Dear Parents and Friends,

A big thank you to all families and friends who have supported the school in the past two weeks through the purchase of Wood fundraising tickets. The total amount of money raised has been $370.00 The winning ticket belonged to one of our school families. Charlotte Anderson and her family will stay nice and warm with a lovely load of red gum donated by Damien Walls. We have been delighted with the support received and thank our community. Due to ongoing donations and kind offers of wood, we will be having another fundraiser in the next couple of weeks. Junior School Council will be able to purchase new headphones for student use, as well as supply equipment for the Tournament of Minds.

Today was our last Monday morning assembly. Starting the week beginning the 15th August we will have assembly on Friday afternoons, starting at 2.40 – 3.00pm. Currently we send home our newsletter on Monday, this sets us up for the coming weeks events. Moving assembly to the end of the week allows us to get straight into our English 2 hour block on Monday morning and on Friday it allows us to celebrate the week we have had and leave on a high! Mornings are our peak time for learning and we would love to start the week heading straight into class and commencing our English work. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday afternoons at assembly.

This Friday 12th August is a student free day. Staff have two main tasks for the day. Teachers will be working on the new Victorian Curriculum and matching it to what we currently do at Heathcote PS and commencing work on our current student reporting to parent’s format. My aim is for our reports to use language that is ‘user friendly’ – easy for all of us to understand.

Before the end of term we will be having a working bee at school. We aim to have it on a school afternoon between 2.00 and 3.00. This will allow parents the opportunity to come in and work with other families and students in cleaning up, planting out and generally caring for our school. We have great grounds but they are looking in need of some care! Different areas of the grounds will be assigned to classes and we will be having a general clean up, particularly important as snake time is not far away. The kitchen garden will also be a part of this working bee. Stay tuned for more information!

Students continue to impress us with their positive behaviour. Well done to students for trying to make positive choices both in the classroom and in the yard. Thank you to parents for ringing in to let us know of their child’s absence before 9.00am. We really appreciate you taking the time to make the call.
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Heathcote Primary School have 7 students participating in the Tournament Of Minds Competition, occurring on Saturday 20th August at La Trobe University in Bendigo. Our students need to do a planned presentation for a known subject matter and problem. They also need to respond to a second spontaneous problem on the day and work together as a team to best solve this unknown subject matter.

The students representing our school this year are Cordell, Miguel, Ellie, Triniti, Hannah, Jarrod and Taylor.

The Primary school sessions start at 10.00 am on Saturday 20th August with HPS presenting their planned session at approx. 1.00 pm.

We wish them all the best of luck for their sessions. Watch this space for results and photos.

Come along and support the LOLLY JAR GUESS THE NUMBER, here in the School Office.

Green Time NEWS

Each Tuesday—2nd recess ‘Green Time’ Games is on in the 3/4 computer room. Students who received green cards at assembly the day before have the option of attending.

Thank you to the CLOSE family for your generous donation of puzzles and board games.

FOUNDATION STUDENTS

REMINDER: Please return completed School Nursing Questionnaires for your Prep/Foundation Student by Tuesday 9th August. These questionnaires are important for your child and are collected by the School Nursing Program.

Thank you to Lisa Ziersch for making and hanging NEW curtains in our Library.

Thank you to Brenda King for providing the mixed lollies in the Guess the lollies Fundraiser for T.O.M.

We much appreciate these examples of extras that our Staff do for our school.

Thank you to Tammy O’Neill, Julie Gellatly, Lesleyann Miller, Casey Marino and Victoria Russell, for being available and coordinating the transfer, delivery and unloading of the firewood to the winning family, last Friday.

Thank you to Cheryl Freeman for her wonderful work re-organising our “Uniform Shop”, making it much easier to access. Cheryl has accomplished many behind the scenes jobs these past few weeks.

Thank you to Damien Walls and family for your generous load of firewood for our fundraiser, which was very successful. These funds will contribute towards TOM and new headphones for our school.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in August:

Ruben D.
Hannah C.
Elise P.
Mason T.
Jarrod K.
Charlotte A.
2016 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Whole School and Special Group Photos can be ordered. Display of photos and order forms are in the Office.

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I would like to invite up to 30 young females (age group of 14 – 17 years) to attend the ‘Women Showing the Way’ forum and lunch at 9.00am for a 9.30am commencement to 1pm on Wednesday 31 August, 2016 at the Bendigo Town Hall.

The forum will feature roundtable discussions to create participation and high profile guest speakers that are currently being confirmed.

The objective of the forum is to motivate young women to reach their full potential and become involved in community life.

Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the forum which will include networking opportunities with community leaders and guest speakers with students ready to depart at 1pm.

All secondary schools (Years 9, 10 and 11) in greater Bendigo are invited to attend.

Can you please advise if you will be participating by contacting Anne Johnson via email a.johnson@bendigo.vic.gov.au or by phone 5434 6070 by Friday 1 July.
**Breakfast Club News**

Breakfast Club is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.20am to 8.45am. The 5/6 helpers plus some volunteer student helpers have been doing a great job helping prepare the breakfast and clean up afterwards. To give the helpers time to clean up and the remaining students time to finish what they are eating and get ready for class the kitchen doors are closed at around 8.45am, but allowing for the few students coming off the bus time to have something too.

If any parents wish to volunteer to help in the kitchen please put your name down at the front office so that we can make a roster and share around the load. We are calling for donations to keep this program sustainable, we can’t get all the supplies we need from food bank and bread/generously donated by Gaffney’s bakery.

A ‘Donation Box’ is located at the front office – spare change welcome!

*Megan Haddon*
School Chaplain

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**MORE Breakfast Club NEWS**

Thank-you to the O’NEILL/LEMKE-COOLE and MAINARD families who have generously donated honey to the program.

We are now needing some VEGETABLE and MARGARINE for anyone who can donate this, that would be great!

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**JUNIOR UNIT P.E. day on Mondays’**

On Monday afternoons, the Junior Unit will be having their Physical Education lesson. The students will be training for the Athletics Sports day in week 9.

Students are encouraged to wear runners on a Monday for sport activities.
JUNIOR STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
The junior students continued their investigation into growing mushrooms. The mushrooms have yet to pop up and show their caps, but it must be getting close!

This week the students placed stalks of celery into coloured water. Stay tuned until next week to discover the result of this experiment!

SENIOR STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

We continued our “sound” theme. Last week we looked at various devices and visualised how sound creates waves and vibrations. This week the students used this knowledge to create their own musical instruments. With a limited supply of materials, their task was to create an instrument which could produce three different pitches and demonstrate their inventions to the rest of the class.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS FUNDRAISER
MIXED LOLLY JAR
GUESS THE CORRECT NUMBER
50 CENTS PER GUESS
OR
3 GUESSES FOR $1.00
Record your guess at the School Office

SWAN HILL HISTORICAL CAMP PHOTO FUNDRAISER—FOR SALE
A5—$ 5.00
A4—$15.00
All photos will be laminated
Display photos and order form available in the Office.
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