PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

Next week we will be celebrating Education Week at Heathcote Primary School. As part of our celebrations the students will be involved in the following activities:

Monday 21st May
Twilight School – School starts at 12.00pm and ends at 5.45pm, followed by a free sausage sizzle. We would love as many families as possible to come and visit their child’s classroom throughout the day.

Wednesday 23rd May
District Cross Country – Approx 30 students from Year 2 – Year 6 will be participating
Student Leadership Conference – 10 students have been selected to represent the school at the Student Leadership Conference at the All Season’s Resort in Bendigo
Information Session for 2013 Prep Parent’s – Marg, Alison and Cindi will be conducting an information session for prospective parents from 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday 24th May
Whole School Excursion – All students and staff will be attending an educational excursion to the Discovery Centre in Bendigo from 11.30pm – 3.00pm.

I would like to congratulate all our Yr 3 to 6 students who have worked really hard this week through the NAPLAN testing sessions. Our Yr 3 and 5 students completed the Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy test using the official NAPLAN test books and under official test conditions.

As practice for next year, our Year 4 and 6 students also completed a copy of the tests to keep them in training for the official test that all students are required to do every second year.

The photocopied test books that were completed by the Year 4 and 6 students will be retained at the school and used by the teachers to assess their achievement so far this year, in preparation for the writing of reports which the teachers are currently preparing for.

I would once again like to thank all our great mums on the Parents Club for helping out and donating goods for last week’s Mother’s Day stall. Your help is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,
Cindi Bruechert
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THANK YOU
CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

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

Miss O'Neil'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

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

We have just received our free sports equipment from all the 2011 Coles Sports For Schools vouchers that families collected last year. The sports equipment we received included:

- Short skill step ladder
- Flat spot markers
- Basketball kit
- 5 x basketballs
- 21 x various balls (footballs/netballs/gator /soccerballs/ pellet balls

This equipment will be added to our sports basket for students to play with during recess and lunch breaks.

Thanks once again for all your hard work collecting the vouchers!

PARENTS CLUB INFORMATION

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)

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.

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 headlice check to assist all our families in getting on top of this problem.
**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**Cheryl Billing Smith**  
Patchwork Teacher, Quilter & Designer

**Quilting and Patchwork Retreat at Heathcote**

Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th June 2012

This all-inclusive 3 day retreat will be led by patchwork teacher, quilter & designer Cheryl Billing Smith. Cheryl is dedicated to her craft and delights in teaching new beginners this fantastically creative art form. Cheryl has designed several projects that will be achievable for all levels of quilters, especially beginners. This weekend will provide the perfect opportunity to brush up on your skills and learn some new techniques. There will also be time to relax, make new friends who share a common interest and enjoy the beautiful environment of Heathcote.

**Accommodation & Workshops**

Residential accommodation is available at this beautifully appointed lodge that is nestled in the heart of the Heathcote Township. It offers a warm, inviting, relaxed and comfortable environment for you to enjoy whilst participating in your course. The lodge also offers a number of sitting rooms to relax in and enjoy. There are a variety of room configurations available including single, double and twin share. All rooms have linen and towels supplied.

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REDESDALE REGION YOUTH GROUP at the BARFOLD HALL

**FRIDAY the 18th at 6pm** we will be having a bon fire and marsh mellows for everyone! The local CFA will be in attendance also to speak about fire safety and answer any questions for you. If it is too wet we will be having a movie night in stead but the show must go on!

Many thanks to a small yet lively group of children who attended last month.

**Term 2 Dates:**

**Friday 18th May** - Bon Fire night with BBQ. Some drinks provided but please B.Y.O water bottle too. (A choice of movies will be available in case we get rained out.

**Friday 22nd June** - Games night with snack T.B.A.

**RSVP**  
amber.contact@gmail.com  or 0401 881 156

**All events are supervised, drug and alcohol free**

If you would like to be on the email list for youth events or if you need to update your email address please send an email to the above email address.
Throughout this week, our Senior Unit students have been writing a Communication Book entry about the things they love about having the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program at our school. Here are some examples of their work...

**WHAT I LOVE ABOUT OUR GARDEN!**

One of the things I like about the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is harvesting the wonderful things we have planted over the last term. It's amazing how fast things in the garden grow. I think we all learnt something different about gardening. I think it is very creative how we made the newspaper pots! Now I know of a different way of recycling newspaper.

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**What I Love About Our Garden**

My favourite thing about gardening has been taste testing the food. It's fun to harvest the fruit and vegetables. It's an amazing task to change from a big space to a massive, fabulous garden. I like going caterpillar catching in the garden.

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**What I Love About The Garden**

My favourite thing in the garden is bug catching. I like making pots out of newspaper. I like harvesting my friends. I like planting.

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**What I Love About Our Garden**

1. How the garden looks. It means we have to be careful and you can eat it.
2. The garden is full of surprises. It is so much fun.
3. My favourite thing about gardening has been to create the garden.

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**What I enjoy about our garden!**

I enjoy going out in the garden with my friends and harvesting and tasting all the different kinds of fruits and vegetables. I also enjoy doing homework in the garden.

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**What I love about the garden**

One thing I love about the garden is that the best part is planting seeds. The second best thing is harvesting because we do it with our friends. The third best thing is making newspaper pots.