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

**HABITS FOR HARMONY**

Throughout May our students will be focusing on the habit of ‘speaking respectfully to others.

Every classroom will focus on this habit and celebrate how they have learnt to put this habit into practice at the end of April. Each classroom will decide what their celebration will be.

You can support this program at home by discussing the monthly habit we are learning and explain to your child how this habit leads to harmony at school and at home.

**YEAR 3-6 SCHOOL CAMP**

The Year 3-6 will be attending the DOXA Urban School Camp on the 24th, 25th and 26th June which is in the last week of Term 2.

The initial deposit of $50 is now overdue. This deposit is needed as we are required to pay V-Line in advance for the train travel to Melbourne. If your child is going to camp and you have not yet paid your deposit, please do so as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

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

**Miss O'Neill's Grade**
- Henry Thorson – Patten
- Elizabeth Byrne

**Mrs. Parry's Grade**
- Toby Francis
- Hollie Temby

**Miss Somerville's Grade**
- Miguel Tongco
- Rhys Clayton

**Mr. Clayton's Grade**
- Cordell Lemke-Coole
- Hayley Jones

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**STUDENT REQUISITES**

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 now.

Our school photos will be taken next Wednesday, 13th May. Individual Student envelopes have been distributed and must be returned prior to Photo Day.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Photo Day. Sibling photos envelopes are available from the school office if you would like a family photo.

*Payment is due back at school prior to photo day.*

Please make sure your child is in school uniform for Photo Day.

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**PARENTS CLUB**

**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 held the Mothers Day stall today. If your child forgot to bring their money today and would like to buy something, the Parents Club will be at school at 8.40am to take late orders.

**Next Meeting:**
The next Parents Club meeting will be held Monday, 18th May at 9.20am (after assembly) in the SA Kitchen. All welcome.

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**SPECIAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

We are a group of students from Weeroona College Bendigo and we are trying to acquire clothing and foot wear donations for a school we are looking to help in Fiji (Bureta District schools).

We are all a part of an elective called ‘Advance’ and this is a class that focuses on community involvement and fundraising and trying to help those who need it most. This school desperately needs clothes and shoes for all the children who are attending it. Every donation we get will be shipped over to the school via a container on a ship.

We are planning to deliver everything to the school by November 2015. We are hoping that the kids at your school would be willing to go through their clothes at home and bring what they don’t wear or don’t need any more and donate them to this wonderful cause we are doing.

If you have any questions about this or you want to learn more please don’t hesitate to call the school and ask to talk to Gary Schroeder or email me on tho0036@weeroona.vic.edu.au

Kind regards, Weeroona ‘Advance’ Class
ENVELOPE AND ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

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)

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
HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ABSENCE NOTE

Name ......................................................

Grade: ..............................

This student was absent on .................

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(APPROVED REASONS:

Tick one)

200  Medical

201  Illness

205 Medical appointment

209  Dental

211  Funeral

806  Unauthorised Parent Choice

807  Authorised Parent choice

804  Extended Family Holiday

Additional comment:  (if required)

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(Parent/Guardian signature)........................................

Date: ..................................