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

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<td>Wednesday 25th February</td>
<td>School Council Meeting 5.00pm Finance Committee 5.30pm Main Meeting</td>
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<td>Foundation students attend school every day from now on</td>
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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

If you are interested in the overall operation of our school and would like to have some input in the present and future direction of the school, perhaps you would like to nominate for membership of School Council.

School Council meets once a month with meetings usually lasting for about an hour and a half.

Retiring members this year are Kym Edsall, Michelle Kurrle and Sharon Koukouzas. Continuing members are David Bull, David Close, Kylie Sauvarin, Sally Pitt and Wendy Cahill, and our community member is Glenn Wilson.

Retiring members, who still have children at the school, are able to re-nominate for a further two years if they wish to do so.

There are currently three parent vacancies on School Council, so please think about nominating for one of these important positions. Nominations close on Monday 23rd February.

An information sheet will be sent home on Monday outlining the timeline for the Election process and providing you with information regarding the role of a School Councillor. If you would like any further information, please call the Office.

The School Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th March at 5.00pm. The next meeting for our current School Council will be on Wednesday 25th February.

PARENTS CLUB

Parents Club is a valuable part of our school community and we would love as many people as possible to participate this year. To ensure the opportunity to join the Parents Club is open to as many of our parents as possible, we would like to determine the most suitable day and time for our meetings.

Please fill in the slip that was sent home yesterday, outlining your preferred meeting day and time, and return it to the Office as soon as possible. We are hoping to hold our first meeting next week.

HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GAMES

On Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd Feb, many of the groups around our community will be working heaps of activities for all members of the family including the Fazzi Community Cup Relay, Giant Games, Board Games, Tug a War, Frisbees, Kite Flying, Hospital Bed Race, Bingo/Trivia, Pool Party, Bowls, Tae Kwon Do Exhibition, Treasure Hunt, Tumble Tots, Hole in 1, Skateboard Workshops, Farmers Market, Food Swap, Meditation, Basketball, Cricket & Footy Activities, Youth Arcade, Mobile Scooter & Wheelchair Races and lots more.

Our school will be running a Family Fun in the Kitchen session and some Old Time Races & Games. Please put some time aside to join in this great event!

Kind Regards,
Cindi Bruechert
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from the last 2 weeks:

**Miss O'Neill's Grade**
- Nitika Delmo
- Shyanne Cook
- Brock Cassidy
- Isacc Miller

**Mrs. Parry’s Grade**
- Norah Pitt
- Elise Pringle
- Madison Johnson
- Samantha Close

**Miss Somerville’s Grade**
- Anthony Willoughby
- Belinda Temby
- Summer Elliott
- Ellie Close

**Mr. Clayton’s Grade**
- T-Jay Boyd
- Levi Boyd
- April Taylor
- Lachlan Rudland

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Students require a cloth bag, preferably with a draw-string top each time they have a library lesson. This bag ensures the safety and cleanliness of our books as they are carried between home and school. Students in the Junior Unit will have their library lessons each Friday, with Mrs Bruechert.

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!

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

SRI permission forms were sent home earlier this year. If you wish your child/ren to participate in this program, please return the purple form to school by Friday, 13th February.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Remember, all students must wear a protective top and sunscreen while participating in their swimming lessons.

Please finalise payment as soon as possible, if you haven’t already done so, as we need to pay for the entry costs, the hire of the pool, the cost of the bus and the additional instructor’s wage.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please ensure that you contact the school if your child is going to be away from school at any time and send in a completed absence form when they return to school.
Art & Wine on Lake Eppalock

Sat, 28th Feb, Sun, 1st March. 2015. 11am - 5pm

Internationally celebrated artist Tang Ying will exhibit a selection of her works at ARMSTEAD ESTATE on Lake Eppalock

366 Moorabbee Road. Knowsley
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email: info@armsteadestate.com.au
HAND CRAFTED WINES ON TASTING

Heathcote Mental Health Information Session

IF YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE’S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING WOULD YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO?

DATE: Wednesday, 18th February 2015
TIME: 9:30am - 2:00pm
LOCATION: Heathcote RSL Hall, High Street, Heathcote
RSVP: Just show up!

You’re invited to a community information session, where local and Bendigo based mental health and social support services will share service information with the Heathcote community.

It is an opportunity to unearth and learn what is available to the community of Heathcote!

The session will provide a chance for you to meet with others, hear what exists to support the wellbeing of your community, referral options and perhaps your professional practice.

Everyone’s mental health is important and challenges can happen to anyone at any stage of life.

Morning tea and lunch provided

Please contact Setina Greenwood for further information on 5448 1624.
Welcome to the First Ever Heathletics Carnival, a family-friendly, laissez-faire sporting event at the Barrack Reserve in Heathcote, Sunday, 22 February, from 9ish to 1ish.

Simply arrive with your team or team up on the day, collect a program from the Red Marquee, and enter the various events at your leisure.

Competition can be as intense or as laid-back as you choose. Incentives and prizes to be advised.

Please note that the Family Decathlon, and the Heathcote Triathlon does include a swim, and that entry to the pool is free.

Clean change facilities,(M&F), gourmet bbq and vegan option, barrista coffee, jumping castle, music and more.

Enquiries and RSVP’s most welcome
Bill Featherstone HFNC Inc Committee 0419385200

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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.