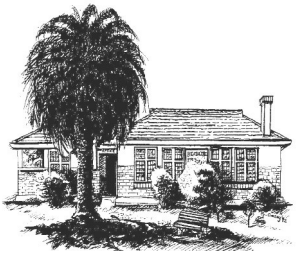

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IMPORTANT DATES

6th March	Foundation Rest Day
6th March	Parenting Engagement Workshop 1.30 —3.00pm
11th March	Labour Day Holiday
15th March	Ride to School Day
21st March	Language and Literacy Workshop for Parents 1.30pm to 3pm
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
22nd April	Easter Monday
23rd April	Term 2 begins
25th April	ANZAC Day

GREEN CARD STARS FOR FEBRUARY

J01 Cruz Williams

J02 Jessica Toifl

S01 Audrey McFadzean

S02 Samantha Close

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

RESPECT

Sophie Scoble

RESPONSIBILITY

Abby Fisher

Siobhan Patten

LEARNING

Noah Davidson-Harris, Liam Grigg, Reid Mainard, Audrey McFadzean & Brayden Walsh

On behalf of our customers we're proud to have sponsored the 2019 Mia Mia Opera

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

This week, students have had the opportunity to vote for grade level classmates to fill roles on our Student Representative Group.
Lots of students prepared and presented very impressive speeches to their classmates, outlining their personal strengths, what skills they have that would make them a great leader and also some of their ideas to take to the SRG group.
The following students will make up our SRG..
School leaders – Sam Close, Nicholas Clarke & Sienna Mainard
Gr. 5 reps – Henry McFadzean & Seth Francis
Gr. 4 reps – Ella Eiseman & Daniel Close
Gr. 3 reps – Manny Nagy & Audrey McFadzean
Gr.2 reps – Liam Grigg & Natalie Organ
Gr. 1 reps – Madi Cooper & Jemma Walsh
We will have our first SRG Meeting next week and we look forward to a great start.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the close of School Council nominations, we received 4 nominations for 4 positions, hence there is no need for an election process.

Your School Council for 2019/20 will be made up of:-

Parent Representatives – Liam Anderson, Emily McFadzean, Emily McNally, Sean Patten, Alison Phillips, Brett Young

DET Representatives – Kate Ballantyne (Lex Johnstone), Rhys Clayton, David Close

Congratulations to our two new School Councillors Emily McFadzean & Brett Young, we look forward to your involvement and your input.

Our next School Council Meeting is on Wednesday March 20th. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.30pm, followed immediately by our regular monthly meeting for March.

COMMUNITY BBQ

A big thank you to all the families that attended the Family BBQ Night on Tuesday. We were really pleased with the turnout and was good to see lots of families chatting, kids playing and everyone enjoying some yummy food.
Thanks to those who brought along food to share and to David Close for setting up the BBQ and cooking the sausages to perfection! For me it was a great chance to meet lots of parents and it was great to see Mrs. Ballantyne back out at Heathcote PS.

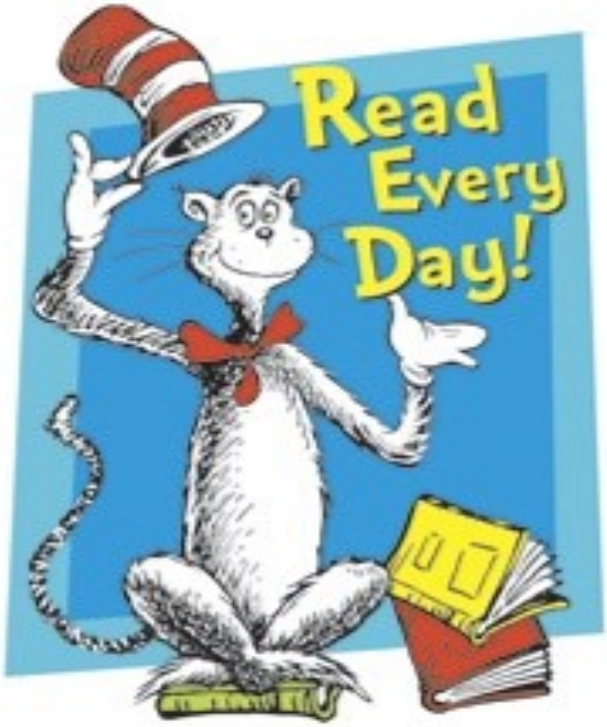
KATE BALLANTYNE

Kate's return date is still a little unclear and she continues to be guided by specialists. We will keep the community informed as information is provided to us.

READING AWARDS

25 Nights

Rhiannon Brown
Madison Cooper
Jackie Evans
Liam Grigg
Hunter Lane
Isaac Lane
George McFadzean
Nathaniel Russell
Cody Simpson
Jessica Toifl
Jemma Walsh
Mandy Young



Note that this year all award certificates will be kept at the school and will go into the student's

HEATHCOTE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Our Grade 1/2 students will be bringing home membership applications for the Heathcote Library this week. Please complete and return as soon as possible. Membership is free.

As part of our Grade 1/2 Camp to Bendigo, we will be having a session at the Bendigo Library with their Education Staff and also meeting Angela Graystone, the Heathcote Librarian. We will be visiting the Heathcote Library prior to our camp to set up memberships.

GROUNDS

As part of Clean Up Australia Day, some work has been completed this week tidying up the front of the school. Our kitchen garden paddock was mowed and lots of dead and fallen branches were gathered up from the kitchen garden paddock, the bus park and the area near the staff room.

A group of our senior students were also very busy at lunch time raking up leaves from the Office area to add to our very healthy compost area. A big thanks to Ellana, Isaac and Conroy who put in lots of time raking near the staffroom on Wednesday morning.

GRADE 3/4 TEACHER - LUKE JARRETT

Mr. Luke Jarrett has been appointed to the full time Gr. 3/4 classroom teaching position. It is anticipated that Luke will begin in this role from Monday March 18th. From the start of this term, Mrs. Balic and Mrs. Sexton have filled the Gr. 3/4 teaching role on a temporary basis.
We look forward to Luke joining our team at Heathcote PS and we will look forward to Mrs. Balic and Mrs. Sexton continuing their connection with our school.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 15th March we will be taking part in Ride to School Day. We have contacted the Bendigo Kilmore Rail Trail Group and they are going to join us for the ride. We are expecting 5 or 6 riders from the group to complete the ride to school with us along the Rail Trail.
Our ride will start at 7.45am at the intersection of the Mia-Mia Derrinal Road and the Rail Trail, about 1km in from the highway. This ride will be approximately 6 km.
Pick up points along the way will include:-

Site	approx. time	approx. ride distance
Rail Trail/Mia-Mia Derrinal Road	7.45	6 km
Rail Trail/One Eye Rd.	7.55	5km
Rail Trail/Speed St	8.15	3km
Rail Trail/Baynton St.	8.20	2km
Rail Trail/Holy Rosary	8.25	1km

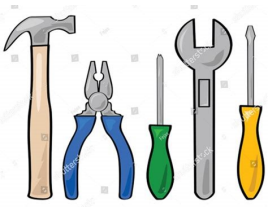
When estimating which point your child starts at, it pays to be a little conservative. It is better for kids to have an achievable & enjoyable ride than a long hard slog! Most older students will be capable of managing the full ride, while any F/1 students joining us might just complete the section from Chauncey St. to school. Students in the middle grades might choose somewhere in between based on fitness levels and riding skills. The track is not well suited to trainer wheels. Maps are available at the office or can be emailed on request. Contact Nina.

Parents are welcome to meet the riding group at the designated points above and drop them off to ride with the group. There will always be an adult at the front and an adult at the back of the riding group.

We need your help! To ensure the ride is safe and enjoyable for all students, parents can help in three ways.
1. Join us on the ride
2. Help out by supervising some of the road crossings required as we get into the town area. Hi-vis vests provided.
3. We need a car and trailer to follow the group just in case.

Road Crossings

To ensure a safe trip, we would like some help with road crossings at Scott Cres./Thompsons Lane, Brodie St. McIvor St., Ebden St, Mitchell St, Edben St, Pohlman St, Chauncey St. and Herriot St. **If you are keen to help out, please ring the school or catch up with Mr. Johnstone.**



Breakfast club will be available for all riders when we get back to school. It is expected that all riders will be back at school by 8.45am.
Parents will be responsible for the transporting of students and bikes as required.

Two members of the Bendigo Heathcote Rail Trail will be at school on **Wednesday March 13th** to complete basic bike repairs and brake/gear adjustments for students aiming to take part in Ride To School.

Please contact Mr. Johnstone with any queries.

CLASSROOM CALCULATIONS

As part of recent work in Gr. 4/5/6, students have been calculating elapsed time. This is the length of an event from start to finish. We set the Gr. 4/5/6 a challenge of calculating how many minutes and seconds they had been alive for.
Tommy has completed such calculations. As of 10.00pm last night, Tommy believes he has been alive for 5,644,800 minutes, or 338,688,000 seconds.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT CENSUS

Last Wednesday was school census enrolment day across all Victorian schools. Thanks to parents for providing written notes for students who were unable to attend on the day. We have started this year with 88 students at our school.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Parents, you are invited to an engaging, parent centred session to discuss and share ways that parents, schools and communities can build strong and respectful relationships and how parents can best support their own children through the journey of school life.

The sessions will be run by Ben Sacco from Education Economy. Ben is a strategic thinker with a background in Education and Business Development. Ben has successfully held positions of leadership across Government, Corporate and in the Not-For-Profit sector and volunteers with organisations such as The Smith Family, Red Cross and Foodbank.

Parents and families play an important role in supporting their child's education. Research has shown that when schools and families work together, children do better, stay in school longer, are more engaged with their school work, go to school more regularly, behave better, and have better social skills. Parent engagement also results in longer term economic, social and emotional benefits.

As well as engaging with parents in discussions about students, relationships and school connectedness, led by Ben, he will also be seeking feedback from parents on aspects of short and long term school improvements that could be implemented as part of our 2019-2024 School Strategic Plan. This information will be shared back to the school anonymously and in general terms.

This **parent only session** will run from **1.30—3.00pm on Wednesday March 6th at the school.**
Afternoon tea will be provided and child care can be made available for those requiring it.
If you are keen to come along, please ring Nina on 5433 3090 and book a place. Please indicate if childcare is required.

SCHOOL BUS ARRANGEMENTS

Bus travelling families have regular arrangements with their children for drop off and pick up. Changes to your regular arrangements on the day of travel need to be passed on to Heathcote Primary School, who will then pass on these arrangements to the Bus Drivers.

To ensure this works well the following arrangements will be in place:-

- Families make phone or written contact to alert the school of altered arrangements.
- The school informs students, the teacher and the change is noted in the Bus Roll.
- A 'Change to Travel Arrangements' slip will be completed and given to the appropriate Bus Driver at home time by the Bus Roll Monitors.

Parents are asked that *changes to normal arrangements be notified to the school prior to **2.00pm**, where possible.* We understand that at times, parents get caught, in Bendigo for e.g., and need to make last minute arrangements, but these are to be avoided where possible.

If your child is a little forgetful of altered after school bus arrangements, a note to Steve/Suz in the morning can be helpful. Thanks for your support.

HEATHCOTE IN HARMONY SINGING GROUP

Heathcote in harmony continues on March 4th from 2.00pm in the Gallery.
March 11th will be rest day for Heathcote in Harmony as it is the long weekend, but will resume again on March 18th.

HELPING OUR 0-5 YEARS OLD BECOME YOUNG LEARNERS

On Thursday March 21st from 1.30 – 3.00pm parents are invited to the school to work with Hayley Davis, Language and Literacy Project Worker from Bendigo Health.

The workshop will focus on:-

- Learn more about language and literacy for kids aged 0- 5 years.
- Support children's love of reading in the early years
- Connect with community activity to support language development
- Support others to promote children's language and literacy development
- Learn tips to read with young children

See the flyer attached to last week's Newsletter for more details.

Hope you have a great week

Lex Johnstone

This week's birthday

Nicholas Clarke

PROTECT

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

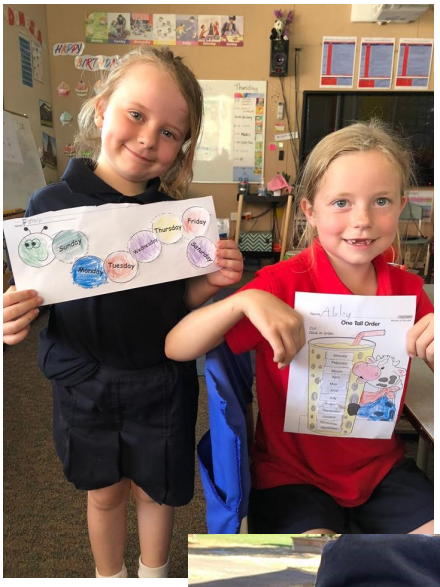
No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

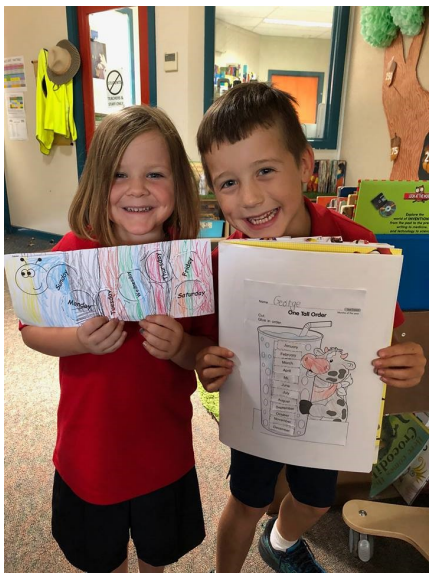
Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.

Foundation and Year 1

For maths we have been learning about time. The Foundation students have been learning about the days of the week and the Grade 1's have been learning about the months of the year.

Last week our focus word was 'tin' so we scooped some milo out of the tin and enjoyed a nice cold milo each.





STEM

This week in STEM we began our investigation into light. The junior unit were read *The Three Little Pigs,* but in the world of STEM the poor little pigs hadn't had a chance to hang curtains on the windows and were always being woken up by the light through the windows.

The students' task was to predict which material would provide the best sleep for the pigs and then test different fabrics using a torch and a shoe box.

The senior students performed a series of experiments to try and understand some properties of light. Some of these properties will become important in a few weeks' time to engineer a solution to a problem.

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’

‘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 next session for 2019 is on 4th March.

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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