Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you have had an enjoyable break over the holidays and are ready for a busy term full of learning opportunities. This term students will be lots of activities that will help them improve their learning including NAPLAN assessments, excursions, visiting performances and several sporting events.

In order to provide a more supportive and productive learning environment in the Senior Unit, this term students have been separated into three smaller classes, of around 16-18 students, for the Literacy and Numeracy blocks and will ensure that our children have greater support during the two focussed learning sessions each day. Mr. Clayton, Mrs. Ryan and Mr Morris, are teaching these classes. Mr Gilmore will also be working across both the Junior and Senior Units to provide the fulltime teachers with their approved planning time each Thursday and Friday.

Unfortunately on Tuesday I was diagnosed with shingles, which is a skin condition related to chicken pox. As people with shingles can run the risk of passing on the virus to people who have not yet had chicken pox, I will be absent from school until Monday 29th April. Thankfully, recently retired Principal, Mrs Jenny Robinson has kindly agreed to fill in at the school during my absence. Please make Mrs. Robinson welcome while she is working at our school.

Heathcote Primary School students and families have once again been invited to participate in the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service on Thursday 25th April.

The ceremony commences at 10 a.m. at the Heathcote RSL Hall, High Street, Heathcote. Students are requested to wear their school uniform if they are attending the service. Some of our Senior Unit students will be participating in the Official ceremony by reading sections of the poem ‘In Flanders Field’.

Please remember ANZAC day is a public holiday and there will be no school on this day.

Due to my absence from school, our School Council meeting, which was due to be held next Wednesday will now be held on Wednesday 8th May commencing at 5.30pm. If you have any items for the agenda, please forward them to the school by Friday 3rd May.

Kind regards,
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**EARN AND LEARN STICKERS**

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back again, commencing Monday 8th April. The system will work the same as in 2012 with stickers to be placed on a point sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn and Learn point for every $10.00 spent.

Once the point sheet is completed it can be placed in the collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

We are really grateful for your support and look forward once again to being able to redeem educational resources for our students. The Earn and Learn program closes on Sunday 9th June, so please start collecting now!

**JUNIOR UNIT NEWS.**

The Junior Unit is studying Fairy Tales. As part of our unit of study, an excursion to the Anakie Fairy Park is planned for May. The excursion will cost between $30 and $40 to cover entry fee and bus travel.

Library Day for the Junior Unit will now be on a **Thursday** with Mrs Ryan. Phys Ed will be on Monday and Tuesday with Miss O’Neill and Thursday with Mr Gilmore. Mrs Parry will take Art on Monday and Tuesday.

Prior Notice that Alpha Productions Sleeping Beauty will be on 29th May and will cost $8 per student.

Marg Parry

In Term 2, we will participate in Issue 3 only,

**BOOK CLUB**

In Term 3, Issue 5 only but in Term 4 we will participate in Issues 7 and 8, giving more opportunities for Christmas shopping ideas.

**Issue 3 will go home tomorrow. Please return order forms and money by Monday 6th May.**

**PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

**Heathcote Connect Event Cake Stall**

This year, we will again be asking families to bake and donate goods for our cake stall at the Heathcote Connect Event on May 11th. This is a great fundraiser for us and we are hoping to have another successful stall at this year's event. Further information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

The students will be given the opportunity to buy a small gift for their mum at the Mother’s Day Stall in the gallery at school on Friday May 10th. There will be a variety of items available starting at 50c and all under $5.

It's a lovely opportunity for the students to buy something special at a small cost for their Mum on Mother's Day.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Cross Country. Thankyou to Mr. Brent Anstee from Holy Rosary PS who organised the Combined Schools Cross Country. Also thank you to Miss O’Neill and Mr. Clayton for preparing the Heathcote PS children. The children are to be commended on their responsible behaviour and good sportsmanship.

**Age Group Results-**

- **8 years** - Katie S, Lily F, Pru N, Belinda T, James P, Kane C, Bradyn F, Thomas J
- **9 years** - Eve B, Tomia D. April F, Imogen B, Riley B, George C, Aydn J, Kowen R
- **11 years** - Elizabeth B, Deni E, Makenzie B, Chloe B, Jye F, Zac H, Ben M, Xavier K
- **12 years** - Cloe F, Cassie M, Jamie D, William T, Tristan B, Xavior C, Jordy M
COMMUNITY NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday I ran in the school’s cross country race. Then I got my token, it was a green one. I came second in my age group.

From Jorgia

Yesterday I ran in the school’s cross country race. I ran with my friends, it was fun.

By Isabell

Hi my name is Tristan.

Yesterday I ran in the schools cross country race. I ran my hardest to win the race but Will ran in front of me so I came second. I was sore.
Hot Shots Tennis Term Program
The BTA will deliver an 8-week term program of Hot Shots Tennis, with the first class starting Thursday 18th April. Participants attend one 40 minute session per week, which will take students through the basics of tennis and match play.

Times:
- **Tuesday**: 4.00pm – 4.40pm & 4.40pm – 5.20pm starts 23/4/13
- **Wednesday**: 4.00pm – 4.40pm & 4.40pm – 5.20pm starts 24/4/13
- **Thursday**: 4.00pm – 4.40pm & 4.40pm – 5.20pm starts 18/4/13
- **Saturday**: 9.00am – 9.40am, 9.40am – 10.20am & 10.20am – 11.00am starts 27/4/2013

Cost: $80 for the 8 week term

Bookings: Contact the Complex on 5442 5744

We will also hold a FREE come and try of the program this **Saturday 20th April** from 9am – 9.40am and 9.40am – 10.20am. Bookings are essential