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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

**STUDENT LEARNING INTERVIEWS**

Thank you to everyone who attended their Student Learning Interviews earlier this week. The interviews continue this afternoon, Thursday 25th February, from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. If you were not able to make your interview for some reason, please contact the office to arrange a suitable time to meet.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

Nominations for our School Council members officially closed on Monday and, as our nominations did not exceed our vacant positions, we do not require a Ballot Process for this election.

I would like to officially welcome the following parents to our School Council for 2016-17: David Close, Emily McNally, Alison Phillips and Dale Knight,

They will be working alongside our continuing parent representatives, Leigh Tongco and Kym Edsall, our community member, Glenn Wilson, and our four staff members, to assist us in providing your children with the best possible education.

The new School Council will meet for the first time for our Annual General Meeting and regular monthly meeting on Wednesday 16th March at 5.30pm

**STUDENT WELLBEING**

In order to ensure the safety of our children and to minimise disruption to their learning, we need to ensure that parents and visitors to the school do not enter the classrooms without prior consent of the classroom teacher or Principal.

If you would like to speak to your child’s teacher, please speak to them before or after school or make an appointment through the Office to catch up at an appropriate time.

**SCHOOL HOURS**

School begins promptly at 9.00am. It is important that all children are at school by 8.50am to greet friends and organise school bags, lockers etc.

Children arriving after 9.00am miss important work and disturb others. Please note teachers are on duty from 8.45am and children are not expected to be at school prior to this time. Teachers use this time to prepare lessons. Dismissal time is 3.00pm.

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.

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 29th February.

Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from last week:
- Miss O'Neill's Grade
  - Manny N
  - Emily A
- Mrs. Parry's Grade
  - Emily M
  - Zoe O
- Miss Somerville's Grade
  - Summer E
  - James M
- Mr. Clayton's Grade
  - James P
  - Taylor M

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.

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!

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 have been sent home and are due now.
SAKG VISITOR

Last week we had Joy visit us and help us in the Stephanie Alexander Garden.

Joy is playing with the Bendigo Braves and comes from the United States of America.

Easter Raffle

We will be having an Easter Raffle again this year and ask all families to contribute by sending along a donation for this raffle. The basket is located in the school office. The Easter Raffle which will be drawn Friday, 24th March (last day of Term 1). Raffle tickets will be sent home next week and will be $1.00 each.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

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.

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
* Working Bees

* Fundraisers
* Raffles

* Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
* Gardening—weeding, watering, etc

* Sports Days
* Library — cover, repair books, tidy shelves

* Excursions
* Market stalls

* Special Activities such as Bookweek & Footy Colours Day

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: .................................................................

Icy Pole Sales

The Grade 5/6 students will be selling icy poles again this term. Zooper Dooper icy poles will be available at first break (11.00am) each Friday morning for 50 cents each.
FREE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOPS
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based, three day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshops in Bendigo. These workshops are for parents and carers of children and young adults diagnosed with Autism, aged between 6–25 years and living at home. This is a FREE workshop for parents and carers of children and young people aged 6 - 25 years with Autism.

Eligibility to participate in this Workshop:
» Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 - 25 years, diagnosed with Autism
» The individual with Autism Spectrum must be living at home

** Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop.

Families participating in this workshop will:
» Develop an understanding of autism and how it impacts upon learning and behaviour
» Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
» Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child’s behaviours
» Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
» Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s independence and quality of life

Bendigo 16th, 17th & 18th March
9.30 am to 2.30pm
Bendigo Bowls Club
169-183 Barnard St
Bendigo

Amber Day
emailaday@autismspectrum.org.au
phone 9377 6600

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops: “Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and my child’s, my own and my really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving family’s quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others”

**Registration numbers are capped at a maximum of 30 participants and once reached the workshop will close for registrations.

For further details contact school or book online. www.autismspectrum.org.au