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

Friday, 12 February  Visit from Sanguine Music Festival Musicians
Wednesday, 17 February  School Council Meeting Finance Committee 5.00pm Main Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 19 February  Last day of the Swimming Program
Tues 23rd and Thurs 25th Feb  Student Learning Interviews 3.30pm - 6.00pm each day
Thursday 25th February  Heathcote Community Games - Visit to Aged Care Facility
Friday 26 February  Heathcote Community Games - Sports Day for All Students
Sat-Sun 27—28 February  Heathcote Community Games - Community Activities

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

PARENT HELPERS

Parents Helpers are a valuable asset to our school community and we would love as many people as possible to lend a hand with various tasks throughout the year. The areas that you might like to help out with include Classroom Reading, Working Bees, Healthy Lunch Days, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, Fundraisers, Raffles and Special Activities such as Bookweek, Footy Colours Day and Sports Days.

If you would like to help out, please fill in the Parent Helpers slip that was sent home today, outlining your preferred areas of assistance and the days / time you may be available, then return it to the Office as soon as possible. Once all the slips are returned we will put together a Parent Helpers Register and we’ll let you know when we need a hand.

HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GAMES

The Heathcote Community Games are on again at the end of February. This year there will be a Family Fun Run on Sun 21st Feb and a School Sports Day on Fri 26th Feb. On Sat 21st and Sun 22nd Feb, many of the groups around our community will be running 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 and lots more.

Our school will be running a Family Fun in the Kitchen session. Please put time aside to join this great family event!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As I mentioned last week, we have five parent vacancies on School Council this year, so please think about nominating for one of these important positions. Nominations close on Monday 22nd February.

A big ‘thank you’ to the two parents who have already submitted their nomination forms.

We still need at least three more nominations to ensure we fill the vacant positions, so if you are interested in the overall operation of our school and would like to have some input in to its present and future direction, please come into the Office and pick up a School Council Membership Nomination form.

An information sheet was sent home today 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 16th March at 5.00pm. The next meeting for our current School Council will be on Wednesday 17th February.

Kind Regards,
Cindi Bruechert
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Please ensure that you contact the school if your child is going to be away from school at any time. All student absences must be explained by a note or a phone call from a parent, as required by the Department of Education and Training.

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.

We’ve had a really good start to our swimming program with great weather. The program finishes next Friday, 19th February.

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.

CSEF application forms must be submitted to the school office no later than 26th Feb 2016. Please bring in your Health Care Card for our records.

If you live more than 4.8km from school or the nearest bus stop and this is your closest school, you may be eligible for conveyance allowance. Please see the office for an application form or further information.

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

**Miss O’Neill’s Grade**
- Conroy M
- Brodi K

**Mrs. Parry’s Grade**
- Damon R-M
- Abbey M

**Miss Somerville’s Grade**
- Brooke M
- Harrison F

**Mr. Clayton’s Grade**
- Lily E-F
- Tanika C

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.

To borrow books from our library, pupils 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!

It was great to see so many students, parents and staff participate in our Pancake breakfast on Tuesday. We raised a total of $52.50 which will go towards Uniting Care charity.
As per School Council Policy, any adult who comes into the school to work with students must have a Working with Children Check. The only cost involved with these checks for volunteers is the cost of having the photo taken. Please ask at the office for further details.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

Violin Tuition 2016

I will be providing violin tuition in 2016. I will conduct a group session on Monday afternoons from 3:15pm-4:15pm. 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

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Happy Birthday to all the students that are having a birthday in February

- 11th Aaron H
- 14th Zoe O
- 14th Emily M
- 16th Conroy M
- 23rd Cordell L-C
- 27th Damon R-M

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**Heathcote Brownies & Guides**

Brownies will resume Monday, 8th February at 3.30pm
Girls aged 7-10 years
Laraine Leask Ph 5433 3444, Carol Zurek Ph 5433 2675

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**PARENT HELPERS RETURN SLIP**

Here are some suggestions of ways you may like to help out at the school. Please circle any areas that are of interest to you.

- * Classroom Reading
- * Fundraisers
- * Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
- * Special Activities such as Bookweek
- * Footy Colours Day
- * Excursions
- * Library - cover, repair books, tidy shelves
- * Working Bees
- * Raffles
- * Gardening—weeding, watering, etc
- * Sports Days
- * Market stalls

Other: ........................................................................................................................................

Please remember that if you will be working with the children, you will need a Working With Children’s Check (WWCC). See the office for further details.

Name: ..........................  Day:......................  Times:..........................
Phone: .......................... Email: ..........................