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Dear Parents and Friends,

I have been filling in for Mrs Bruechert for most of this week and it has been good to catch up with the staff and many students who still remembered my name, which is not easy. The school appears calmer and I sense that the students are improving their social skills with more positive interactions around the place. Well done to the staff, students and parents who have worked on this change.

**Mobile phones**

Most parents would agree that there is really no need for students to have mobile phones during school hours. Hence, this school, insists that mobile phones are not brought to school. If a student has need of a phone after school it should be deposited at the office and collected at the end of the day. Students who do have a phone during school hours will be asked to take it to the office. If a parent wishes to discuss this issue in relation to their son/daughter they should contact the school.

**Snake sightings**

Like all rural schools the school grounds will occasionally be visited by snakes at this time of year. Usually spotted by students who have been told to not approach but report to a staff member immediately. In all cases students will be kept away from the area and a snake catcher contacted where appropriate. Parents can assist by reinforcing the ‘leave well alone and report’ action to their children.

**Junior School Activities**

This weekend there will be some tired Junior students and staff. Today they were all involved in an Indonesian Activity Day based at Axedale PS and on Friday night they will remain at school for the ‘Sleepover’. Hopefully, they do get to sleep. Thank you to Ms McKinnell for her organisation of the Indonesian incursion and to the staff and School Councillor David Close for giving up their weekend hours to be with our students on this adventure.

Malcom Goldsworthy
Acting Principal

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**CASUAL CLOTHES DAY**

We will have a Casual Clothes Day next Wednesday 28 October. We ask that children contribute a gold coin donation which will go towards the Grade 6 Graduation fundraising efforts.

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**IGA Hamper Raffle**

Shaylee and Isabell, two of our Year 6 students will be selling raffle tickets, money raised will go toward the end of year Grade 6 Graduation program.

**Tickets are $1.00 each or 3 tickets for $ 2.00**

**Prize is a Hamper, generously donated by IGA Heathcote**

See last page of this newsletter for tickets
CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from last week:

Miss O'Neill’s Grade
- Blake
- Henry

Mrs. Parry’s Grade
- Alexis
- Emily

Miss Somerville’s Grade
- Brodie
- Hannah

Mr. Clayton’s Grade
- Jake
- Lily

LOST LIBRARY BOOKS

There are still several library books that have not been returned. Invoices will be sent home for the replacement cost of any lost Library books.

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY PLANS

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.

CANTEEN—NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

When cancer strikes, your support can make all the difference. Let’s support young people living with cancer and have fun while we’re at it.

Bandannas are available from the Office at $ 4.00 each, from Friday 23rd October and all next week. Many new designs

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

Indonesian Excursion/ Activities Day
The junior unit went on an excursion to Axedale Primary School today to participate in some Indonesian activities. We look forward to hearing all about their day.

Beth McKinnell
Indonesian Teacher

Junior Unit Sleepover
We will have our Junior Unit Sleepover, TOMORROW, Friday, 23 October.

Junior Unit Major Excursion
We are currently organising our Major Excursion for this term. This is likely to be a trip to the Melbourne Aquarium in late November. Please be aware that this could be approximately $40. If the school has received CSEF funding for your child’s camps and excursions this cost will be covered.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Icy Pole Sales: We will be selling icy poles again this term, every Friday lunch time. 50 CENT each.

If you can help out on a Friday or are able to donate Zooper Dooper icy poles, please contact Julie, Kylie or the office.

Lunch Orders : We had another successful day providing ham or chicken and salad wraps for students yesterday.

If you are able to help out with any of our fundraising activities please contact Julie or Kylie Allinson.

SCOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 7 Book Club orders have been ordered and arriving at school in the next week or so.

Thanking families for their orders, we achieved approx. 140 reward points for free books for our school.
Thanks to those of you who have returned forms etc to us. The response has been good, but for those of you out there who may have received information just before the school holidays it's not too late. You can bring the forms back to your kindergarten or school and they will be collected, or email to childcare4heathcote@gmail.com or post/hand deliver to the Heathcote Community House, 55 Hospital St Heathcote or PO Box 749 Heathcote.

An update on progress so far - The Community Child Care Association has been asked to prepare a proposal for feasibility/due diligence for childcare in Heathcote. Community Child Care Association (CCC) is the peak body for community owned, not for profit children’s services in Victoria. CCC has a proud history of strong advocacy for community owned, not for profit children’s education and care services and the recognition earned through the delivery of a range of high level resources, training and professional development, supporting quality and growth in the Victorian Children’s Education and Care Services sector.

For those of you who would like to know more about the organisation, here is a link to their website http://www.cccinc.org.au.
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