At Heathcote PS we value... | Respect | Learning | Teamwork | Responsibility
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Friday 19 February | Last day of the Swimming Program | | | |
Monday 22 February | Nominations for School Council Membership close | | | |
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 | | | |
Monday 14th March | PUBLIC HOLIDAY Labour Day | | | |
Wednesday 16th March | School Council Meeting - Annual General Meeting 5.00pm Main Meeting 5.30pm | | | |

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

**STUDENT LEARNING INTERVIEWS**

On Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th February, we will be conducting our Student Learning Interviews for Term One. Interview Confirmation Slips were sent home yesterday. If you are not able to make the allocated time slot for your interview, please contact the office to re-arrange a more suitable time.

As our interviews will focus on goal setting for the year, we strongly recommend that your children attend the Student Learning Interviews with you.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

We are still in need of three more nominations to ensure we fill the vacant positions on our School Council.

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 pick up a School Council Membership Nomination form. **Nominations close on Monday 22nd February**.

An information sheet was previously sent home last week 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 17th March at 5.00pm.** The next general meeting for our School Council will be on **Wednesday 17th March at 5.30pm.**

**HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GAMES**

The Heathcote Community Games committee have produced a great booklet containing all the information you need to know about the Community Games that are occurring over the next two weeks. Please take the time to have a look through the booklet that your child has brought home today, and decide to join in the fun over the next two weeks. The Games Family Fun Run will be on Sun 21st Feb and a School Sports Day on Fri 26th Feb. On Sat 27th and Sun 28th Feb, many of the groups around our community will be running activities for all members of the family.

Our school will be running a Family Fun session in the Kitchen from 11.30am-1.30pm on Saturday. Please put time aside to join this great family event!

**CAR PARKING**

Please note that cars are not to park in the Bus Parking Area at the start and end of the school day. This area has been specially designed to ensure a safe pick up and drop off area for our bus travellers.

When cars are parked in this area it **decreases student safety** and it also makes it **difficult for the buses to turn.**

Kind Regards,

Cindi Bruechert
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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 have had really good results with our swimming program this year. It's been great to see the progress made by students. The program finishes tomorrow, 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. Applications due by 26th February.

Civics and Citizenship Award winners from last week:

- Miss O'Neill's Grade
  - Tyler B
  - Abby O

- Mrs. Parry's Grade
  - Charlotte A
  - Mason T

- Miss Somerville's Grade
  - Samantha C
  - Miguel T

- Mr. Clayton's Grade
  - Triniti C
  - Ellie C

Order forms for the Grade 6 shirts must be in by TOMORROW. Please ensure you have marked the preferred size and correct payment. Cost is $41.00 each.

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.

If you haven't paid Education Plus via your booklist, or paid the school directly for your child’s Online Subscriptions and Communication Book, please pay the school office for these items asap.

These are Essential Education Items and are a necessary requirement for all children. Online Subscriptions total $42 and the HPS Communication Book is $10.60. Family invoices will be sent home shortly.
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.

**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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**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  
* Sports Days  
* Excursions  
* Special Activities such as Bookweek & Footy Colours Day

* Working Bees  
* Raffles  
* Gardening—weeding, watering, etc  
* Library - cover, repair books, tidy shelves  
* 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: ……………………………………………