Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

### NAPLAN TESTING

On Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May, our students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake the 2014 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 Australian children.

Some words of advice for families with students in these 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](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

### SCHOOL CHAPLAIN PERMISSION FORMS

To ensure that all students have access to the valuable support that Megan, our new School Chaplain, can provide, we are reminding parents to complete a Consent Form for all students. Thank you to those families who have already returned their Permission Forms.

There are still a large number of students who have not returned their permission forms, so please fill the additional form that was sent home with this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible.

### BUDDY ACTIVITIES

Every second Friday afternoon, all our students will be participating in a range of multi-age Buddy activities, which will provide our students with a great opportunity to work cooperatively with students from other year levels. Here is a picture of some of our students building bush huts together with Mrs. Parry.

Kind Regards,

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Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from the last week of Term 1:

**Miss O'Neill's Grade**
- Emily Allison-Green
- Shyanne Cook

**Mrs. Parry’s Grade**
- Norah Pitt
- Sienna Mainard

**Miss Somerville’s Grade**
- Josh Comer
- Jai Sauvarin

**Mr. Clayton’s Grade**
- Cody Sauvarin
- Shaylee Reddin-Jowett
- April Taylor
- Todd Moule
- Chayne Ribbons

Just a reminder that parents are required to pay the Online Subscriptions as listed on the 2015 Student Booklists in order to be able to access the three Online Programs: Reading Eggs, Ziptales and ZooWhiz (Maths). If you haven’t already done so please pay this by the beginning of Term 2.

Family Statements were sent home this week.

Our school photos will be taken on Wednesday, 13th May. Individual Student envelopes have been distributed and must be returned prior to Photo Day. Sibling photos envelopes are available from the school office if you would like a family photo.

Parents have the option of returning payment with cash or cheque in the envelope or by making an online payment directly to Advanced Life Photography.

**Milo Sales**
The Parents Club/Fundraising Committee will be selling Milo at first break (11.00am) on Friday mornings for 50 cents each. We would appreciate any donations of biscuits such as Teddy Bear or Scotch Finger biscuits.

**Mothers Day Stall:**
The Parents Club will be holding a Mothers Day stall on the Thursday and Friday prior to Mothers Day. There will be a range of gifts that children can purchase. Prices range from $1 to $5.

**Next Meeting:**
The next Parents Club meeting will be held next Monday, 4th May at 9.20am (after assembly) in the SA Kitchen. All welcome.
Dear Parents & Students

**PHOTO DAY IS WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 2015**

School photo order envelopes have been distributed to every student. Extras available from the office.

**Important Information**

- Every student ordering photos must return an order envelope before photo day OR order online.
- Every student ordering photos must return their own order envelope – even if their payment is in their sibling’s envelope.
- Sibling photo order envelopes can be collected from the school office and must be returned to the school office before photo day or order online before 11/5/15.
- Orders placed after photo day will be charged a late order fee.

**Order Instructions**

1. **Select a photo package option** - each option is explained on the flyer attached to the order envelope.
2. **Complete your order envelope** - use a black or blue ball point pen and fill in your order and contact details.
3. **Complete payment** - cash cheque or credit card (ONLINE ONLY)

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**Heathcote Junior Football/ Netball Club**

We will be holding NET SET GO for kids aged 5-10 yrs. At Barrack Reserve on Wednesdays, 4pm—5pm Starting 27th May 2015 Cost: $60 for 10 weeks

Please come down to the stadium on any Wednesday for more information
Or call Julie Gellatly on 0401 490 845

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