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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At our School Council Annual General Meeting last night we welcomed the following new members - Allison Phillips, Emily McNally and Dale Knight. We also held elections for the executive roles. I would like to congratulate the following members and welcome them to their new roles for 2016:

President - Glenn Wilson
Vice President - David Close
Treasurer - Leigh Tongco

School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan
– The 2016 – 2019 School Strategic Plan and the 2016 Annual Implementation Plan have been completed and School Council endorsed the Plans so that they can be now be officially acknowledged as our guide documents for strategic direction of our school over the coming years.

2015 Annual Report – Each year we are required to prepare a report to the school community outlining our progress and achievements over the previous year. Our 2015 Annual Report to the School Community highlights some really pleasing achievements, with many of the component areas showing higher than expected growth, including our Numeracy and Literacy results and our Student Engagement and Wellbeing results. Copies of these documents are available on our Website or from our Office.

EASTER HAT PARADE AND RAFFLE

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!

We are still requiring lots more donations of Easter eggs for our Easter Raffle Prize, so please pick up some items next time you are in the supermarket and send them along!

Kind Regards,
Cindi Bruechert
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Congratulations to the 2016 Heathcote & District Community Bank Tertiary scholarship recipient Callum Jones.

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Congratulations to the students who have read to their family members and been signed off for:

**25 Nights**

Well done to Lily Edsall-French for winning our Gobstopper Award this week.

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

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

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 let the office staff know if you **DO NOT** wish to receive these items.

**CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

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

- **Miss O'Neill's Grade**
  - Brayden W
  - Aaron H

- **Mrs. Parry’s Grade**
  - Leah G
  - Chase P-W

- **Miss Somerville’s Grade**
  - Matilda E-F
  - Josh C

- **Mr. Clayton’s Grade**
  - Lily E-F
  - Kane C

**BULB FUNDRAISER**

The Tesselaars 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**
REMINDER: We are asking all families to kindly contribute to our EASTER RAFFLE hamper. Donations required by **next Wednesday**.

The Easter Raffle which will be drawn Thursday, 24th March (last day of Term 1). Raffle tickets are $1.00 each.
THANK YOU to all those who have helped in the painting of the Junior playground equipment.

We still require some painting to be done to complete the task, so we would really appreciate if you are able to help out. Just contact the office if you can do so.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

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

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

GRADE 5/6

Mr Clayton would like to congratulate all Grade 5 and 6 students for improvement made this term in Time and Place Value during their Maths classes.

STAFFING

At the end of this term we farewell Kerry Prentice from the office. Kerry will be working as business manager at Big Hill Primary School which is closer to her home.

Susy Jarman will continue to work in the office on a part-time basis. We will be welcoming a new business manager to share the role at the beginning of next term.

Message from Kerry:
I would like to thank students, parents and staff for welcoming me to Heathcote Primary School.
I have really enjoyed the 3½ years here and would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and a great rest of the year.

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.

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.

Congratulations to the 2016 Heathcote & District Community Bank Tertiary scholarship recipient Callum Jones. The board, staff, shareholders and community wish you all the best in your future studies.