Friday 20th February | Swimming Program ends
Sat 21st and Sun 22nd February | Heathcote Community Games Please see articles for further details
Tuesday 24th February | Parents Club Annual General Meeting at 9.00am
Wednesday 25th February | School Council Meeting 5.00pm Finance Committee 5.30pm Main Meeting
Tues 3rd and Thurs 5th March | Student Learning Interviews Please return interview slips ASAP
Wednesday 4th March | Foundation students attend school every day from now on

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I am very pleased to report that we have had lots of interest in our School Council vacancies this year, with six names being put forward at the close of nominations yesterday.

The candidates who have very kindly nominated for election to School Council are:
- David Bull - father of David Fleming-Bull
- Kathy Byrne - mother of Elizabeth Byrne
- Kate Duncan - mother of Kim & Justin Campbell
- Michelle Kurrle - mother of Brock Kurrle
- Kym Eddsall - mother of Grace Eddsall-French
- Leigh Tongco - mother of Miguel Tongco

As we have six nominations and only three vacancies we need to initiate a ballot process. All families (except for the nominated candidates) will be given a ballot voting form containing the names of the six candidates.

When completing your ballot, please place a tick next to three of the candidates names, place the ballot paper in the unmarked envelope and then return it to school in the envelope marked with your family name, before next Friday 27th February.

The results of the election will be announced at assembly on Monday 2nd March. If you would like any further information, please call the Office.

The last meeting for our current School Council will be held next Wednesday 25th February at 5.00pm.

The School Council Annual General Meeting and the first meeting of the 2015 School Council will be held on Wednesday 18th March, starting at 5.00pm.

PARENTS CLUB

Thank you to those parents who returned their Parents Club slips. Our new meeting time and day will be the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 9.00am. Our first meeting, which will also be our Election Meeting will be next Tuesday 24th February at 9.00am in the SAKGP Kitchen.

We would love as many people as possible to come and join us as we chat about ways you can help throughout the school. Please consider nominating for the important roles of President, Vice President and Secretary.

HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GAMES

On Saturday 21st and Sunday 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, 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
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CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

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

Miss O'Neill's Grade
- Tye Francis
- Kayla Thompson

Mrs. Parry's Grade
- Ivy Henness
- Matiu Marshall-Jagan

Miss Somerville's Grade
- Kim Campbell
- Harrison Ferguson
- Anthony Willoughby

Mr. Clayton's Grade
- Aydn Jetson
- George Chamouras

MEDICAL AND PROPERTY INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Education Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

PANCAKE DAY AT BREAKFAST CLUB

Thanks to all our wonderful helpers we had a great time last Tuesday munching on freshly flipped pancakes and yummy toppings. About 50 students and family members joined in the fun and helped us raise $54 for Uniting Care.

Don’t forget that our regular Breakfast Club is on every Tuesday and Thursday morning, commencing at 8.15am in the SAKGP Kitchen, and all students are very welcome to attend.

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 drawstring 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 as soon as possible.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Wow what a great swimming program we have had! We have been so impressed with the efforts and attitudes of our students. It is always great to see how far everyone progresses in two short weeks!

If you still have payments to make towards your child’s swimming lessons, please do so as soon as possible, 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.

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.

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'Heathcote Through Young Eyes' - a photo doc and installation project by Gabriel Bradshaw, Miguel Tongco and Grace Bradshaw. This project is a Heathcote Community House initiative co-ordinated by artist Mari B-Li Donni and funded by the CoGB.

'Heathcote Through Young Eyes' is a photo-documentary of the day to day life, events and likes of three children (Gabriel, Miguel and Grace) all of primary school age living in the Heathcote area. The photos they have taken represents what is familiar to them and what they hold important to their life. Their images are supported by an installation piece created by each child to represent the home connection depicting their environment and personal story.

The children along side their parent met with Mari to discuss their images and the story behind why they had taken them. They further looked at other photographers such as Vivian Maier and attempted their own manipulations and experimental way of taking photos. Basically it is a learning exercise for the children to develop different perspective of viewing their environment, on how to take pictures from different angles and what makes an interesting photo. Most important is that the children have fun in the process and enjoy the experience of being part of and activity that will be displayed for public viewing at Dudley House from the 6th of March - 15th March 2015 and later at the Heathcote Art Space from the 23rd of March to the 7th of April 2015.
Last year we started our Home Learning Box which is a space in the front office dedicated to families being able to share their home learning experiences.

We would love to display some of the activities that your families engage in at home. It is so interesting and fun learning about what other families do outside of school and may even give us some ideas for after school, weekend and school holiday activities.

Some examples include instructions on cooking a particular meal, a display about a camping trip or time away, gardening work or information on, family heritage.

We could even run a film of your experience on the screen in the office! Please take the time to think of some ideas and check out the displays in the coming weeks.
Hello everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. I had a few days in NSW and the garden looked great when I returned thanks to the Close family who kept up the watering. We have lots of ripe goodies: Tomatoes, Zucchini, Eggplant, Squash, Beans, Lettuce and lots more just in time for the start of our kitchen classes.

Sad news, we had lost two of our chooks. But HOORAY! Mr Frank Schmit has donated two very pretty eleven week old chickens, so a big thankyou to him.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR DONATIONS of:

- Horse and Sheep manure
- Old Lucerne or pea straw for mulch
- Vegie seedlings if you have any left over
- Garden tools
- Old bike wheels
- A sun dial
- Bird baths

We would also welcome any volunteers to our Garden and Kitchen classes. The classes are on Mondays and Tuesdays: garden at 10am and kitchen at 11.45am. You will need a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and a sense of adventure! For any information call Michele at school or on 0419 883 319.

Cheers!
Come together for the Heathcote Community Games this weekend!

As most of you will know by now, a very exciting weekend awaits Heathcote as our first ever Heathcote Community Games will be run.

Jesse Bruce, one of our past students is the Junior Ambassador of the Heathcote Community Games and he will be carrying the Fazzi Perpetual Cup on the final leg of its 70 km relay journey (which originates in Tooboorac on Friday morning) into Fazzi Central in Barrack St, to officially mark the opening of the Games. A Welcome to Country by a member of the Taungurung Clan, followed by a smoking ceremony and Aboriginal dance routines, will be included.

Games organisers are inviting families and friends to join Jesse at 9.45am on Saturday in the Heathcote Primary School Car Park Area, to await the arrival of the Fazzi Cup and to walk with him to the opening ceremony. This will include a walk down to the corner of Herriot and High St, where they will be met by a bagpiper who will lead the procession further down High St. The procession will then meet Rita Traynor, the Senior Games Ambassador, who will join Jesse and carry the Cup together into the Opening Ceremony in Fazzi Central.

All students and families participating in the Games will need to register at one of the three registration points in town: RSL Hall, Visitor Information Centre or Fazzi Central (the pop up park in Barrack St), before attending their first activity on Saturday or Sunday. This is important as the event needs to capture attendance numbers and obtain the appropriate agreements for participation.

Upon registration you will be given a little ‘passport’ pouch containing activities schedule and a map of where the activities will be. Your passport will be stamped as you attend activities. When you hand in your passport at the end of your Game’s experience, you can allocate your attendance score to a local community group – the group with the most number of points will win the perpetual Fazzi Cup!

Attached to this newsletter is the timetable of events during the Games. You will see that some activities overlap with others, so a little bit of forward planning is needed to get to all the events you want to attend! You do not have to attend for the entire time of a planned activity, so there is the opportunity to dip in and dip out of the activities.

Activities have been purposely chosen or designed to suit people of all ages and capabilities, starting with Tumble Tots for the 1-5 year olds on Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon, and ending with a game of Hover Strike (similar to ten pin bowling) for the elderly hostel residents on Sunday afternoon.

Heathcote Primary School’s contribution to the Community Games will include a Family Fun in the Kitchen Garden Session from 11.30am - 1.30pm on Saturday and Family Fun Day Activities from 10.00am - 12.00pm on Sunday which will include lots of fun activities such as tunnel ball, scoop ball, elastics, skipping, three legged races, sack races, egg and spoon races and some great games that have been invented by our Grade 5-6 students.

Holy Rosary is contributing to the games by organising a Blue Earth session from 10.00am - 12.00pm in the Barrack Reserve Hall. As both schools will be running their activities at the same time on Sunday, do consider attending an hour at one activity and one at the other, to support both schools.

This is the first time these events are being run by the Games activities’ organisers, who are doing so in a voluntary capacity, so please do come along with a willingness to give things a go and to contribute to the fun and collaborative spirit of the Games.

Local business operators are also participating through a “Where is Fazzi?” activity. Many of the local business operators will hide a ‘Fazzi Card’ in the window of their business. The object of the game is to identify which businesses have Fazzi on display, whilst at the same time learning a little more about the local Heathcote businesses.

Help and information will be provided to participants by Games officials wearing sunshine-yellow shirts and volunteers from various community groups wearing white caps. There will be a water station and sunscreen stations and rest areas throughout the area, with bales of hay scattered in shady areas under the trees where people can chill out.

It will be a great weekend, so make sure you invite your family and friends to join in the fun with you!