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At Heathcote PS we value...

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<td>Student Leadership Conference in Bendigo</td>
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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

NAPLAN TESTING

On Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May, our students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake the 2012 NAPLAN tests.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

Some words of advice for families with students in these two grade levels:

- Ensure that children go to bed early on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Make sure they have breakfast each morning before they come to school.
- Try to ensure that there has been no altercation with family members in the morning before they leave for school.

More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the onset of the colder weather there have been a number of students who are coming to school with tops that are not part of the school uniform. Please note that all students are expected to be wearing their proper uniform everyday, which includes the navy school windcheater top. Other coloured tops are not permitted.

BUS TRAVELLERS

Over the last few weeks, we have several issues with some of the students travelling on our School Buses, to and from school. All students travelling on the bus must abide by the same rules and values that we have in place at school, especially showing respect to other bus travellers, speaking nicely to each other and keeping our hands to ourselves.

If inappropriate behaviour continues, students will be banned from travelling on the bus for a period of time and parents will need to make other travel arrangements.

Please also note that parents are required to abide by their designated drop off and pick up times every day to ensure that other students and their parents are not inconvenienced. A note will be sent home next week confirming the allotted drop off and pick up times for each bus travelling family.

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**
- Ellie Close
- Lucynda Jaroslawski

**Mrs. Parry’s Grade**
- Harrison Ferguson
- Jack Tolra-Morris

**Mr. Morris’ Grade**
- Ben Mitchell
- Sam Walker

**Mr. Clayton’s Grade**
- Jaymee Doolan
- Paris Morgan

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**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

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

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photo Day is Wednesday 16th May

Extra envelopes for ordering sibling photos are available from the Office.

Photo orders need to be returned to the Office before the 16th May. 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.*

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**PARENTS CLUB INFORMATION**

**Mother’s Day Stall**
We will be holding our Mothers Day Stall on Friday 11th May at 1.45pm. **We would love as many helpers as possible for the stall.**

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

A number of students were issued with “Lost Book” notices during classes on Wednesday. Please look for the red notices in your child’s bag. A prompt response, with books returned to the office before next Wednesday, would be appreciated.

June Gleeson (Teacher/Librarian)

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back for 2012. From the **May 9th until the July 1st** when you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent. Once the sticker card is completed, they can be placed in the collection box at school in the Office foyer.

These stickers will go towards providing valuable re-sources for our school. Your family’s sticker card is attached to the newsletter. If you happen to fill it, there are more available from the Office.

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**HEADLICE**

Headlice continues to pose a 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.

We will be organising another head-llice check in the next few weeks to assist all our families in getting on top of this problem.
Heathcote Community House is running a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Course

Thursday 17th May
6.00pm—10.00pm
Cost: $70 per person
Call 5431 0930 to book a place

Heathcote Community House
Food Swap
“STOP PRESS Food Swap here Thursday 17 May”

Thursday 2pm @ Mudbrick – Hospital St. 17 May

What is a food swap?
A food swap is an opportunity for individuals to bring along excess produce from their garden to swap, trade and share. It’s also known as a harvest exchange, fruit & vegetable swap or a produce swap. Often there is a central table or allocated space for all those attending to place their items. It is not a direct swap as such; it is really a food ‘share’. Nothing is weighed or counted; there is no money or direct buyer involved. Everyone brings what they would like to give, and takes what they would like from the share table. It really is that simple.

What do I bring?
Apart from your home grown produce other items can also be brought such as seedlings, seeds, eggs, egg cartons, worm juice, empty plant pots, gardening magazines and books. Anything that people can use to help with produce growing in their gardens. Honey, jams, relishes and preserves are also well received. Labelling items (i.e., plant names) is recommended to help other members choose items that they may be unfamiliar with.

Benefits of Food Swaps:
- Make new friends
- Swap ideas and hints on gardening and preserving
- Get new ideas on different plant varieties
- Make effective use of your surplus
- Learn new recipes
- Appreciate and enjoy a broader range of seasonal local produce

Come along to the Mudbrick with your produce and see what you can swap it for!! Any enquiries call 5431 0930

Students at Weeroona College Bendigo are actively engaged in their learning which is personalised according to their needs and interests. Our students are independent, know what they need to learn and our teachers challenge and support them to achieve personal excellence.

Heathcote Community House

Biggest Morning Tea
Friday, 11th May, 2012 at 10.00 am.

Redesdale Hall.
Fundraiser for the Cancer Council.
Entertainment by R.M.M.B.S. students.
Favourite Jug Competition - tell a story.
Children’s Competition -
- decorate a teacup.
Multi - draw raffle.
Trading table.
The usual delicious morning tea can be expected.
Entry - Gold coin donation.
Bring some change for voting.
All welcome - why not invite
Your friends to this worthwhile cause?
Enquiries - Coral Morozoff: 5425 3108
Carolyn - Anne Boyd: 5425 3194

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Congratulations to Lucynda Jaroslawski and Riley Bruce who each won a ‘Judges Encouragement Award’ at the Harold Baigent Memorial Art Exhibition last weekend.

For Mum's birthday celebration, she said she really wanted to go to the Heathcote Art Show, but we went to the pizza place to have dinner instead. After dinner, as a surprise for mum, we took her to the art show.

When we got there we looked at lots of great art work from grown ups and kids. The speaker called us to attention. They were about to announce the winners. They did the grown ups first and then the kids.

Andrew from Holy Rosary won a prize and then Lucynda, from our school won a prize. The speaker started to say 'R' and I thought 'no way, it couldn’t be me’, but then he said my name and I was shocked when I went up to get my prize.

I went up and got my trophy and certificate. When I came back I said ‘I wasn’t expecting this surprise!’ Mum thought it was a great surprise, especially for her birthday. I am so glad this happened.

By Riley Bruce
Grade 2