PRINCIPAL’S REPORT— Ms Ballantyne’s News

Welcome to another week of news from Heathcote PS!

Hello School Community,

It is with pleasure that School Council can now officially welcome Kate Ballantyne as the new Principal of Heathcote Primary School. Kate has been officially selected and appointed as Principal for our school following the DET selection process. Kate has settled into the school community this past term and demonstrated a passion for our school. I hope everyone will continue to make her feel at home and welcomed into our community.

As School Council members we wish Kate well in her role and offer her our ongoing support in her role as Principal.

Yours Sincerely
Glenn Wilson
School Council President

Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you for being patient regarding the lack of newsletter last week. Susy was away sick and then we had the Queen’s Birthday public holiday on the Monday – this meant our newsletter didn’t get sent out – our apologies.

Welcome to the last week of Term Two. It has been a busy term for staff and students. Today, the results of each student’s hard work for the semester will be demonstrated in their reports and communication books. Please take the time to sit down with your child/ren and read through these documents. Celebrate their positive achievements and identify the areas they can continue to improve.

As a staff we are very pleased with the way students are applying themselves in class and look forward to this positive attitude continuing next term. Thank you to all staff for their work in assessing students and preparing reports over the past few weeks.

Camp is on this week for the Year 3-6 students, teachers and support staff. We wish them well and hope they have a great time in Swan Hill. Our next newsletter will have some photos and reports from students about their experiences at the Pioneer Settlement. Staff will have a mobile phone for emergency contact only, the phone has been purchased for emergency contact whilst on excursions or camps. It is not in use at other times.

Please remember our early dismissal on the last day of term – I am sure the students won’t forget!

Many of you will know Joan Stammers from her previous work at Heathcote PS. Joan has been working in our school for the past few weeks in the F-2 room. At this stage, Joan will finish with us this Friday. On behalf of the school community, a big thank you to Joan. We have appreciated having her with us for this short time.

Finally, I am delighted to have been appointed as the ongoing Principal of Heathcote PS. The staff, students and parents have welcomed me into their community and I look forward to being part of the next stage of the Heathcote PS journey.

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Ms Kate Ballantyne

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

Jayde
Dakota
Tommy.W
Chase P.W
Erica M
Ellie C
Brady F

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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.

If you have a Foundation child commencing in 2017, or you know someone who does, call or phone the Office to obtain an enrolment pack.

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HEAD LICE

Headlice continues to pose a huge problem for just a few of our families, just enough to keep Head Lice as a continuing problem at school and home.

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.

Treating head lice is very time consuming and expensive, but it is the only way to ensure proper elimination.

A couple of our families have highly recommended the V-Comb, which is a chemical free head lice solution.

CLASSROOM SAFETY

In order to ensure the safety of our children and to 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, please come to the Office first.

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.

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 CROSSINGS ON HIGH STREET

The crossing supervisors have reported to our school that many students are crossing unsupervised between the two Council supplied supervised school crossings on High Street. Considering the amount of traffic on the road this is very dangerous.

Can parents please discuss the importance of crossing roads at the supervised crossings.
STEM: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING and MATHS

Senior STEM—Last week we concentrated on the ‘M’ in STEM – mathematics. Various activities and puzzles concerned with mathematics were set up and the students rotated through the activities. The favourites were untangling of ropes tied to their wrists, decoding the morse code message and the card trick.
This week the students built lava lamps which all the students thought were pretty cool. Lava lamps are an excellent introduction to chemistry.

Junior STEM
In Junior STEM last week, we dissolved M&M’s in water and observed the dispersion of the pretty colours. What didn’t quite happen (but has been previously successfully tested) is that the ‘M’ should have floated intact to the surface of the water. Oh well, that’s science for you!
This week the junior students also built lava lamps. All very oily and greasy, but great fun.
SENIOR UNIT CAMP
Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd June

Wishing our Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students and our wonderful Staff an enjoyable and informative few days at Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement. There has been much work and study in the classroom in preparation for this camping experience.

Watch this space for reports about Sovereign Hill Camp from our Students after the school holiday break.
Melbourne Football Club -
On Monday the 20/6/16 the Melbourne Football Club sent some players to do some activities with the senior unit