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

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

HABITS FOR HARMONY

Throughout March and April our students will be focusing on the habit of ‘following teacher's instructions’.

Every classroom will focus on this habit and celebrate how they have learnt to put this habit into practice at the end of April. Each classroom will decide what their celebration will be.

You can support this program at home by discussing the monthly habit we are learning and explain to your child how this habit leads to harmony at school and at home.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

In order to improve our teaching of Writing, one of our priority areas, all classroom based staff have enrolled in a professional learning program entitled ‘Implementing and Effective Writing Model’.

This course runs over three full day sessions. To ensure all staff can our participation in this program, and in our continued work with Maths consultant, Michael Ymer, School Council have approved Pupil Free Days for the following dates:

- Thursday 26th March - Writing Course
- Thursday 30th April - Writing Course
- Friday 31st July – Maths Session

STUDENT LEARNING INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the student learning interviews this week. If you missed your interview time for any reason, please contact your teacher to re-schedule suitable time.

STUDENT LEARNING FOCUS

In order to ensure the safety of our children and minimise disruption to their learning, we must insist 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 catch them before or after school or make an appointment to catch up at an appropriate time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following parents who were successful candidates in our 2015 School Council Election Ballot:

Kathy Byrne - mother of Elizabeth Byrne
Kym Edsall - mother of Grace Edsall-French
Leigh Tongco - mother of Miguel Tongco

I would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Michelle Kurrle and David Bull for their wonderful service to our School Council over the last few years. Your support has been very much appreciated.

Thanks also to Kate Duncan for her willingness to nominate for School Council.

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
- Noah Willoughby
- Mason Thompson

Mrs. Parry's Grade
- Ella Eiseman
- Chase Panchoff-Whicher

Miss Somerville’s Grade
- Willow Boyd
- Tanika Cook

Mr. Clayton’s Grade
- Shaylee Reddin-Jowett
- Cordell Lemke-Coole

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins promptly at 9.00am. It is important that all children are at school by 8.45am to greet friends and organise school bags, lockers etc. Dismissal time is 3.15pm. Children arriving after 9.00am miss important work and disturb others. A Late Pass must be completed for students arriving after 9.00am

PARENTS CLUB

Icy Pole Sales
The Parents Club/Fundraising Committee 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. No Credit Available.

Easter Raffle: Our Easter Raffle which will be drawn Friday, 27th March (last day of Term 1). We would appreciate each family contribute something for our raffle and try to sell some raffle tickets. Tickets are attached to today’s newsletter and are $1.00 each. Please return all tickets to school by Wednesday, 25th March.

Purple Day for Epilepsy:
We have a number of items for sale to support the Epilepsy Foundation. Pens, badges, ribbons, USBs, lipgloss, keyrings.. Prices range from $2 to $8. and are available at the school office. We will also have a ‘Purple Day’ on Friday, 27th March. We would suggest students bring a gold coin donation on Friday and wear something purple to assist this worthwhile cause.

Next Meeting:
The next Parents Club meeting will be held Monday, 16th March at 9.20am (after assembly) in the SA Kitchen. All welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We currently have some excess uniform stock on hand so we will have some items set up for sale in the gallery after assembly on Monday, 16th March.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Scholastic Bookclub Order forms for Issue 2 were sent home last week and are due back tomorrow, Friday 6th March.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

PASTA DAY

Parents Club will be providing a special lunch day next Friday, 13 March.

Order forms for the pasta day have been sent home today. If you would like to place an order, the forms and payment need to be returned to school by next Thursday, 12th March by 9am.

The bolognese pasta meals will be given out to children at their long break, which starts at 11am.

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

Some students in the Junior Unit have been learning about the letter ‘S’.

Interviews: Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent/Teacher Interviews this week.
We are very interested in having some new items for 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/culture

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.

You can contact Ash Whicher with your ideas.

Ashlea Whicher
Email: ashnsum@hotmail.com
SAKGP - GARDEN GRABS

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
Michele Witham

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From Picture to Page Show

~ Scrapbooking ~ Papercrafts ~ Mixed Media Art ~

Kangaroo Flat Primary School Basketball Stadium

60 Olympic Pde Kangaroo Flat

Saturday 14th March 9.00 - 4.30
Sunday 15th March 9.00 - 1.30

Entry - Adults $6.00, Kids under 16 free. Reluctant husbands free.

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