSUES

Since the start of the year there have been several occasions where parents have acted inappropriately, and in some cases, dangerously, in the school yard and carpark.

For the safety and wellbeing of our children, I am reminding all parents that personal issues should not be allowed to have an impact on the school community. If you have an issue with another parent, please deal with it in an appropriate manner away from the school environment.

AGGRESSION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

Over the last few weeks, we have become concerned that a few of our children are choosing to take out their aggression on other students instead of seeking help from a teacher. To help remind our students about seeking help we have created some posters which we are displaying around the school grounds and classrooms. Teachers have had detailed discussions about these poster with the students and about the importance of getting help from an adult when needed.

A copy of the poster is on the back of this newsletter. Please have a chat with your child about this poster and about appropriate behaviour choices at school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for our School Council members officially closed today and, as we had four nominations for the five vacant positions, we do not require a Ballot Process for this election.

I would like to officially welcome the following four parents and community members to our School Council for 2013: Kym Edsall, Michelle Kurrle, Jodie Doyle and Glenn Wilson.

They will be working alongside our continuing parent representatives: Jim Jowett, Alan Butler, Mary Beedle and our staff representatives, Marg Parry, Alison O’Neill, Susy Jarman and myself, to ensure the smooth operation of the school so that we may provide your children with the best possible education.

We still have a vacant position on School Council, so if you would like to join this important team, please contact me as soon as possible. The new School Council will meet for the first time on Wednesday 27th March at 5.30pm for our AGM and regular monthly meeting.

Kind Regards,

Cindi Bruechert
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As an End of Term reward, students that haven’t received a Behaviour Note will have the opportunity to participate in our Rewards Day on Wednesday, 27th March. We will be going to the Bendigo Ten Pin Bowling.

Junior Unit students will have their session from 10am to 11am and Senior Unit students have their session from 12.00pm to 1.30pm.

Musicians from the Sanguine Music Festival will visit our school this Friday, 8th March. They will perform for our students in the Gallery at 10.00am.

Our Junior Unit students have been working hard this term to come up with some rules to help them in the classroom...

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

Miss O’Neill’s Grade
- Hoillie Temby
- Lucynda Jaroslawski

Mrs. Parry’s Grade
- Brodie Oliver
- Taya Lunn

Mr. Morris’ Grade
- Bodey Abbott
- Ben Mitchell

Mr. Clayton’s Grade
- Daniel Keep
- Chayce Alexander

Congratulations to Mr Clayton’s grade who were the winners of our Attendance Champions trophy this week.

On Wednesday, 20th March we will be holding a SAKGP Volunteer Information Session. If you are interested in working as a volunteer in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program, we would really like you to attend this brief session from 10.00am - 11.00am.

Next Tuesday, 12th March will be a Pupil Free Day. Students will not be required at school on this day.

The teachers will be participating in a full day of Professional Learning with CASEA team, in preparation for the work that the team will be doing in the school next term.
EASTER RAFFLE

We will be holding an Easter raffle again this year. We would ask that all families make a contribution to this fun event by donating an item for the raffle. The Easter basket will be located at the front office so just send along your donation between now and the end of term.

Raffle tickets will be sent home today and will need to be returned to school by Tuesday, 26 March.

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Thursday 28 March at 1.45pm. Just prior to student dismissal at 2.15pm.

EASTER HAT PARADE

On Thursday, 28th March we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade. Children are encouraged to come to school displaying their creation.

We will all have the opportunity to parade these at 9.00am in the Gallery. So get started on those creating your hats as soon as possible.

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 they 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.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

The Leukemia Foundation is holding the fundraising event ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ again this year. Our school will contribute to this worthy cause by holding a ‘Crazy Hair Day’.

For a gold coin donation, children are able to come to school with their ‘crazy hair’ on Thursday, 14th March.

Mr Clayton is participating in the ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ busy looking for sponsors - so if you’d like to see Mr Clayton in a radically different, much shorter hair style, you can also sponsor him. On Thursday afternoon 2.45pm we’ll all see how short he goes.

HEADLICE

Headlice continues to pose a huge problem for many of our families. All parents need to check their child’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. We will be organising another headlice check in the next few weeks to assist all our families in getting on top of this problem.
HERE IS SOME FANTASTIC WORK BY OUR GRADE TWO STUDENTS

Our Grade two students have been working really hard on developing their writing skills over the last few week. They have been using story maps to help with identify different part in a story; and they have also been developing their skills in retelling events that happen around them, such as the storm that occurred last week. Taya and Ty have really worked well on these tasks and produced some of their best work.

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Community News

Arruption Dance
Learn to Dance. First lesson free. Deanne is available to teach at the Small Hall, Barrack Reserve, High St, Heathcote. If you would like more information, collect the flyer from the school office.

Heathcote Junior Football Netball Club.
Training commences first week of March for all teams. U14 football, Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th, 5.00pm to 6.00pm. U12 football, Wednesday 6th and Friday 8th, 4.00pm to 5.00pm. All netball teams, Wednesday 6th, 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
Physical Aggression is NOT ACCEPTABLE

Walk away...

...get help.