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.

EASTER HAT PARADE

On Thursday 24th March, we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade, so it is now time to start planning and creating your perfect hat to bring for the parade!

The parade will take place in the Gallery at 9.00am. Family members are welcome to come and cheer on the students as they display their fantastic creations. After the Hat Parade we will be drawing the Easter Raffle, so make sure you have bought plenty of tickets for your chance to win!

HEADLICE

To assist our families in dealing with the issue of headlice, we have arranged for a Community Nurse to conduct head-lice checks on Thursday for all students who have returned signed permission forms.

Your child will be given a note to bring home outlining the outcome of the inspection. All parents need to check their children's hair on a daily basis and ensure that if there are any signs of either live headlice or eggs that the proper treatment occurs before the student returns to school.

After using a recognised treatment solution, it is extremely important that you also use a specially designed headlice comb to remove all eggs and dead lice. Many students are returning to school without having had their hair thoroughly combed through and this often results in re-infestation.

I realise this is time consuming and expensive, but it is the only way to ensure proper treatment.

Kind Regards,

Cindi Bruechert

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Congratulations to the 2016 Heathcote & District Community Bank Tertiary scholarship recipient Callum Jones.
Congratulations to the our students who have read to their family members and been signed off for:

25 Nights
Conroy, Emily A, Cody, Manny, Shyanne, Zoe, Kayla, Brodi, Elise, Alexis,

GOBSTOPPER AWARDS
Well done to Cordell L-C for winning our Gobstopper Award this week, for politely encouraging another student to stop talking during teacher instruction time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in...

MARCH
14th Kyle B
15th Manny N
17th Payton G

FOOD BANK & BREAD DISTRIBUTION
From time to time we are able to collect food from the Food Bank and also bread that has been donated from a bakery.

We have green bags (or black) that we use to send home items. Please return these to school the next day after receiving goods. If you lose or damage the bag, please replace it.

Please return the slip below if you DO NOT wish to receive these items.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Name: ............................................................
We DO NOT wish to receive any
BREAD
GROCERIES

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from last week:

Miss O'Neill's Grade
• Henry T-P
• Reid M

Mrs. Parry's Grade
• Nitika D
• Tayton T

Miss Somerville's Grade
• Dakota D
• Payton G

Mr. Clayton's Grade
• Ellie C
• Rhys M

BULB FUNDRAISER
The Tesselaars order forms for Bulbs were sent home last week for all those keen or aspiring gardeners. This is a great opportunity to purchase some lovely bulbs for your garden and also assist in fundraising for our school. Order forms and payment needs to be returned to school by Tuesday, 22 March so that we can sort and submit orders before the end of this term and get the bulbs back at the beginning of Term 2.

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 $1.00 each and are attached to the newsletter.
**REMINDER:** We would love to have as many helpers as possible to assist with painting the playground equipment.

**Working Bee**

Icy Pole Sales

The Grade 5/6 students will be selling Zooper Dooper icy poles during the first break (11.00am) each Friday morning for **50 cents each**. Susy Jarman will also be present during this activity.

**Scholastic Book Club Orders**

Issue 2 Scholastic Book Club have been sent home. If you would like to order any books from this issue for your family or to put away for presents, your orders need to be back at the Office by **Friday 11th March by 9am**.

*Please make any cheques payable to - Heathcote Primary School.*

During 2016, there will only be one book club issue in term 1, 2 and 3, but two issues in term 4.

Reward points accrued go towards **FREE BOOKS** for our classrooms and library.

**Good Friday Appeal**

Good Friday Appeal envelopes have been sent home today with the newsletter.

If you are able to contribute to this worthy cause, please place your donation in the envelop and return to school by Tuesday, 22 March.

**Heathcote Junior Football Netball Club**

WELCOMES THE 2016 SEASON FINAL SIGN UP/REGISTRATION DAY

**Wednesday 9th March**

**5.30pm to 7.00pm**

**Barrack Reserve Oval**

**Registrations being taken for U12 & U14 Football, U14 & U16 Netball**
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
evailaday@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.**

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (SRI)

This year SRI will be run each Thursday at first break (11am to 11.30am). Children need to have a signed SRI permission form to be allowed to attend. Once given parental permission, children have the option to participate in the program. If you require a Permission Form, these are available from the school office.

THE PROGRAM WILL COMMENCE NEXT TERM.