Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the second half of Term Three! It is amazing how quickly the term is passing by. Our transition program for our new Foundation students has commenced and our Year Six students are preparing for secondary school. Lots to think about in preparation for next year whilst we continue to enjoy our time each day.

Our school community has been saddened by the tragic house fire that occurred last Thursday. Two of our students and their family have lost all of their belongings and some precious animals in the fire. The broader Heathcote community is supporting the family with a donation point set up at the Union Hotel. We will continue to support and care for our students and appreciate what a difficult time it is for them. We will be guided by the family as to what they need and will let you know what support we may be able to provide as a school community.

Please come along to our Friday assembly this week to support our Tournament of Minds (TOM) team. Assembly will be a little earlier than normal and will start at 2.30 instead of 2.40. This will give us time for The TOM team to present their project to our school as a practice for the competition this weekend at La Trobe University. A number of other schools will also be performing their task in front of the judges. Thank you to David, Brenda and Rhys for their hard work in supporting our team’s preparation and a big thank you to the students and their parents for supporting the schools involvement this year. We wish them well!

Can all parents please check in with the office over the coming week to see if we have the correct contact details for you and your nominated emergency contact. We have tried to contact families recently only to find we don’t have an updated phone number. It is essential that we have current contact details. Thank you for your support

Ms Kate Ballantyne

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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 is generously donated by Gaffney’s bakery.

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

Megan Haddon
School Chaplain

MORE Breakfast Club NEWS

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We are needing some 🍳VEGETARIAN MARGARINE for anyone who can donate this, that would be great!

Support of the program via ‘donation box’ in the office, volunteering your time or providing goods like rice bubbles, cornflakes, margarine and spreads (not peanut butter) is always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support.

Junior School Council—Jeans for Genes Day

Last Friday 5th August was Jeans for Genes day and our school community raised $70.05, a school cheque has been sent to Children’s Medical Research Institute. Thank you.

Our students and teachers certainly appreciate your contribution and interaction in our school with this worthwhile program.

A very big Thank You to Linda who comes in every week and volunteers her time with the SAKGP garden and kitchen sessions.

Also a Thank you to Lesleyann Miller for your help with our garden and kitchen sessions too.

Book Club, Issue 6, has gone home today. Any orders are due back by Friday 26th August.

Please make any cheques payable to Heathcote Primary School.

Our recent Scholastic Book Fair has raised $260.00 to spend on books for each grade and the library. Thank you all again for your support.
JUNIOR STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
The junior unit watched a YouTube video about a new deep water slug which has just been discovered by scientists. This slug has yet to be given a name, so the students wrote possible names in their work books. Their suggestions will be entered into a competition to create the official name for this new slug.

We also inspected our mushroom growing kit and noticed that some mushrooms are starting to pop up.

Continuing from last week, the students observed their celery sticks and noticed that the dye was travelling up the celery stems and colouring the leaves.

SENIOR STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
This week the senior unit commenced their two week block of study on electricity. Electricity and motors will be the way we power our robots. We studied static electricity and tested various materials for their ability to pick up tissue paper.

As a demonstration piece, we looked at a device known as Jacob’s ladder. It generates a high voltage and creates a large, loud zap across a couple of wires.

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