Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

**FANTASTIC NAPLAN RESULTS**

Yesterday we received the results from our 2015 NAPLAN tests completed earlier in the year by our Year 3 and Year 5 students and we are very pleased with the outcomes we achieved across each of the five assessment areas.

Our results have shown that our students were above the State average for Yr 3 Reading; Year 3 Numeracy, Year 5 Reading, Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation and Year 5 Numeracy; and we equaled the State average in Year 3 and Year 5 Spelling.

Our results have continued to improve over the last few years. The most outstanding achievement was with our Year 5 students’ Relative Growth - the growth they have shown from Year 3 to Year 5.

Almost all of our students achieved a high level of growth in each of the assessment areas which is fantastic. It was also exciting to see the growth these students have made in their Numeracy results, with every student achieving a high level of growth! These results show the significant impact that the professional development work that all our staff have done over the last two years with maths consultant, Michael Ymer.

**Well done to all our great students and their fantastic teachers!**

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**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On **Friday 4th September**, our students will be participating in the McIvor Sports Carnival with Holy Rosary Primary School. **This year’s event will be held at our school.** The joint athletics carnival provides a great opportunity for all the primary school children to come together to have some fun and to help to add to their house team points by having their best go in each event.

We would love as many families as possible to come and support their children at this fun activity. **The events will begin at 9.45am and finish at around 3.00pm.**

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**TRANSITION SESSIONS**

In the second last week of Term 3 and throughout Term 4, we will be conducting our 2016 Transition Program, which will include the first transition session for the preschool children as well as an information session for parents of preschool children on **Monday 7th Sept from 9.30am - 10.30am**. There will also be another four transition sessions before the end of the year.

Kind regards,

**Cindi Bruechert**

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CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from the last term:

Miss O'Neill's Grade
- Kayla
- Brock C

Mrs. Parry's Grade
- Abby O
- Chase

Miss Somerville's Grade
- Kim
- Brock K

Mr. Clayton's Grade
- Levi
- Todd

LIBRARY NEWS

We have a number of OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS. Please check at home for Library Books and return to school as soon as possible. Reminder notices and invoices for the cost of replacement books will be sent home shortly.

SCHOOL FAIR

Another way you can help out is to volunteer to help on one of our Fair stalls or activities. We would appreciate if every family donate one or two hours to help man a stall.

DONATIONS: We are collecting donations for the Fair Raffle and possibly a Silent Auction. Please see Kerry in the office if you are able to help.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Please return tickets and money to school once sold. The raffle will be drawn near the end of the Fair Day. Winners will be notified by phone so please record details carefully.
We have numerous prizes and expect to have many happy winners.

The Heathcote Primary School Fair will be held on Saturday, 12 September at the school.

If you would like to help out or book a stall please contact the school office.

This is the Major Fundraiser for our school this year and we would like ALL families to try to contribute in some way.

Second Hand Stall: The Parents Club are requesting any second hand items in good condition so they can be sold at the Parents Club stall on the day of the fair. Please contact the office if you have any questions.
Thank you.

Cake Stall: We will again be having a Cake Stall at the Fair so a bit closer to the day, we will send home some paper plates and ask families to donate for the stall. Get your recipes out ready!

Plant Stall: Please be thinking about potting up some cuttings, bulbs, etc for our Plant stall. We will also sell some produce such as vegies, herbs, etc.

Barbecue Stand: We would really appreciate some help with the BBQ at the Fair. We need 2-3 people rostered on at any time.

Please contact David Bull or the school office if you would like to know more or would like to enter.
David Bull      ph.0408 536 856
School office   ph 5433 3090

Truck Show

Saturday, 12 September
at Heathcote Primary school.
**Emergency Contact update**

In term 3 or 4 of this year the school will have the functionality to email and SMS parents through our CASES21 program. eg SMS parents about student absences, notification of late/early return on camps and excursion, sports washouts, reminders for interviews, and email reports generated by our Cases21 program.

To assist us in preparing for this new feature, we need to ensure we have your current mobile phone number and email address. Please complete the form below and return to the office.

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**UNIFORMS**

We have a few items available in stock if you require uniforms. If not in stock we can order in.

**Prices:**

- Polo shirts (red or navy) $14.00
- Track pants $15.00
- 1/2 zip jumpers $20.00
- Hoodies $23.00
- Hats $10.00

**Drop your stickers into the box in the office foyer. Stickers are redeemed for educational resources for our school.**

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**The McIvor Times**
Indonesian Independence Day

On Wednesday this week, the Junior Unit celebrated Indonesian Independence Day, which is a national holiday in Indonesia that falls on the 17th of August every year. We celebrated the day by playing traditional Indonesian games, learning some traditional Balinese dance moves, and listening to Indonesian music. Everybody had fun and enjoyed themselves whilst learning a bit more about Indonesian culture.

ORIENTEERING

I think it was a really good sport. I think everyone would enjoy the activity and I hope we do it again soon!
Tanika Grade 4

It was really fun and exciting! I learnt a lot about mapping.
Josh C Grade 3

It was hard trying to find all the plates in the right order, but it was fun!
Triniti Grade 5

I nearly bet Mr Claytons time! I got the fastest time out of all the students. It was fun!
Todd Grade 6
FREE LED DOWN LIGHTS
The Bendigo Bank is offering FREE LED down lights to all homes or businesses.

When you register your participation in the program to replace your old down lights, our school will receive $1 for every down light replaced.

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 our school!

Organise a fun night out with a group or simply enjoy a family dinner.

Please tell them the school you are nominating for a donation when ordering your meals.

Offer valid May through to Tuesday 15th September 2015.

ATHLETIC SPORTS AND FAIR WORKING BEE
Saturday, 29 August 2015, 10 am til 2pm

We would like to show our school at its best for our Athletics Sports and School Fair.

Our Working Bee will be held on Saturday, 29 August at any time that suits you between 10am and 2pm. We would love to see as many parents as possible helping on the day.

The main jobs will be sweeping paths, weeding garden beds; whipper snipper around garden beds; cleaning drink troughs; emptying bins and preparing sites for the stalls.