At Heathcote PS we value... | Respect | Learning | Teamwork | Responsibility
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Thursday 28 January | First day of Term 1 for students | | | |
Wednesday 3 February | Rest Day for Foundation Students | | | |
Monday 8 February | Swimming Program commences | | | |
Friday 19 February | Swimming Program ends | | | |
Sunday 21 February | Heathcote Community Games - Fun Run | | | |
Friday 22 February | Heathcote Community Games - Sports Day for All Students | | | |
Sat-Sun 27—28 February | Heathcote Community Games - Community Activities | | | |

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

WELCOME TO 2016

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all had a great holiday break and that you are well rested and ready for 2016. 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 11 Foundation students joining our school community for their first year at school.

Welcome to the following Foundation students and their families: Charlotte, Brodi, Ella, Conroy, Zoe, Tyler, Cody, Reid, Manny, Aaron and Tayton.

NEW FINISHING TIME FOR 2016

This year, school will finish at 3.00pm each day. Our new session times will be.

9.00am - 11.00am Literacy Session
11.00am - 11.30am Lunch Break
11.30am - 1.30pm Numeracy and Wellbeing Sessions
1.30pm - 2.00pm Recess Break
2.00pm - 3.00pm Integrated Inquiry Session
3.00pm School Finishes

2016 STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

The staffing arrangements for 2016 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
F-2 Education Support - Hannah Thompson
Reading Recovery - May McLean
LOTE Indonesian Teacher - Beth McKinnell
Senior Learning Community
3-4 M Teacher - Rebecca Somerville
3-4 Education Support - Lisa Ziersch / Ash Whicher
5-6 C Teacher - Rhys Clayton – Unit Leader
5-6 Education Support - Brenda King
LOTE Indonesian Teacher - Beth McKinnell

Equity Funding Programs
SAKG Specialist - Michele Witham
Student Engagement Projects - David Close
Teacher Peer Coaching Release - Kristy Balic

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Parents are invited to attend our Monday morning assemblies at 9.00am, where we sing the National Anthem, discuss upcoming events and give out awards. We would love to see you all there!

Kind Regards,
Cindi Bruechert
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
**2016 BOOKLISTS**

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.

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

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 Training.

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

**SUN SMART POLICY**

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 REMINDER**

Swimming notes were handed out today and must be back in the office by next Thursday 4th Feb.

Our swimming program starts on Monday 8th 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.**

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

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.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

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!

**MEDICATION, ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES**

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

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community:

- Illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

- Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident’s nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

- With regard to children’s crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students that are having a birthday in JANUARY

3rd Blake M
5th Daniel C
6th Brodi K
7th Sienna M
9th Shyanne C

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The CSEF is provided to assist eligible families with the costs of their child’s camps, sports and/or excursions. To be eligible to receive the CSEF you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of seventeen, and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit. The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of first Term (27th January 2016)
- Submit your application by the due date.

CSEF application forms are attached. They must be submitted to the school office no later than 26th Feb 2016. Please bring in your Health Care Card for our records.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

As per School Council Policy, any adult who comes into the school to work with students must have a Working with Children Check. The only cost involved with these checks for volunteers is the cost of having the photo taken. Please ask at the office for further details.

The Girls’ Brigade Bendigo is part of an international movement which works with girls in culturally relevant and fun ways, supports families and serves in the community through local Christian churches. GB has been around since 1893; since 1924 in Australia! & since 1974 in Bendigo!

The well planned program by trained and passionate leaders covers a wide range of activities and engages the physical, mental and spiritual growth of the girls. Starting with a simple format, the program develops into a wider field of work, leading onto the full range of subjects and projects including the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen’s Award (the highest GB international youth award). These present an exciting challenge when girls get to be teenagers. Girls are also encouraged to take part in Life Skills & Leadership Training within GB & GB offers opportunities for travel both around Australia and the world!

When do we meet? Cost $100/yr
Monday nights (School terms)
Years prep - 5 5:30-7pm
Years 6 – 12 7-8:45pm
Bendigo Baptist Church 757 McIvor Higway Junortoun

More info?
Jenny McWilliam
0429 397 557 or bendigobg@gmail.com
www.gbvic.org
**HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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