

Heathcote PS News

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At Heathcote PS we value... Respect Learning Teamwork Responsibility

IMPORTANT DATES

20th February	Student Representative Group Meeting
	School Council
	Foundation Rest Day
27th February	Foundation Rest Day
6th March	Parenting Engagement Workshop 2—3pm
11th March	Labour Day Holiday
6th March	Parenting Ideas Webinar—Switching on Your Child's Strengths 8pm
22nd March	Athletic Sports
27th, 28th, 29th March	Grade 3 to 6 Camp to Swan Hill
28th, 29th March	Grade 1 & 2 Camp
5th April	Last Day Term 1 Early dismissal 2pm

COMMUNITY BBQ

We will be hosting a School Community BBQ on Tuesday 26th February from 5.00pm. We look forward to all of our school families coming along and enjoying a relaxed get together to start the year off.

School will provide the meat, bread and coleslaw. Families are asked to bring a small salad or a small sweet/fruit platter to share.

Please contact the school with any queries.

Students need to be accompanied by an adult and a reminder that alcohol cannot be consumed on school grounds.



SCHOOL CAMPS

This year's school camps are on in the second last week of term. The Grade 3-6 camp to Swan Hill is on Wednesday March 27th to Friday March 29th. The students will be travelling by train.

The Grade 1/2 Sleepover is on Thursday 28th & Friday 29th March.

As school camps are designed to support the curriculum and personal development, we expect that all students attend.

School camps are a great way to develop independence, self-organisation and self-confidence.

Further details about the Grade 3-6 camp have been sent out.

Grade 1/2 Camp details will be sent home next week.

Camp costs are :-

Gr. 3- 6 \$210

Gr. 1/2 \$75

Some families have already paid for camp within the Booklist payment. Parents yet to pay are welcome to make part payments each fortnight through the Office leading up to camp.

Please see Mr. J if camp payments may be difficult for your family.

**On behalf of our customers we've contributed
\$50,000 to the new Bunbunarik Children's Hub!**

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our February 20th School Council Meeting will be the last for the current School Council.

Before our March 20th AGM, some of the Parent Representative and Department of Education (DET) Representative positions will be open for nomination.

Nominations for positions will close on Monday February 18th.

Elections will follow if required.

Current School Council			
Parent Representatives		DET Representatives	
Ends March 2019	Ends March 2020	Ends March 2019	Ends March 2020
Sean Patten	Emily McNally	David Close	Rhys Clayton
Liam Anderson	Alison Phillips	Vacant	Kate Ballantyne
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There are four parent positions and two DET positions available. See Nina or Jan at the Office for Nomination Forms. Self-nomination forms are available if required.

'A IS FOR ATTITUDE'

The school has recently ordered an activity booklet and support materials for Grade 3/4 students titled 'A is for Attitude'. Using the 'A is for Attitude' resources, classroom activities will involve guiding students to develop empathetic and respectful attitudes, deal successfully with life's challenges, make the most of their hidden potential, understand the importance of positive thinking and learning to listen to their inner voice.

We thank the Lions Club of Heathcote for supporting this initiative with a grant to cover the cost of the books. Our student leaders will be sending a letter of thanks to the Lions Club and they will be invited to be a part of the presentation ceremony.

Julie Davey, the author of 'A is For Attitude' is speaking at the Bendigo Library this Tuesday night, 19th February, for those interested. Session One is about *Teaching Children Financial Literacy*, is aimed at 8-12 year olds, and will run from 4.00 – 4.45pm. Parents are expected to attend with their children.

Session 2 is for parents and is titled *Helping Your Kids Develop Strong Attitudes* and will run from 6.00 – 7.30pm.

I believe both sessions are free.

More information can be found at <https://www.aforattitude.com.au/>

CAR PARKING

Our Car Park is a busy place. Thank you to all parents/carers for observing the signed low speed limit. We ask parents of younger students to meet them at the brown gate or in the school yard to escort their child through the car park. At times it is hard for drivers to see our little people in amongst the cars. Cars can back into the car parking area adjoining Herriot Street or near our large water tanks, this opens up vision for our drivers and pedestrians. School Council request that parents/carers not smoke in the car park as the land is on school property.

To assist with drop off and pick up we have a drop off/pick up zone only. The yellow tyres mark the start of this zone. If you are dropping your child off in the morning and leaving, please use the drop off zone. At the end of the day, this zone is not a parking area. If you arrive after 3.00pm and your child is standing waiting for you in the pick-up zone, please feel free to drive in and pick them up. If they are not standing waiting, please park in the longer term parking area. These actions keep our traffic flowing smoothly and keep our students safe.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

Parents are reminded that staff are only on duty from 8.45am and that students arriving before then are unsupervised. We therefore request that where possible, students don't arrive at school until 8.45am. Thanks for your co-operation.

BREKKY CLUB

A reminder that Breakfast Club is every Tuesday and Friday from 8.20 – 8.50am. Students can come along and enjoy a yummy brekky of cereal, toast and maybe some hot food to kick start their day.

Students attending will need to remain in Brekky Club until 8.45am and can then move out into the yard.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Student absence continues to be an important area of focus for our school. The data below shows our performance over the period 2014 – 2018.

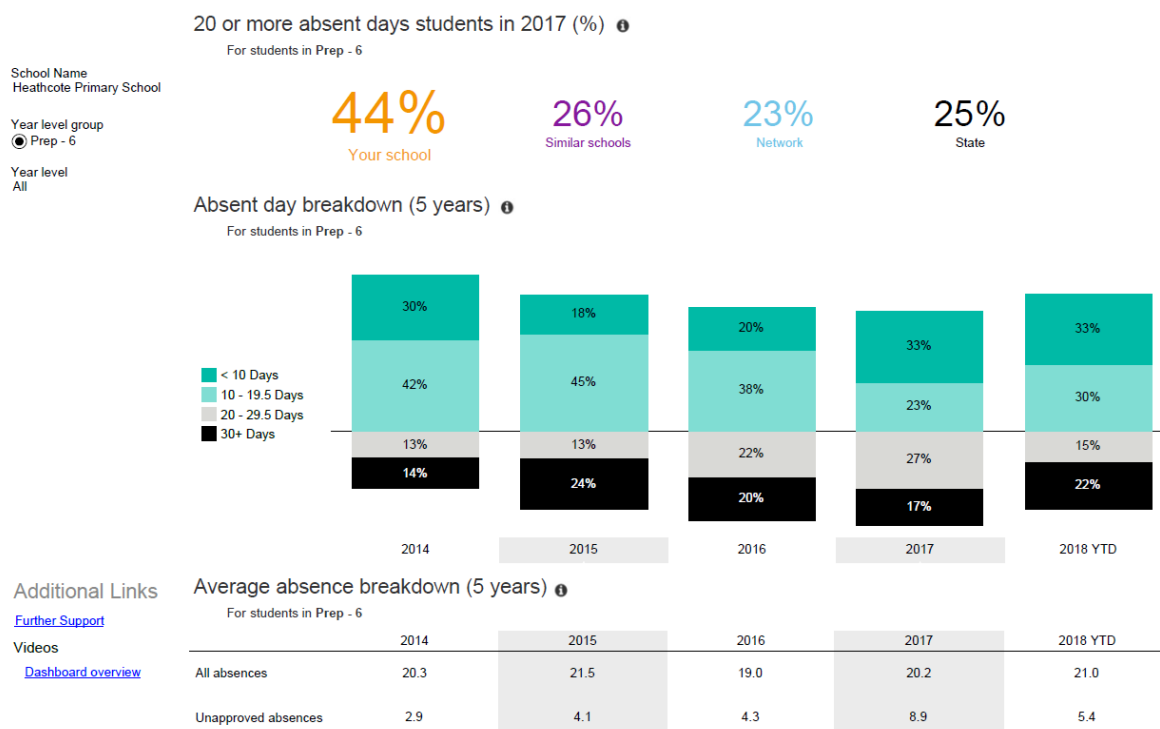
Across Victorian schools, an absence rate of 12 days/year is the average. This equates to 3 days absence/per term/per child. Matching this average is the ultimate goal of the school.

In 2018, 37% of Heathcote students had more than 20 days absence, (4 weeks or ½ term) while 33% had less than 10 days absence.

Adding to the graph below, our aim for 2019 is to have less than 20% of our students in the grey section, none in the black section and our other 80%+ of students in the green sections.

The reason we are aiming higher is because **there is a clear correlation between attendance and achievement**. We want all of our students to fulfil their academic and personal potential. By working closely together with families, we hope to achieve these goals.

We are pleased that to date, **we are on track to average less than three days absence/per student/per term for this current term.**



GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons are available for all students with Mariah McCarthy. Contact the school if your child is interested in taking part.

HEATHCOTE IN HARMONY SINGING GROUP

Heathcote in Harmony started up last week in the Gallery. We had lots of eager students involved so it would be great if any parents, grandparents or wider community people were keen to come along. The sessions are at 2.00pm every Monday with Mariah McCarthy. Heathcote in Harmony will not be on Monday 25th February. If you're interested in joining the group please fill in the form on page 7.

HEAD LICE

We have not had any reports of head lice however we urge all parents to regularly and thoroughly check your children's hair.

If we all work as a team on this we will achieve the best results for our students.

If your child has long hair we ask that they wear it tied back when they are attending school.

Have a great week
Lex Johnstone

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



TEAM-WORK

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

Charlotte Anderson

Skye Bertrand

Ned Joseph

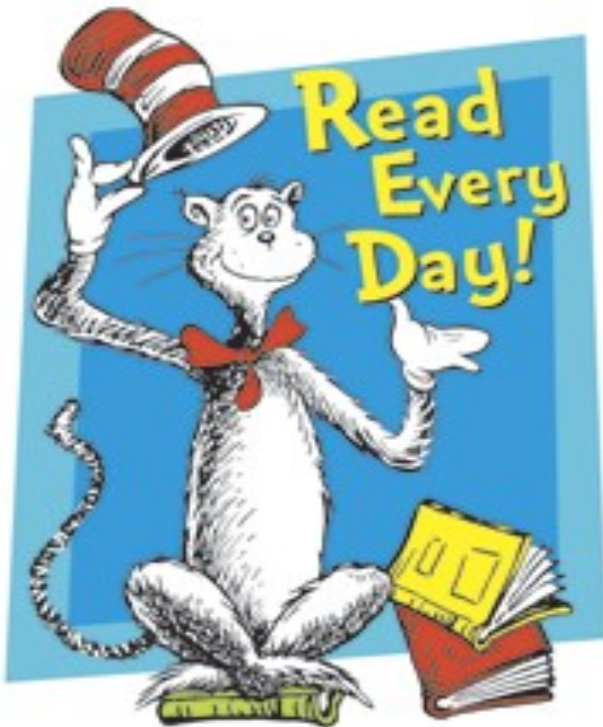
Jackson Hart

William Powers

Brianah O'Keefe

Natalie Organ

Jemma Walsh



Dear Parents and Guardians,

If any students took their Indonesian books home over the holidays could they please return them to their Classroom Teacher or to Bu Mckinnell as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support with this,

Bu Mckinnell



No birthdays this week!

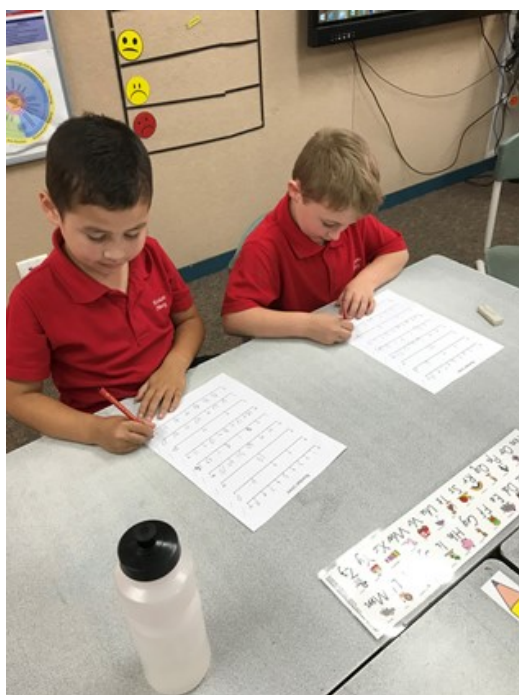


Around the Classes

Our F/1 grade has completed some work with Clarissa this week discussing emotions and how we can manage them well at school.



In Grade 1/2 Maths, Jackie and Laykin were very focussed when counting by 2's, 5's & 10's



Kyle has been busy in the kitchen with the Grade 3/4 group preparing a yummy lunch of cauliflower soup, pumpkin muffins and green salads.



This week Grade 4/5/6 have been completing pre and post tests using the Essential Achievements program.



Upcoming Webinar Switching on your child's strengths

Through our membership with Parenting Ideas, our school community can now attend webinars for parents free of charge.

About

This webinar will explain the extraordinary results of focusing on our children's strengths rather than always trying to correct their weaknesses.

When

Wednesday 6 March 2019 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Presenters

Dr Jodi Richardson Wellbeing and Mental Health Expert and Professor Lea Waters Psychologist, Researcher and Speaker

How to Log In

If you wish to attend the webinar please contact the school for the access code and then log in at:

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-switching-on-your-childs-strengths>



The poster for 'Bendigo Bricks' features a yellow background on the left with a large white 'B' made of bricks at the top. The text 'BENDIGO BRICKS' is written in large white letters. Below this, it lists the dates and times: 'WHEN 10am-5pm, Saturday 27 April 10am-4pm Sunday 28 April'. The location is 'WHERE Girton Gym Vine St, Bendigo'. The cost is 'COST Big Kids (Adults) \$5 Children (4-15) \$5 Under 4s Free'. Social media links for Facebook and the website are provided. It is presented by the Bendigo LEGO® User Group and the 1st Bendigo Scout Group. A small disclaimer at the bottom states 'This event is not affiliated with the LEGO® Group'. The right side of the poster is a collage of images showing various LEGO models, including a town, a dinosaur, and a large building, with text overlays: 'SPECTACULAR LEGO® FAN MODELS', 'FUN WITH BRICKS PLAY ZONE', 'SAUSAGE SIZZLE', and 'RETAIL STALLS'.

BENDIGO BRICKS

WHEN
10am-5pm,
Saturday 27 April
10am-4pm
Sunday 28 April

WHERE
Girton Gym
Vine St, Bendigo

COST
Big Kids (Adults) \$5
Children (4-15) \$5
Under 4s Free

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Bendigo LEGO® User Group
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MODELS**

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SIZZLE**

**RETAIL
STALLS**

INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS OF
HEATHCOTE IN HARMONY (ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP FROM THE OFFICE)

Heathcote Primary School

'Heathcote in Harmony'



Mariah McCarthy

'Heathcote in Harmony' is a school/community based singing group with members made up of students and community members under the direction of the talented

Mariah McCarthy. The group will meet on Mondays between 2.00pm and 3.00pm in the 'Gallery' at Heathcote Primary School, followed by a cuppa in the kitchen for those who would like to stay on after 3.00pm. The first session for 2019 is on 11th February.

Heathcote in Harmony will not be on Monday 25th February.

If you would like to join in please fill in the form below and hand in to the School Office or email to Heathcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Unfortunately there is no child minding provided at this group. If you have little people can you please make alternative care arrangements. Thank you!

Yes, I want to join the 'Heathcote in Harmony' community singing group.

Name:..... Contact Number:.....

We look forward to seeing you!

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and Family Fun Day

**Axedale Hall & Park from 2:00pm
Saturday 8th February, 2019**

Quick Shear:

Learner, Intermediate
& Open Competitions
Cash Prizes

Family Fun:

Market, Petting Zoo, Face
Painting &
MUCH MORE

Quick Photos:

Primary, Secondary &
Open Competition
Prizes awarded

For more details on any of the competitions or the event please contact via Facebook or email:
Axedale Quick Shear & Family Fun Day @AxedaleQS axedaleevents@gmail.com



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ajama Gold Mine



Food, Drinks, Ice Cream, Alcohol & Merchandise available to purchase. NO BYO ALCOHOL

All proceeds go directly to the Axedale Primary School, Axedale Preschool, Axedale CFA & Axedale Public Hall

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