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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

MRS BRUECHERT'S NEWS

It was with very mixed emotions that I informed everyone on Monday that I would be leaving Heathcote Primary School, at the end of this week.

As I mentioned in my earlier letter, I have been provisionally appointed as Principal of Strathfieldsaye Primary School and I will be starting my time there on Monday 11th April, 2016.

To make sure things keep on track at Heathcote PS, DET Regional staff will appoint an Acting Principal for Term 2, and then a Regional representative will work together with School Council members throughout the term to select the substantive Principal.

I would really like to thank all the students, families and community members that I have worked with over the last six years. I am so very proud of all the wonderful achievements we have accomplished together.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Heathcote PS and I am so thankful for all the experience I have gained over the last six and a half years at this great school. I am also very appreciative of all the wonderful friendships I have made during this time and I thank you all for welcoming me into your hearts.

EASTER HAT PARADE AND RAFFLE

Wow! What a great Hat Parade we had this morning! Thanks so much to all families who spent time on these wonderful creations.

Thank you also to everyone who donated prizes and sold tickets for our Easter Raffle and a big thank you to Kym, Steph and Tammy who gave up their time to wrap the prizes for our Raffle.

We had 37 lucky winners of our Easter Raffle this year. The first 5 prizes went to:
1st Ferguson family
2nd Abby O’Neill
3rd Levi Boyd
4th Kyle Bird
5th Ella McNally

Kind Regards,

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

**50 Nights**
Abby O, Brodi K, Kayla T, Shyanne C, Manny N, Alexis K

**25 Nights**
Courtney R

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**GOBSTOPPER AWARDS**
Well done to James Dodsworth for winning our Gobstopper Award this week.

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

**APRIL**
1st  Tanika C
6th  Brayden W
28th Ivy H

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**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.

**SRI WILL COMMENCE NEXT TERM.**

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**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**
Thank you to those who donated to the Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children’s Hospital. Our school donated a total of $85.00

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

- Miss O'Neill's Grade
  - Ella E
  - Daniel C

- Mrs. Parry's Grade
  - Madison J
  - Ivy H

- Miss Somerville's Grade
  - Miguel T
  - Brooke M

- Mr. Clayton's Grade
  - Ty B
  - Rhys M

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**BULB FUNDRAISER**
Bulb orders have been sent off to Tesselaars and will arrive back at school early next term. Thank you to all those who contributed to this school fundraiser.

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**HARMONY DAY**
On Monday, 21st March, Lily, George, Kody, Triniti, Brooke and Erica went down to the community house for Harmony Day. Harmony day is a day when we celebrate our country with peace, teamwork and respect.
The senior unit created a poster on behalf of the school, to give to the community house. We presented the poster to Vicky. The six of us represented H.P.S. We also had food to share with the people that were there. We really enjoyed the day and the food was yum, yum, yum!

By Lily Edsall-French