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<td>Last Day of Term 1 Students finish school at 2.15pm</td>
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<td>Monday 15th April</td>
<td>Term 2 Commences Students start school again on this day</td>
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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

**SAKGP VOLUNTEERS INFO SESSION**

Earlier this week, we held an Information Session for anyone interested in volunteering their time to help out in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, and we were very pleased by the number of people, both from our school community and the wider community, that attended and showed their support for the program.

During this session I outlined all the benefits that being a volunteer can be to both the students and the person volunteering their time. If you were unable to attend the information session, but would like to volunteer to help the students during their garden or kitchen classes, please come and see me to find out further information.

**HEADLICE CHECK**

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. We will be organising another headlice check in the next few weeks to assist all our families in getting on top of this problem.

We have organised a headlice check to be conducted early next week and we would appreciate your assistance in taking the appropriate action if headlice are found.

Kind regards,

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

**Miss O’Neill’s Grade**
- Erica Mitchell
- Ty Boyd

**Mrs. Parry’s Grade**
- Daniel Butler
- Belinda Temby

**Mr. Morris’ Grade**
- Hayley Cox
- Jye Formosa

**Mr. Clayton’s Grade**
- Chayne Ribbons
- Eve Beedle

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

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.

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.

Thank you to all the families that have already sold their raffle tickets and donated items for our hamper. A reminder to all families to please return raffle tickets and money, as well as a donation for the raffle by Tuesday March 26. Donated items can be handed in at the office.

Extra raffle tickets are available from the Office if you have already sold the tickets that were sent home last week.

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.

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

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.

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.
By Bradyn

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Benidigo

On a Saturday I went to Benidigo. Pub & I played games. It was fun. Then we had hungry Jack. Then we went home. Then and got The machs and went to the TV. Then we went to bed.

By Mikayla

21/5

I made a puppet.

By Samantha

21/5

My puppet named Danny duck.
COMMUNITY NEWS

The Heathcote Style café

Are you in a primary caring role for a person 65 years or over who is living with a diagnosis of memory loss, or dementia? Would you enjoy meeting others in a similar situation over a cuppa and and enjoying a good laugh?

Bendigo Health Carer Support Services is offering an opportunity to carers and the person they care for, to experience this unique Café Style Support.

Join us at Pink Cliffs Café Heathcote starting Tuesday 26 March from 1pm-3.30pm, then every Tuesday fortnight at the same time until June 4.

For more information or to register contact: Carer Support Services freecall 1800 068 978

SPAN: Tough times pass

SUICIDE WALK
March 24, 2013
Dai Gum San Chinese Precinct

The Suicide Prevention Awareness Network’s suicide walk on March 24 is designed to allow those touched by suicide to remember loved ones, friends, with school mates and to raise awareness of the issue of suicide across the broader Central Victorian community. The walk will be approximately 3km.

11:00am: Registration opens at Dai Gum San Chinese Precinct at 11-11 Bridge Street, Bendigo. $15.00 PP walk, Tshirt, Fees with no Tshirt.
12:30pm: Official speeches by guest speakers and Bring to Rememberance ceremony.
1:00pm: Free smokefree children’s refreshments.
2:00pm: Entertainment provided by Max Webster and the Castlemaine Pipe Band.

Follow up event www.bendigosuicidewalk.com.au

Have you been affected by a road incident?

Any road collision can be extremely traumatic, no matter what your involvement was in the incident: driver, passenger, witness, family or friends.

Road Trauma Support Services Victoria is holding a free information session that provides education on common reactions to road trauma and will look at helpful strategies to assist you in your recovery, no matter how long ago the incident occurred.

VicRoads Office

Date: Thurs, March 21st
Venue: 51-53 Lonsell St Bendigo
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm
RSVP Mon, March 18th

Visit www.rtsv.org.au
for more information.