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

Thursday, 17th December  Family Basket Tea and End of Year Concert  5.30pm
Friday, 18th December  Last day of Term 4 - Early dismissal  1.15 pm
Wednesday, 27th January  Book Collection from School Gallery (1pm—3pm)
Thursday, 28th January 2016  First Day of School for 2016 for Students
Each Wednesday in February  Prep Rest Days - not required at school, except for allocated interview time
Monday, 8th February 2016  Swimming Program commences
Friday, 19th February  Last day of Swimming Program

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

THANKYOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and to thank all those students who have put in their best effort this year. I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year and hope you have a relaxing and safe holidays.

2016 STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

The staffing arrangements for 2016 will be as follows:

Principal - Cindi Bruechert
Business Managers - Kerry Prentice and Susy Jarman
Chaplain - Megan Haddon

Junior Learning Community
F-2 Teacher - Marg Parry – Unit Leader
F-2 Teacher - Alison O’Neill
Reading Recovery - May McLean
LOTE Indonesian - Beth McKinnell
F-2 Education Support - Hannah Thompson

Senior Learning Community
3-4 Teacher - Rebecca Somerville
5-6 Teacher - Rhys Clayton – Unit Leader
3-4 Education Support - Lisa Ziersch & Ashlea Whicher
5-6 Education Support - Brenda King
SAKGP Specialist - Michele Witham
Student Engagement Projects - David Close

CHANGE IN SCHOOL FINISH TIME FOR 2016

Next year we will be changing our end of day finish times. The school day will finish at 3.00pm, instead of 3.15pm starting from Thursday 28th February, which is our first day of school for 2016.

2016 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our 2016 Swimming Program will start on Monday 8th February and the cost per child will be $50 per child.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

At our End of Year Concert, tonight, we will be having a BBQ starting from 5.30pm, with sausages, chicken skewers and soft drinks for sale.

Sausages $1.00  Chicken Skewers $2.00
Soft Drinks $1.00  Raffle Tickets $2.00

We will also be drawing our Christmas Hamper Raffle so if you would like to buy some last minute tickets in the raffle, bring along some extra gold coins.

At 6.00pm the students will be performing some of the ‘Let’s Get Moving’ dance routines and then they will sing a couple of songs. Hope you can come join the fun!

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**
- Emily A
- Kyle B

**Mrs. Parry's Grade**
- Alexis K
- Sienna M

**Miss Somerville's Grade**
- Ashton E
- Harrison F

**Mr. Clayton’s Grade**
- Cordell L-C
- Austin C

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**2016 BOOKLISTS**

**Collection Day is Wednesday, 27 January between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.**
All items on the booklist MUST BE SUPPLIED. These are ESSENTIAL ITEMS.

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**BENDIGO BANK—SWITCH TO SAVE**

Thank you to Heathcote & District Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank for their $200.00 donation to Heathcote Primary School for our contribution to the **Switch to Save** program.

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**SAKG PROGRAM**

We will be selling goodies at the Farmer’s Market this Saturday. It would be great to have some support to help raise funds for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

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**HEATHCOTE PS**

**Christmas Raffle**

**RAFFLE DRAWN TONIGHT AT THE FAMILY TEA AND CONCERT**

Raffle prizes will include a beautiful yellow bicycle (donated by Ray White Real Estate), a Christmas Hamper and a Bistro outdoor setting (donated by Bunnings of Bendigo).

Tickets are $2.00 each.

Please return tickets to the office at the start of the evening.

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**2016 SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Our Swimming Program will commence on Monday 8th February 2016.

Permission notes have been printed informing parents of the cost. This does not need to be paid until the beginning of next year.

Families with a Health Care Card and eligible for CSEF can use this funding to cover the cost of swimming.
REGISTRATION DAY—WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY
6.00PM TO 7.00PM.
Football registrations (via Sporting Pulse) available online now for 2016.
BARRACK RESERVE OVAL
HIGH STREET, HEATHCOTE.
FURTHER INFO CONTACT JESS: 0403 063 167
OR KAY: 0412 476 177

Violin Tuition 2016
I will be providing violin tuition in 2016. I will conduct a group session on Monday afternoons from 3:30pm-4:30pm. Sessions will be $20 per student. Each student will require a violin that is appropriate in size for them. Music shops will assist you with this. Taking names now! Please contact me at school should you require further details.
Miss Rebecca Somerville

Heathcote Community Games 2016
Inaugural Fun Run: Sunday, 21st February 2016
2km run/walk, 5km run, 10km run on the O’Keefe Trail
Entries open: 15 November 2015
How to enter: Online www.athleticsbendigo.org.au
Hard copy entries available at Heathcote Community House or Todd Property.
For more info: Sandra 0417 350 911
Brad 0419771 475
Grade 6 Graduation