Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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

Wednesday 24th April Division Cross Country - Mr Clayton, Mrs King and selected students to attend
Wednesday 24th April Jennie Ryan and Joan Stammers attending ASD PD - Relief Teacher to cover class
Thursday 25th April ANZAC Day Holiday.. Enjoy the day with your families.
Sunday, 28th April WORKING BEE 11am
Mon 29th Apr - Fri 3rd May LaTrobe Uni Student Teachers working in the school
Fri 3rd - Sun 5th May Harold Baigent Memorial Art Exhibition held at RSL Hall Visitors Welcome!
Monday 6 May Bookclub due
Wednesday 8th May School Council Meeting 6.00pm
Wednesday 15th May School Photo Day Please ensure all students are in full school uniform

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Acting Principal, I would like to thank all parents, students and staff for making me feel so welcome during my time at Heathcote Primary. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Bruechert a speedy recovery.

Thanks must go to all those parents who assist staff so capably within classrooms and in the Stephanie Alexander Garden and Kitchen. Parental involvement and support of the school is well recognized as being vital for student success.

I would also like to congratulate those students who represented our school at the cross country today and I will certainly be eager to hear of their accomplishments when they return to school on Friday. Thanks to Mr. Clayton for his organization of the event and to Mrs King for attending the cross country with Mr. Clayton to support students.

Thanks also to those students who are representing our school community at the 10am Anzac Day Service in Heathcote tomorrow. Elizabeth B and Jordan M are reading and Makenzie B will be a backup in case of illness.

Mrs Jennifer Robinson

ANZAC DAY

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our next School Council meeting will be held next 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,

Cindi Bruechert
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
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.

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 went home last week. Please return order forms and money by Monday 6th May.

Our next Stephanie Alexander Garden Working Bee will be held this Sunday, 28 April commencing at 11am. Then we will have a sausage sizzle available for lunch. We would love to see as many parents and children as possible helping on the day.

The main job will be to complete the Chook Run. We have chookies lined up waiting to lay.

This should only take a couple of hours so bring along your brawn and brains (Ladies we know what we are bringing)

To assist with planning we would appreciate you letting the office know if you will be staying for the sausage sizzle.

With thanks

Michele Witham

SAGK—Garden Coordinator

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 50¢ 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.

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

Junior Unit
- Josh C
- Jai S
- Monique S
- Harry P

Senior Unit
- Simone T
- Damian M
- Daniel K
- Xavier C
- Lily G-M
- Victor B
## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaustralia@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaustralia@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of fam-

### 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!

### VISITORS TO OUR GARDEN

We enjoyed a visit from several people from the Heathcote Hospital on Friday. They were able to have a tour of our Stephanie Alexander Garden. Children from Mr Clayton’s grade were busy working in the garden then after recess they were able to use the produce to make a number of dishes.

### School Photo Day

The photo ordering envelopes will arrive early this term.

Extra envelopes for ordering sibling photos will also be available from the Office, in term 2

Photo orders can be returned to the Office before the day. We will group them by classes ready for the photographers.

All payments go directly to Advancedlife Photography. These orders are not processed via the school. Please select a payment method that suits you from the options available from “How to order School Photos” letter from Advancedlife Photography.

### COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS 2012

We have now received our sports equipment as a result of last years Coles Sports for Schools program

### HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY CONNECT EVENT 2013

**SATURDAY, 11TH May**

10am—2pm

Camp Street, Heathcote

Supporting Mental Health and Well Being!

Come and join in the fun and find out about services, sporting, bobby, community, and health groups in and around Heathcote.
ART LESSONS
PAINTING AND DRAWING
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED
CHILDREN: WEEKDAYS 4-6PM
ADULTS: 10-12AM
LORI DUNCAN STUDIO
ENQ. 0439 853275

Free Art Workshops in the Heathcote Community Art Space

1) Work on Paper – Mondays 5.15-7pm
This series of classes will give participants the opportunity to work in a mixed group learning basic drawing skills, drawing line, form, light and shade.

2) Craft Project – Tuesdays 5.15-7pm
Mixed media assembly; explore different materials; learn photo transfer techniques; create your own personal symbols; Put it all together! A fun project for girls aged 13+

3) Men’s Art Project – Mondays 1-3pm
This series of classes will teach basic drawing skills and will be tailored to individual participants. Designed especially for men to get together and develop their drawing skills.

Workshops run from 22 April to 14 May.
Work produced will be exhibited in the Heathcote Art Space, to be opened, Thursday 16 May.
Places are limited – to book call the City of Greater Bendigo, Heathcote Office—4343 3211

Australia’s First Coloured Commemorative Coin!
LIMITED EDITION

For a $10 donation
the 82 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation

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The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.
All funds raised go to support our vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.

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www.rsl.org.au

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