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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

2016 GRADE STRUCTURE

Based on our current projected student enrolment for 2016, we will maintain the same grade structure as we had this year, which is as follows:

Two Junior Unit Classes
- Prep - Two with Mrs. Parry
- Prep - Two with Miss O’Neill

Two Senior Unit Classes
- Gr 3/4 with Miss Sommerville
- Gr 5/6 with Mr Clayton

2016 ENROLMENTS

If you know of any children who need to be enrolled for the 2016 school year or of any children who are leaving the school, could you please let the office staff know as soon as possible. This enrolment information will help us finalise our 2016 planning.

CODE RED DAYS

With the onset of summer and extreme weather conditions, it is very important that families talk with their children about their Bushfire Survival Plans and outline what procedures might take place in an emergency.

To assist these discussion, I have attached a leaflet outlining the school procedures when a Code Red Day is declared. Please have a read through this document and chat to your children about what they might expect.

TRANSITION SESSION ON MONDAY

Next Monday 23rd November, from 9.00am - 11.00am we will be holding our third session, as part of our 2016 Transition Program. There will be another two sessions before the end of the year.

Kind regards,

Cindi Bruechert
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from last week:

**Miss O’Neill’s Grade**
- Daniel
- Brayden

**Mrs. Parry’s Grade**
- Ivy
- Payton

**Miss Somerville’s Grade**
- Brodie
- Taylor

**Mr. Clayton’s Grade**
- Jake
- Grace

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**CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

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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
Raffle winner will be drawn at the Graduation evening.

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**JUNIOR UNIT EXCURSION**

This years Junior Unit Major Excursion will be going to the Melbourne Aquarium on Thursday, 26 October.
The cost is $45.00 per student. Most families will have CSEF available to cover this cost.
Permission forms and payment need to be returned to school by next Monday.

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**BOOKLISTS**

Year level booklists are being finalised at the moment and will be sent home in the next few weeks. Please be aware that this cost is coming up—either to be paid at the time of the order or when collected in January.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Issue 8 is the last Scholastic Book Club for 2015. There are great gift ideas and our school benefits too with reward points.

Issue 8 Book Club is due back to school by Tuesday 24th November, earlier if possible.
Please make any cheques payable to Heathcote Primary School.

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**LOST LIBRARY BOOKS**

There are still several library books that have not been returned. If you have received a Library notice, please have a good look at home for your overdue library book.
*Invoices for the replacement cost have been sent home and need to be paid to the school asap.*

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**PARENT CLUB NEWS**

**Icy Pole Sales:** We will be selling icy poles every Friday at lunch time. 50 CENTS 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.

**Grade 6 Graduation** preparations are underway.
The graduation will be held on Friday, 11 December at 5pm followed by an informal dinner.

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

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Heathcote PS - Parents’ Club News
Orientation Day

Tuesday, 8th December, 9.15 am

Heathcote Primary’s Parent Club would like to invite new and existing parents and carers to come and be a part of the Fundraising Committee for the school.

The 2016 Foundation students will commence their Orientation Session in the Junior Unit at 9am.

There will be a Principal’s Talk for parents of Foundation students held in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen at 9.15am. This will be followed by an informal chat and morning tea with the Parents Club.

We will be discussing Fundraising ideas for next year and would love to have some fresh new ideas.

All parents, New and Old to the school, are most welcome to attend.

Morning tea supplied.

Any questions feel free to call Julie on 0401 490 845 or Kylie on 0449 790 803
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message/phone tree. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 687.