At Heathcote PS we value... Respect Learning Teamwork Responsibility

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INTRODUCING OUR 2015 FOUNDATION STUDENTS!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

READY TO LEARN

This month, as part of our Habits for Harmony we are learning the habit of ‘Being Ready To Learn’ Every classroom will have a lesson on why being ready to learn is important. All children and staff in the school will have a common understanding of what being ready to learn means and how it affects the harmony of our school community.

Every classroom will focus on this habit and celebrate how they have learnt to put this habit into practise at the end of February. Each classroom will decide what their Being Ready to Learn celebration will be and when it will be held.

You can support this program at home by making sure your child is at school by 8.45am each day which allows them time to get organised and be ready to learn by 9.00am.

Having a discussion at home about the importance of being ready to learn will help your child understand how this habit leads to harmony at school, at home and in the community.

NEW SESSION TIMES FOR 2015

This term we have introduced new session times throughout the day. The session times are as follows:

8.45am - 9.00am Getting Ready to Learn Time
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

All classrooms will now be open at 8.45am each morning which allows students time to put their bags away and organise themselves so that they are ready to start their first session right on 9.00am.

Please assist us in maximising your child’s learning time by ensuring they are at school by 8.45am each morning.

Kind Regards,
Cindi Bruechert
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Brain Food, lunch and snacks.
Children have been bringing fruit, cheese and dried fruit for Brain Food. Just a reminder that brain food is a small snack eaten at 10.00am. Finger food in a small container is best. The children eat it quickly and quietly while they listen to the teacher introducing work or reading a story.

Junior Unit Staff encourage children to eat their main lunch food before the first break. The snack food is eaten at the afternoon break. Please ensure that your child brings healthy food choices to school. “Sometimes” food, such as lollies, chocolates and food high in sugars are only recommended as occasional treats or snacks. We would encourage you to send these types of foods only on special occasions.

Water Bottles.
Thank you to the families who have sent a water bottle to stay in the classroom. We recommend children have a water bottle in their bag and another water bottle that is left at school. The children can access the water quickly during class. The water bottles are filled up at school.

Spoons.
Please remember to send a spoon to school in your child’s lunch box if your child has yoghurt, jelly fruit or other foods that require a spoon.

Early start to reading.
Reading will begin at 9.00 am in the Junior Unit next week. The door opens at 8.45am. Children need to put their bags away and get their book boxes organised before the bell. If your child is late they are missing out on learning time.

Reading helpers.
Please let the staff of the Junior Unit know if you wish to help with reading in the morning. The session runs from 9.00 to 9.30am.
Reading helpers must have a Working with Children’s Check. It is recommended that Foundation parents wait until later in the term to assist with reading, allowing the children to settle into routine first.

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.

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.

Students 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!

SRI permission forms were sent home last week. Access Ministries have sent a brochure which we have attached today, to give a little more information about the SRI program in schools.
If you wish your child/ren to participate in this program please return the purple form to school by Friday, 13 February.

Breakfast Club will be running again this year on Tuesday and Thursday mornings commencing at 8.15am in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.
All students welcome.

Swimming notes were handed out last week and must be back in the office by Tomorrow 6th 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.
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.
CUSHION CONCERT
IN THE PARK

Hosted by Cr Rod Fyffe
and featuring the
City of Greater Bendigo
Brass Band

Children and families are
invited to the
Rosalind Park
Rotunda to
enjoy a free
performance by the City of Greater
Bendigo Brass Band, directed by Cally
Bartlet.

This performance will also mark the
launch of the Capital Community
Connect program for 2015.

Bring a cushion, a snack, a teddy-bear
and a blanket and enjoy a lively half-
hour performance (grown-ups are
welcome to bring a chair!)

SATURDAY
7 FEBRUARY

10.30-11.15am
Rotunda,
Rosalind Park
FREE!

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