**At Heathcote PS we value...**

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

**WELCOME TO 2015**

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all had a great holiday break and that you are well rested and ready for 2015. Our staff have been very busy over the last week participating in Professional Development and preparing the classrooms and programs, which has ensured a really positive start to the year. All the students have settled into their new grades and are working well.

We are very pleased to have 14 Foundation students joining our school community for their first year at school; and 6 new students across the other year levels.

Welcome to the following Foundation students and their families: Daniel, Ella, Leah, Kayla, Mason, Henry, Isaac, Toby, Yana, Maddie, Abbey, Matiu, Elise and Layne-David.

I would also like to welcome Shyanne, Tanika, Triniti and Austin and their family to our school; and to welcome back Abby and Cordell and their family.

**2015 STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS**

The staffing arrangements for 2015 are as follows:

**Principal** - Cindi Bruechert
**Business Managers** - Kerry Prentice and Susy Jarman

**Junior Learning Community**

- F-2 P Teacher - Marg Parry – Unit Leader
- F-2 A Teacher - Alison O’Neill
- Reading Recovery - May McLean
- F-2 Education Support - Cheryl Freeman
- LOTE Indonesian Teacher - TBC

**Senior Learning Community**

- 3-4 M Teacher - Rebecca Somerville
- 5-6 C Teacher - Rhys Clayton – Unit Leader
- 3-4 Education Support - Lisa Zeirsch
- 5-6 Education Support - Brenda King
- SAKGP Specialist - Michele Witham

**NEW SESSION TIMES FOR 2015**

This term we have introduced new session times throughout the day.

The session times are as follows:

- 9.00am - 11.00am Literacy Session
- 11.00am - 11.45am Lunch Break
- 11.45am - 1.45pm Numeracy and Wellbeing Sessions
- 1.45pm - 2.15pm Recess Break
- 2.15pm - 3.15pm Integrated Inquiry Session

Kind Regards,

*Cindi Bruechert*

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Our booklist collection day was held on Wednesday and went very well. If you have placed an order with Education Plus and you were unable to collect your order yesterday, please collect it from Education Plus, Lowndes Street, Strathdale.

Please ensure that you contact the school if your child is going to be away from school at any time. All student absences must be explained by a note or a phone call from a parent, as required by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

We have attached an absent note proforma to this newsletter to assist you in notifying the school if you child is absent at any time.

As part of our Sun Smart Policy we require all children to wear wide brimmed hats at school during Terms 1 and 4.

If your child does not have a hat with them at school they will be required to stay under the covered area and they will not be permitted to play outdoors. Hats are available from the office for $10.00 each.

Swimming notes were handed out today and must be back in the office by next Thursday 5th Feb.

Our swimming program starts on Monday 9th February. The cost is $50 per child.

Please remember to clearly name all your child’s clothing and swimming gear to save any confusion if items are misplaced when your child is changing. Remember, all students must wear a protective top and sunscreen while participating in their swimming lessons.

If you need to order any of our school uniform items, please complete the green order form and return to the school office ready for our next ordering day which will be mid Term 1.

We may have a few items available in our stock but most will need to be pre-ordered. Just see Kerry or Susy in the office with any enquiries.

Order forms for Issue 1 of the Scholastic Bookclub will be distributed shortly.

If you would like to order anything, order forms need to be returned to school by Friday, 13th February 9am. Thank you.

To borrow books from our library pupils require a cloth bag, preferably with a drawstring top. This bag ensures the safety and cleanliness of our books as they are carried between home and school.

Please remember if you misplace a book to inform the school immediately so we can all begin to search for the "lost" item.

Happy reading!

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, please send medication to the office with a note giving staff permission to administer it and clearly indicate the dosage.

Blank Medication permission forms are available at the front office if you require them.

If your child is asthmatic or has any allergies, please forward an up to date asthma plan or allergy plan to the school as soon as possible.
SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

Children are our most vulnerable road users and to address this road safety issue school speed zones with lower speed limits need to be observed.

Motorists should be aware that children in traffic are not like adults. They can be unpredictable and because they are small, they can be hard to see.

So take extra care and slow down when you drive past any school.
HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Grade: …………………….
This student was absent on …………………….
……………………………………………………. (insert dates)

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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