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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

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**SCHOOL REVIEW FORUMS**

Every four years, schools go through a School Review Process to evaluate their achievements in the areas of Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing, and Student Transitions and Pathways. Heathcote PS is due for its School Review in Term 3 this year.

In preparation for our School Review, we will be running several forums over the next month with students, parents and staff members. During the forums we will be looking at different sets of data including NAPLAN, AusVELS, Staff and Parent Opinion Surveys and Students Attitudes to School data and determining what we have done well over the last four years and what we need to improve on.

The information gained from analysing the data will assist us in preparing the School Self Evaluation, one of the requirements of the Review Process.

Our first forum will be held next Tuesday 2nd June in the School Gallery from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. We would love as many parents as possible to attend and make a contribution to this important process. The next forum will be held on Wednesday 17th June at 6.30pm.

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**CLASSROOM HELPERS TO SIGN IN**

Please remember that all classroom helpers require a current Working with Children Check and need to sign the visitors register at the Office (for OH&S purposes) before and after helping in the classroom.

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**CAMPS. SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND**

The Victorian Government has unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. **$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students**, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students.

Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student. Unfortunately the payments will not be processed in time to cover this year's Grade 3-6 camp, but unspent funds from one year can carry over to the following year.

Further information regarding the CSEF is included on information sheet and application forms which were sent home earlier this week.

The forms are required to be returned by Friday, 19th June so we can apply for funding.

Kind Regards,

Cindi Bruechert
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from last week:

**Miss O'Neill's Grade**
- Justin Campbell
- Alynta-Kerry Ribbons

**Mrs. Parry’s Grade**
- Ivy Henness
- Madison Johnson

**Miss Somerville’s Grade**
- Dakota Delmo
- Summer Elliott

**Mr. Clayton’s Grade**
- Levi Boyd
- Isabell Holland

**Most Valuable Player Award:** Tanika Cook

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**INDIGENOUS PERFORMANCE**

As part of our Indigenous Studies, all students in Grades Foundation to Six will be participating in the performance by Sean Choolburra on Thursday, 18 June. The school will subsidise this cost but parents will be asked to contribute $6 per student. A note will be sent home shortly.

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**HEAD LICE**

We have had several reports of headlice recently. Please check your child’s hair at least once a week.

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**PARENTS CLUB**

**Milo Sales:** Parents Club are in need of donations of milo, cups, biscuits, and milk for our Milo Fridays. If you can help please send any donation to school.

Thank you to the families for the wonderful donations so far, we greatly appreciate your contributions for our school.

**Next Meeting:** Monday the 15th June 9.15am

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AXEDALE TAVERN

Tuesday Nights $5.00 Kid’s Meals
(Ordered from the Kids Menu)

For every $5.00 meal purchased,
the AXEDALE TAVERN will donate $5.00 to your school!

Organise a fun night out with a group or simply enjoy a family dinner.
Please tell us the school you are nominating for a donation when ordering your meals.
Offer valid May through to Tuesday 15th September 2015.

ANZAC Ceremony

We recently received a lovely letter of thanks from the Heathcote RSL, see below, which we thought you would be pleased to read...

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PO Box 87 Heathcote 3523

President:  Ian Owen  5433 2290  0431 733 109
Vice-President:  Miles Humphrey  miles.humphrey@defence.gov.au
Secretary:  John McClure  5433 3269  jmclure@iinet.net.au
Treasurer:  Les Owens  5433 3115  Business hours only

11th May, 2015

Ms Cindi Bruechert,
Heathcote Primary School,
P.O. Box 631,
Heathcote VIC 3523

Dear Cindy,

I write to thank you, your staff and students, for the school’s part in the special commemoration of ANZAC at Heathcote this year, particularly in arranging for the senior students to join in planting the Field of Crosses on the Friday, and for several students reading sections of the ANZAC Requiem during the Saturday service.

In making the request for readers, the Heathcote RSL Sub-Branch recognized the challenge to school students in reading aloud into a microphone clearly and steadily, in front of a large number of people at this centenary occasion. The Sub-Branch Committee, on behalf of all present at the service, has asked me to thank each of the schools taking part, and put on record the clear way in which every one of the students rose to that challenge.

Yours sincerely,

John McClure
Secretary,
Heathcote Sub-Branch,
Tel: 03 5433 3269
jmclure@iinet.net.au
Dear parents,

The Department of Education and Training has released an app which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The app, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year.

Educators from across the state from Victoria's various teaching associations have worked with the Department to provide practical tips about what you can do at home to best support what your children are learning.

Those teaching experts have also suggested books you may like to read with your child or that they may read themselves, and apps you can download that are related to what your child is learning.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS – the Australian Curriculum in Victoria – as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10. I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

As SchoolMate is the first app of its kind, the Department would love to hear any feedback you have, and you can send this to online.comms.unit@edumail.vic.gov.au

Feedback from parents and schools will inform any future updates to SchoolMate, so please get in touch if you have the time.

Regards,

Cindi Bruechert
Principal