Dear Parents and Friends, Thank you to the parents who have dropped in this week to do some weeding – every bit helps! Michele has been busy in the garden organising students to start digging over the new garden beds in front of the school building. The recent rain has made it a bit easier for digging. If anyone feels like coming in to offer some ‘digging time’ this week we would welcome your support.

Part of our Behaviour Plan at Heathcote PS has a focus on dealing with unacceptable language and physical aggression. The way students speak with other students and staff is an important way of showing respect. Many of our students are respectful towards those around them however a few are making poor choices regarding the way they verbally interact. All staff will be following through with students regarding the use of unacceptable language or physical aggression in the classroom or yard. Consequences will be staged and may include a loss of privileges, loss of time in the yard, after school detention or suspension. As part of the home/school partnership, we ask you to remind your child/ren that inappropriate language and physical aggression will not be tolerated. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Many of our students continue to demonstrate respect and care for their fellow students and staff. These behaviours are acknowledged through our Green Cards. Each month we celebrate 4 students who have been awarded Green Cards during the month. The more cards they have in the box at the end of the month the greater their chance of becoming our Green Star Card winner for the month. Please ask your child what they have received a Green Card for this week. At assembly this morning we announced our new Green Star Card Awards for the month of May.

Chase Panoff-Whicher and Zoe Osicka from the F-2 room, Erica Mitchell in Year 3-4 and Jarrad Kirkpatrick in the Year 5-6 room. Well done to those students for their continued good choices in the yard and classroom. Your photos will be up on the office door for the month of June.

As the Year 3-6 camp gets closer, a reminder to parents/carers that payments are due on June 10th as well as any medical and consent forms that have not been returned. If these could be sent to the office asap it would be appreciated.

This Friday 10th June is a pupil free day, no students will be at school due to a Curriculum Planning and Report Writing Day. Monday 13th June is a public holiday for the Queen’s Birthday. An extra long weekend for families – a couple of extra sleep ins! Have a great week.
GREEN CARDS STARS FOR MAY—CONGRATULATIONS

Foundation - Year 2
Magpies

Zoe

Foundation - Year 2
Parrots

Chase

YEAR 3/4

Erica

YEAR 5/6

Jarrod

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS—Presented today at Assembly

TEAMWORK

Nitika—for working positively with others.
Maddison J—for working positively with others.

LEARNING

Matilda—Always trying her best.
George—showing great improvement.

RESPONSIBILITY

Cody G—Demonstrating responsible behaviours.

RESPECT

Hannah—Treating others with respect.
Sienna—Being polite and well mannered.
Henry—Being polite and well mannered.

SCHOOL CAMP REMINDER

This year our Year 3 - 6 students will be given the opportunity to attend the Pioneer Settlement in Swan Hill. The price for the Camp will be $200.00 per child, which includes all accommodation, meals, travel and activities. This price was based on a minimum number of 30 students attending the camp.

It will be imperative that all students are fully paid up prior to heading off to camp to ensure the costs are met.

Full payment will need to be made Friday 10th June.

If you would like to use CSEF funding please let us know in the Office.

Medical including Asthma Plans, and Permission forms need to be returned completed as quickly as possible.

Kind Regards,
Ms Kate Ballantyne
ballantyne.kathryn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

READING AWARDS

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

50 Nights
Ruben
Courtney
Reid
Daniel

75 Nights
Daniel
Brayden W
Manny N
Ella M
Elise

100 Nights
Alexis
Shyanne C

125 Nights
Abbey O
Conroy
STUDENT ABSENCES

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. See proforma on the back page.

TISSUES NEEDED

As we approach winter with our cold and flu season, we are needing tissues in the classroom. We are therefore asking all students to contribute a box of tissues for the classroom if you haven’t already done so.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS TRANSITION FOR 2017

During Term 3 and 4 we will be running a number of transition sessions for our 2017 Foundation students. We hope you will be able to come along and spend time with us to help your child get used to our school routines. You are most welcome to make a time to visit the school and have a tour at a time convenient to you. We have a lot of extra programs operating at the school and would love to be able to show these off to you.

Please call, 5433 3090 to arrange a time with our Principal, Ms Kate Ballantyne

We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Term 3
Tuesday 19th July, 9.00 – 10.30
Tuesday 9th August, 9.00 – 10.30
Tuesday 30th August, 9.00 – 10.30

Term 4
Tuesday 4th October, 9.00 – 10.30
Tuesday 8th November, 9.00 – 10.30
Orientation Day – Tuesday 6th December, 9.00 – 12.30

An information evening for 2017 Foundation students will be held on the 15th November from 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Child care will be provided. Please put it in your diary and confirm closer to the date you are attending. This will help us with childcare arrangements.

LOST PROPERTY

There are several items of clothing in a basket in the Office.
They have no school logo or children's names on them so it is very difficult to return them to their owners.
Please come into the Office to have a look if these items belong to your family.
Remember to NAME YOUR CHILDREN’S uniform and clothing, for ease of return.

SCHOOL TIMES

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

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It was all about engineering in senior STEM this week. Using only various pieces of pasta and glue, students had to design and construct a Mars rover – a vehicle capable of travelling on Mars. J

Just like industry, a budget of $60,000,000 dollars was assigned to each vehicle with different types of pasta costing more than others. Next week, the vehicles will be tested to see if they travel more than 1.5 metres on the flat after descending down a ramp – under budget of course.

STEM: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING and MATHS

Junior STEM

STEM was all about Newton’s third law of motion – equal and opposite forces. This was demonstrated by releasing a balloon powered aircraft, guided along fishing line.

Previously students have screwed and glued these chairs back together. Today, the chairs were sandpapered and stained. They look a treat!
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