



Heathcote Primary School

News

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

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Taungurung people and we pay our respects to their Elders, past present and emerging.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Monday 17th May | Pupil Free Day, no students at school |
| Wednesday 19th May | Gym at school |
| Wednesday 26th May | Gym at school School council 5.30pm |
| Thursday 27th May | Education Week Open Morning 9.15am—10.45am Scones served in the Kitchen between 10.00 to 10.45am |
| Tuesday June 1st | Parent/carer walk to Explore Pink Cliffs with Clarissa leaving at 9.15am |
| Monday 14th June | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday, no school |
| Friday 18th June | Pyjama Day—JSC Fundraiser |
| Tuesday 15th June | Parent/student/teacher interviews commence this week. Times given later in May. |
| Wednesday 23rd June | School Council 5.30pm |
| Friday 25th June | Last day of Term 2 early dismissal 2.00pm |

Dear Families,

Last Thursday we had around 50 women come and share morning tea together to celebrate our 'Special Women's Day.' We introduced the concept of special women a few years ago to ensure our students without a Mum at home felt included with the traditional Mother's Day activities. Our community has adopted this event enthusiastically and it was lovely to see so many mothers, nanna's, big sisters, friends and neighbours who are special in the lives of our students.

Congratulations Heathcote Fire Brigade on winning the 'People's Choice' award as part of our recent Pitch to the Community session!

www.heathcotenagambie.community

Community Bank
Heathcote & District

 Bendigo Bank

A very big thank you to Michele who cooked up some wonderful things to eat, her cooking was enjoyed by all. The sound of chatter was wonderful after the silence of 2020, welcoming people back onsite, spreading through the Stephanie Kitchen and out into the garden on a gorgeous day was a great way to welcome back members of our school community. Thank you to all who attended, we enjoyed having you here as part of our school community.



Education Week Open Morning

On Thursday May 27th between 9.15 and 10.45am we will be opening our doors for our annual Open Morning as part of the Victorian Education Week. **Parents/carers and visitors to our school will be able to come in and join in with their child/ren in their classroom activities between 9.15am- 10.15am.** Due to density limits our Foundation class will operate out of the Gallery for the hour between 9.15am and 10.15am, please go in and have a look at their classroom prior to heading to the Gallery. **Morning tea will be served in our Stephanie Alexander kitchen and garden between 10.00am and 10.45am.** We welcome our school community to come in and join in with the classroom activities. It is a great time for families who may have a child starting in Foundation next year to come along and have a look at our school in action. If you know of anyone with children at Kindergarten, please let them know about our Open Morning. Put the date and the times in your diary now! We hope to see many of you come along on May 27th between 9.15 and 10.45am.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be administered across the country next week. All students in Years 3 and 5 will be involved in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Maths tests over three days. This is just one of many assessments our students have throughout the year, NAPLAN is not highlighted with our students to avoid any anxiety some students may feel. The only students who do not participate in NAPLAN are those who have been withdrawn officially from the test by their family and have signed an exemption form. If you believe your child should be withdrawn from NAPLAN testing please contact Kate at the school to discuss this matter before Tuesday. If students are away on the day of a test they will sit the test on another day as make up tests are required. We see NAPLAN as just another test and approach it this way with the students, a low key approach has seen our students not worry about the test in previous years and we hope this continues. If you have any concerns please contact Kate.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden – Volunteers wanted!

Michele would love to welcome some of our parents/carers into the kitchen as volunteers during our sessions with the children each week. Sessions are on Wednesday (Year 4-5) and Thursday (Year 5-6) and run between 11.30 and 1.30. We have a number of volunteers from the broader Heathcote community and would love to rebuild our school community volunteers following 2020. Michele will develop a roster if we get enough volunteers so we can share it between everyone. All you need to provide is a volunteer Working with Children check which is available online free to applicants. We would love to see you here!

The Resilience Project continues

'The Resilience Project' has been a great addition to our Respectful Relationships curriculum in classrooms and provides a positive foundation for classroom discussions and actions. This work will continue this term. Take time to ask your child about what they have been doing in their classroom.

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| Gratitude Being thankful for what you have | Empathy Putting yourself in someone else's shoes | Mindfulness The ability to be 'in the moment' |
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Have a great week!

Kate



CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



| <u>TEAM-WORK</u> | <u>RESPECT</u> | <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> | <u>LEARNING</u> |
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| | Evelyn Nickels William Moorhead Mandy Young | Amber Deas Ned Joseph Cody Simpson | Kelsey Delahaye Zavier Rowe Brandon Thomas Brooklyn Waller |

BRONZE LEVEL

| <u>TEAM-WORK</u> | <u>RESPECT</u> | <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> | <u>LEARNING</u> |
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| Daniel Close Reid Mainard | Masie Dwyer Ned Joseph Alicia Longson Axel Nunn Tayton Thompson | Jemma Walsh | Koen Davidson Amber Deas Sophie Fortunato Zoe Osicka Cody Simpson Ava Thompson |

SILVER LEVEL

| <u>TEAM-WORK</u> | <u>RESPECT</u> | <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> | <u>LEARNING</u> |
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| | | | Ned Joseph George McFadzean |

GOLD LEVEL

| <u>TEAM-WORK</u> | <u>RESPECT</u> | <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> | <u>LEARNING</u> |
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READING AWARDS

25 Nights

50 Nights

75 Nights

Brooklyn Waller



Audrey McFadzean

Tom McFadzean

Isaac Miller

Lewis Powers



Charlotte H
Griffin



Please check your child's hair.

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK



1: INSPECT

If you suspect head lice, check



2: TREAT

Use lice treatment product as directed



3: REMOVE

lice/nits by combing the hair with the comb provided.



4: CLEAN

home and personal items.

DRINK BOTTLE

Remember WATER

only in your
drink
bottle at
school.

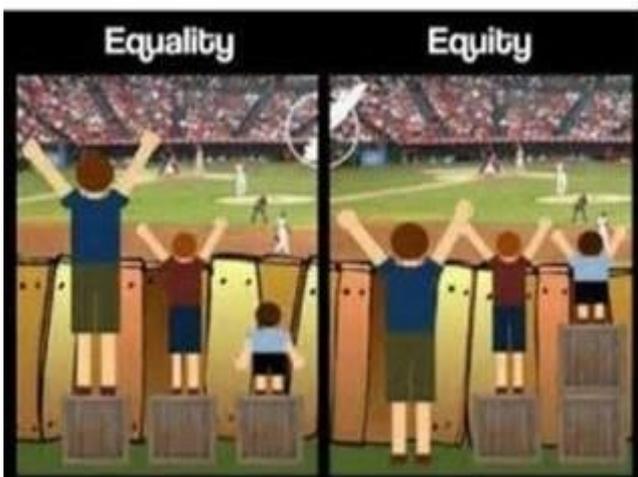


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PROTECT

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.



IN THE CLASSROOM

This week in the Foundation Room...

This week our word of the week is TAP. We will be reading a range of texts about taps, tap dancing, etc and continuing to practice our reading strategies 'stretchy snake' and 'skippy the frog'. We will be writing taps; what can make a tap sound, about tap dancing and we will do a hunt of all of the taps around our school.

In maths we will continue to learn about Addition. We have learnt how to add using our fingers and concrete items. We will now learn how to conserve a number in our heads and count on. We will also learn about the friends to 5 and the friends to 10... this means the numbers that always go together e.g. $6 + 4 = 10$ and $4 + 6 = 10$.

Our inquiry focus this term is My Body. This week we will be learning about our organs.

This week in the Grade 1/2 Room...

Welcome to week 4! This week in the grade 1/2 class, we will be focusing on identifying the main idea in a text using advertisements as the key reading material. This will link into our writing topic where we will start to look at persuasive writing. The students will craft an advertisement for their favourite food, using the Opinion, Reasons, Evidence, Opinion-restated writing strategy to help them get their idea across to the audience.

In maths, we will continue to work on our addition strategies focusing on the split, jump and bridge to ten strategies.

The Grade 1/2 class will also begin their Bike Education program this week. Each family will have received an email or letter explaining what is required for each lesson and when they can bring in their bike or helmet.



IN THE CLASSROOM

This week in the Grade 3/4 Room...

In Literacy, we are reading traditional folk and fairy tales and exploring how authors use descriptive language and humour to appeal to the senses. In writing, we will begin to use knowledge of these fairy tales to write fractured representations by adapting the setting, characters or events to make the stories our own. Prefixes like mini-, mono- and re- will be our spelling focus for the week.

In numeracy this week we will be revising number concepts including rounding, more than, less than, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Thank you to all the families who have brought bikes and helmets to school. The children are super enthusiastic to build upon their riding and road safety skills. The bike track is super popular at play times now!

Good luck to all Grade 3 students in the room completing their Naplan Assessment this week.



This week in the Grade 4/5 Room...

In the Grade 4/5 class this week we will begin work with our student teacher Mr Jackson. Reading will focus on the ability to summarise after reading texts, writing will have a focus around the use of quotation and speech marks and the new maths topic of Location and Transformation will be investigated.

Good luck to all of our Grade 5 students completing the NAPLAN tests.

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SAKG KITCHEN

Thank you to our fabulous experienced volunteers who have supported our program over many years and a big welcome to our new ones.

Last year many of our SAKGP volunteers moved on with their grade 6 children, so this year we have a big volunteer hole that needs to be filled. Don't think that you need to be an expert cook or gardener, you just need to be able to help your group of 4-5 children to stay on task. It is a lot of fun and you will be surprised by how capable our children are and how much they love having you as their volunteer.

Our classes are Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you can spare some time to help out you will need a free on - line Working with Children Check, for information see Kate or Nina in the Office.

WEDNESDAY: Grades 4 & 5 or 3 & 4 Kitchen 11.30am – 1.30pm

Garden 2pm – 3pm

THURSDAY: Grades 5 & 6

Kitchen 11.30am – 1.30pm

Garden 2pm – 3pm

If you would like more information just call me on 0419883319 or speak to Kate.

Cheers

Michele Witham



DOXA Malsbury Camp





Special Women's Morning Tea



Ecolinc - By Grade 5/6

On Friday the 23rd of April we went to Ecolinc. We learnt about animals and made documentaries about them, our animal was the shingle back lizard



“ The documentary was fun but it was difficult talking to the camera” Issy.

“Fun but the editing was difficult” Zoe
by Zoe Alicia and Issy

Eco. Linc: The excursion

Daniel, Tom and Hayley embarked on a journey to Eco Linc... This is what they enjoyed:

We enjoyed the animals but not just any animals. One specific animal the POBBLE BONK FROG! This is our tribes project aka POBBLE

BOBBLE. Here are our the highlights from our trip.

- . Hayley enjoyed holding the frog and filming.
- . Daniel enjoyed watching and making films.
- . Tom enjoyed watching the films and watching turtles being very weird!



Lemon curd tartlets



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Delicious bite-sized lemony goodness perfect for entertaining guests.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 sheets frozen ready-rolled shortcrust pastry, partially thawed

Lemon curd

- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 50g butter, chopped
- finely grated lemon rind, to serve

Method

1. Make lemon curd: Place egg, egg yolk, sugar, lemon rind and lemon juice in a heavy-based saucepan. Whisk to combine. Add butter. Place over medium heat. Cook, whisking, for 7 to 8 minutes or until mixture coats the back of a spoon. Remove from heat. Stand for 5 minutes. Pour into a small bowl. Cover surface with plastic wrap. Set aside to cool completely.
2. Meanwhile, lightly grease a 12-hole, 1 1/2 tablespoon-capacity mini muffin pan. Using a 6.5cm cutter, cut 12 rounds from pastry. Press pastry rounds into prepared pan. Pierce bases with a fork. Freeze for 10 to 15 minutes or until firm.
3. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Bake pastry cases for 15 to 16 minutes or until light golden. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
4. Spoon 2 1/2 teaspoons lemon curd in each pastry case. Top with lemon rind. Serve.

Lemonade scones



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This scone recipe has many fans - try it yourself and see if you're one too!

Ingredients

- ▣ 300g (2 cups) self-raising flour, sifted
- ▣ 55g (1/4 cup) caster sugar
- ▣ 125ml (1/2 cup) thick cream
- ▣ 125ml (1/2 cup) lemonade
- ▣ 40ml (2 tablespoons) milk
- ▣ Jam and whipped cream, to serve

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 220C. Lightly grease a baking tray.
2. Place the flour, sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a large bowl. Add the cream and lemonade and mix to form a soft dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured workbench and knead lightly until combined. Press the dough with your hands to a thickness of about 2cm. Use a 6cm round cutter to cut out 8 scones, place on baking tray and brush the tops with some milk. Re-roll scraps to make a few extra scones. Bake for 10-15 minutes until lightly browned. Serve warm with your favourite jam.



COVIDSafe event

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Kangaroo Flat Family Fun Day



- Animal Farm
- Pony Rides
- The Zone Rock Climbing Wall
- Library Activities & Story Corner
- Activities with local sporting clubs
- Fitness activities with Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre
- Art & craft
- FREE Giveaways!



Sausages, veggie burgers, 2x chicken sticks – all \$1 each

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat & Hazeldehes

Wominjeka **Simu**
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Sunday May 23, 2021

12pm - 3pm

Kangaroo Flat Primary School yard

60 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat

Please note this is a free ticketed event. For more information and to book your FREE ticket, visit <http://bit.ly/KangarooFlatFunDay>

