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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

**HEADLICE**

Headlice continues to pose a huge 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.

After using a recognised treatment solution, it is extremely important that you also use a specially designed headlice comb to remove all eggs and dead lice.

Many students are returning to school without having had their hair thoroughly combed through and this often results in re-infestation. I realise this is time consuming and expensive, but it is the only way to ensure proper treatment.

**SCHOOL CAMP NEWS**

Our Yr 3-6 Melbourne Discovery Camp will be held from Wed 7th to Fri 9th November. An expression of interest form was sent home today and will need to be returned as soon as possible.

As they are only 45 places available for this highly sought after camp, places will be allocated according to the date the return slips were received at the Office.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Over the last few weeks, many students have been coming to school wearing items of clothing that are not part of the official school uniform. Many students are wearing different coloured jumpers. We overlooked this for a short time to allow parents time to purchase new school jumpers but we will now be ensuring that students only wear the proper jumpers while at school.

Wearing a school uniform can have many benefits. It eliminates the risk of peer pressure to wear fashionable clothes which are often more expensive. It helps to develop a person’s sense of belonging to a school community and a sense of pride. It also enables teachers to keep track of students when they are in a larger mixed group, therefore becoming a safety issue. When all the school is in uniform, they do look impressive.

Children who are out of school uniform will be asked to go to the office, where spare uniform articles will be provided for them to wear while at school. Parents will be contacted and asked to ensure that their student comes to school in their proper uniform. A note will also be sent home as an official reminder.

Kind regards,

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

**Miss O'Neill's Grade**
- Brock Kurrle
- Kane Chapman

**Mrs. Parry's Grade**
- Jack Nanscawen
- Jarrad Kirkpatrick

**Mr. Morris' Grade**
- Lachlan Rudland
- Aiden Taleb

**Mr. Clayton's Grade**
- Ebony Latross
- Chloe Schmidt

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD), are improving the recording and reporting of Student Attendance with the systems that we use at school. We record and code an absence when parents and guardians telephone the school, or send in a note to advise of an absence.

If a student is marked absent in the classroll and the school has not been advised, we are required to code the absence “without explanation”. The system then generates a letter/note from the school to the parents/guardians with the child’s name and the absence date/s, with room for “reason of absence” and parents / guardian signature. This letter / note gives us the opportunity to record the absence correctly, changes the absence from “without explanation” to approved absence and also becomes the formal absence note required by the DEECD.

We are sending home the first of these letter/notes for families to complete and return to the Office. Susy and Cheryl are happy to answer any questions regarding Student Attendance.

PARENTS CLUB INFORMATION

**School Disco**
Friday 22nd June
Watch this space for further details.

**Lolly Jar Guess**
*How Many Lollies are in the jar?*
20 cents for 1 guess
or
50 cents for 3 guess’s
Lolly Jar and guessing slips available at the Office

**Hot Milo Days**
each Friday at recess,
Commencing  Friday 1st June
$ 1.00 per cup
* Being served from the conference room area
* Children are to sit on the seats along the Office building until their drink is finished

LIBRARY INFORMATION

A huge thank you to those students and families who have made the effort to return the overdue books.

We only have a few students who are still on the restricted borrowing list. It would be lovely to go into the second semester with all students have free access to our fantastic library resource.

Over $1000 worth of books have been added to our library so far this year.

June Gleeson (teacher/librarian)
AROUND THE COMMUNITY

PAUL'S COLLECT A CAP

Paul's have extended the collection time for milk caps. We have the collection box in the Office area.
Please bring in any caps and drop them into the box.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND 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. Please ask at the school office if you need a new sticker cards.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Do you or your family shop at Coles? If so we need your help! Coles Supermarkets have organised a Sports for Schools Program to help provide sports equipment for participating schools. All you need you to do is to ask to the person at the checkout for the Sports for Schools Vouchers when you pay your bill.
Coles will give you one voucher for every $10 you spend. A collection box will be placed in the office at school and each time you call in you can drop in your voucher.

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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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PAUL'S COLLECT A CAP

For every currently marked Paul's Collect a Cap that you bring in, Paul's will donate $1 towards our cause.
We are learning to classify.

We are learning to think about how things belong together, and how they can be put into groups, which also help us to make connections to information.