Welcome to Term Three

It’s great to see everyone back at school once again and ready to start the new term. As well as continuing our strong focus on developing our students’ Literacy and Numeracy skills, this term we will also be arranging lots of extra curricula activities for our students to help them broaden their understanding of the world. These activities will include:

- Representing our school in different sporting activities such as Football, Netball, Basketball and Athletics
- Visiting the National Gallery – Italian Masterpieces Exhibition
- Developing their social skills by attending the Yr 3-6 camp at Sunnystones; or the Prep - 2 Sleepover
- Participating in Book Week Activities such as the Blurbs Performance, the Art Gallery & Character Dress-up Day
- Preparing food for the Kidney Kar Rally participants
- Attending a Quirky Tales Performance
- Viewing a film at the Heathcote Film Festival
- And joining in the fun of our School Fair

Wow! What a great term we have to look forward to!

Parent Opinion Surveys

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15% of the school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to inform and direct our future planning and improvement.

The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it possibly can be.

If your child brings home a survey form tomorrow, please take some time to complete it over the weekend and return it to school as soon as possible.

Student Learning Interviews

On Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st July, which is during Week Three this term, we will be holding our Student Learning Interviews.

If you have not already returned your completed Student Learning Appointment Time Slip, please return it to school tomorrow to ensure your appointment time is booked in.

Kind regards,

Cindi Bruechert
BOOK CLUB ORDERS
Scholastic Bookclub Order forms for Issue 5. will be sent home shortly and are due back by Wednesday, 30th July.

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from last week:

Miss O'Neill's Grade
• Noah Willoughby
• Nicholas Dodsworth

Mrs. Parry's Grade
• Hollie Temby
• Keira Marshall

Miss Somerville’s Grade
• Ty Boyd
• Ellie Close

Mr. Clayton's Grade
• Jorgia Formosa
• Grace Edsall-French
• Shaylee Reddin-Jowett

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Individual and Family photos were sent home with students on Monday. We also have display photos of the whole school, the school captains and the Junior Unit.

If you would like to order any of these additional photos, please call at the office and get an order form from Kerry.

FAMILY STATEMENTS
A copy of Family Statements will be sent home shortly to families showing what amounts are still owing on camp, excursions or requisites. These costs are NOT VOLUNTARY and therefore payments need to be finalised as soon as possible.

NOTE: the third CAMP payment of $50 is due this Friday, 18th July. Final payment is due Friday, 1st August.

PARENTS’ CLUB
Hot Chocolate / Milo Day:
Both Milo and Hot Chocolate will be available. Either will be with a sweet biscuit, for $1.00 each Friday lunch.

Any donations of milk, milo, plain sweet biscuits or disposable cups would be greatly appreciated.

Scout Raffle
We ask that families try to sell these tickets (or as many as possible) and return tickets (sold buts and unsold tickets) with the payment to school by 24 July 2014. The school receives $1.50 for each ticket sold.

If you are unable to sell the tickets please return them to the school office as soon as possible to allow us time for someone else to sell them.

Next Meeting:
General meeting: Monday, 28th July at 9.20am, after assembly. All welcome.

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS
Our Prep to Grade 2 Sleepover will be held on Tuesday, 12th August. Children will stay after school, enjoy afternoon tea, activities and dinner before the sleepover. Cost is $15 per student. Please return permission slip and payment to school by Friday, 1st August.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
REMINDER: All students that intend continuing with the Religious Instruction program each Thursday need to have the permission form returned to school by first week of next term.

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Book Week 2014 - Connect to Reading

This year Heathcote Primary will be involved in several activities arranged around book week.

One exciting activity will be a dress up day on Friday 22nd August. This is a great opportunity to read with your children and discuss possible characters that they could dress up as. The Junior Unit children have been enjoying reading and learning about Dr. Seuss’ wonderful collection of children's books that may give them some dress up ideas. We will also be reading the many of the books short listed for the Children's Book of the Year 2014 over the coming weeks.

I have included below a couple of websites with low-cost ideas on creating some favourite characters that may give you some ideas.

Other activities around book week will include a visit to the Junior Unit from Narelle Stone of Quirky Tales, a book fair display for parents to browse and purchase books, a trip to the Bendigo Library and Art Gallery for Grade 3/4 (details to be confirmed) and some fun school based activities.

Please remember that the library is open for borrowing to students and families on Friday mornings before school (8:45am).

We also have some overdue items where some individual students will have received overdue notice for this week. Please keep a look out at home for these books and remember that your child may not be able to borrow if they have an overdue item. Please contact me on a Wednesday of Friday at school or on martin.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au if you have any questions or queries.

Thank you,
Lauren Martin

LIBRARY NEWS

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 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.

Students who are out of school uniform will have their parents contacted and asked to ensure that their child comes to school in their proper uniform.

To assist parents, the school will now be offering a Uniform order system twice per term. Extra forms are available from the office.

For any families wishing to place an order please return the form with payment to the office by THIS Friday, 18 July.

Prices:
- Beanies $7.00
- Track pants $15.00
- Polo shirts $14.00
- 1/2 zip pullover $20.00
- Full zip hoodie $23.00

LIBRARY BAGS: We have a large variety of Library bags available for $5.00 each. All children must have their own library bag to keep books and readers protected. Parents will be asked to pay for any books that have been damaged.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Kidney Kar Rally**

We have sent home a flyer about an upcoming Car Rally. The car rally will be travelling through Heathcote and stopping at our school for lunch on Friday, 22nd August.

**Junior Football and Netball**

The HJFNC (Heathcote Junior Football and Netball Club) need more players. If you would like to join the Netball or Football Club please contact Red Chapman.

**EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

Reminder -
If you are an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink Pension allowance or benefit at 14th July 2014 you are able to receive the Education Maintenance Allowance. You only need to fill out a form if you have NOT already filled one out at start of the school year; if you have moved to Heathcote PS during the year or if you have since received a Health Care Card. Forms are available at the school office and need to be lodged at school by 1st August.

**SCHOOL FAIR**

**SATURDAY**

**13TH SEPTEMBER**

Preparations for the school fair are well under way. If you would like to help with this fundraiser please contact Wendy Cahill or Cindi Bruechert.

In particular we need:
- volunteers to help at stalls, and behind the scenes
- People running their own stall ($10pp)
- Donations for the car boot sale
- Businesses that can sponsor us.

Special request:
- Any non-perishable items for a mystery raffle.
- We would love to hear from any very BRAVE volunteers for our Dunking Machine.

**COME TO THE FAIR**

Saturday 13th September

Please add this day to your diary and join in the fun of the school fair!

Sausage Sizzle  Food Van
Jumping Castle  Twisty Taters
Coffee van      Cake Stall
Car Boot stalls  Craft
Dunking machine  Plant Stall
Drinks          Loom bands  Artistic soap
Lucky jar comp  Truck expo