Dear Parents and Friends,

On Monday we had our Cross Country run. Our students from Years 2 – 6 combined with Holy Rosary runners to some put in some hot laps around our walking/running track. Great to see all children competing and doing their best, well done to those runners who placed in the top four of their age group. Thank you to Miss O’Neill and Mr Clayton for organising this event.

The office has been a very busy place this week with ‘Wish lists’ being completed by many students who have come to visit our book fair. The school appreciates the number of parents who have supported the school through the purchasing of books, thank you. I have been able to show some prospective new parents around our school this week. Their reaction to the facilities our school has and the programs we provide reminds us how lucky we are, as a small school, to offer a diverse range of programs. The kitchen/garden program provides our students with some great life skills and the STEM program creates opportunities for students to experiment and explore different ideas. These support programs our sound classroom teaching and support programs in delivering great learning opportunities for our students.

Junior School Council ran their first Mother’s Day stall today. Miss O’Neil and Ms Balic supported the students in running the stall. From all reports it went very smoothly and the students are already thinking of Father’s Day! Thank you to Junior School Council for running this event.

In the past couple of weeks there has been some confusion at the end of the day regarding some bus travellers. Some students have been unclear if they are on the bus or not. We realise that things can change and are happy to support parents, however, unless we are notified by parents by phone or a note, we will put bus travellers on the bus. Thank you to those parents who regularly let us know of a change in their plans, it makes bus duty at the end of the day far more efficient.

Education Week will be held from the 15th – 21st May. On Thursday 19th May we will be having an open morning, from 9.30 – 10.30 all parents and prospective parents are welcome to come through our classrooms and the kitchen/garden area and join in with normal classroom activities. Morning tea will be provided from 10.30 – 11.00 in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. If you know of anyone with a preschool child who may be interested in coming along, please encourage them to come along with you so they can see what happens at Heathcote PS.

Advance notice of a school garden working bee, Saturday 28th May, 9.00 – 11.30 – save the date! Michele is organising a list of jobs to be completed on or before the 28th. If you can’t make it on this day but would like to help out, we will have a list of jobs in next week’s newsletter. This will give you an opportunity to help out when it best fits your family. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Hoping all our Mum’s, Nan’s and Carers had a Happy Mother’s Day yesterday!

Enjoy the week ahead.

Ms Kate Ballantyne
ballantyne.kathryn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Heathcote Primary School FoodShare Program

Thanks to some wonderful support from Bendigo FoodShare we have been able to introduce a food sharing program at Heathcote PS. From time to time excess food will be sent home with our families. If you cannot use this food, please pass it on to other family members or friends. (Note: Some products have been frozen.)

PLEASE RETURN YOUR GREEN SHOPPING BAG TO THE OFFICE TOMORROW, SO THAT IT IS READY FOR OUR NEXT FOODSHARE OPPORTUNITY.

Special Religious Instruction (SRI)

This year SRI will be run each Thursday at first break (11am to 11.30am).

Children need to have a 2016 signed SRI permission form to be allowed to attend. Once given parental permission, children have the option to participate in the program.

If you require a Permission Form, these are available from the school office.

SRI WILL COMMENCE in Term 2

The program is FREE for students due to the generous donations made by the local churches of Heathcote. We look forward to being back at the school and a great 2016 with the students.

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Tissues Needed

As we approach winter with our cold and flu season, we are needing tissues in the classroom. We are therefore asking all students to contribute a box of tissues for the classroom if you haven’t already done so.
CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS—Presented today at Assembly

NEW APRONS FOR SAKGP
The Students, Families and Staff would like to say a Big Thank You to Heathcote Night Branch of the Country Women’s Association for making these school uniform coloured aprons. We have already put them to good use.

TEAMWORK
Tanika
Charlotte
George

LEARNING
Josh
Tyler

RESPONSIBILITY
Kyle
Alexis

RESPECT
Conroy

READING AWARDS
Congratulations to the our students who have read to their family members and been signed off for:
25 Nights
Ivy

50 Nights
Charlotte

75 Nights
Cody
Abbey M
Shyanne

100 Nights
Brodi
Conroy

READING RECOVERY
A big thank you goes to the Mason’s family for bringing Mason to Bendigo to undertake a Reading Recovery lesson with Mrs McLean, at the Reading Recovery Training Centre. The Reading Recovery Program at Heathcote Primary is a very important Literacy program and needs the support of parents for the program to succeed at our school.

Again thank you to the Mason’s family for supporting the school in this way.

May McLean
Reading Recovery Teacher

NEW APRONS FOR SAKGP

SCHOOL ZONE

8 - 9 am
2nd - 4th
School Days

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READING HELPERS

Reading Helpers: Please advise either Marg Parry or Alison O’Neill of the best day to help with reading so a Roster can be made for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9:00—9:30. There is no reading on Wednesday morning due to Indonesian / Library classes.

Library Classes—All children need a Library Bag to keep the books clean and dry—Library Bags are available from the Office for $5.00

STUDENT ABSENCES
Please ensure that you contact the school if your child is going to be away from school at any time. All student absences must be explained by a note or a phone call from a parent, as required by the Department of Education. See proforma on the back page.
STEM: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING and MATHS

This week in STEM the students had to design and build a contraption to protect the egg when dropped.

Trinity displaying the egg which hopefully will remain intact when dropped from high up.

Engagement Project

Lily, Ellie and Kyle building the walls of a new, smaller chicken coop for new or sick chickens.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will run for one week from Tuesday 3rd May to and including Monday 9th May.

Thank You to all our Families who have eagerly supported our Book Fair this year.

Lots and lots of books have been bought and taken home to read and enjoy!

A Grade 5 student has bought gifts for his sister and mum, hope they enjoy them!

Approx. $ 900.00 has been sold so far and Heathcote Primary will receive approx. 30% in Books to choose for our Library and Classrooms. From our 2015 Scholastic Book Club, the school has just purchased a whole set of Guided Reading books to the value of $400 for free using our reward points.

THANKS
Dear parents and students,

**Heathcote Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 11/05/2016**

School photo order envelopes have been distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child’s school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school.

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Easy Access Link: Click on this link if you are using a supported device: Click Here
- **OR** - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [3EM 1XZ MT8]

Step 2: Enter your student’s details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

**FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS** No envelope required if ordering online

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- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 9/05/16
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

**ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE**

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope. Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

- Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
- Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances
- Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a $25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

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The NetSetGo programme has been designed to:

- Provide positive encouragement in a welcoming, fun atmosphere, where children share activities, make friends and develop important social skills, along with netball skills.
- Help children build team skills and friendships, something they will benefit from for life.
- Give children confidence, not only in their netball skills, but in social interactions, motor skills and life skills.

**COORDINATOR:** HELEN NAYLOR   **PHONE:** 0418 509 782

**REGISTRATION DATE:** WED 4TH MAY

**COMMENCEMENT DATE:** WED 11TH MAY 2016

**TIME:** 4PM – 5PM

**VENUE:** BARRACK RESERVE STADIUM

**AGES:** 5 – 8

**Cost:** $60 per child, includes a NetSetGo pack from Netball Victoria.
LAST WEEKS CROSS COUNTRY WITH HOLY ROSARY
A good afternoon of running with many great results.
FREE 'Connecting with Kids' parent workshop!

Family Education Services team will deliver, at no cost, a 2 and 1/2 hour workshop focusing on using emotional intelligence to understand and guide children’s behaviour as well as information on brain development and children’s emotional development. This will be open to parents in the wider Heathcote community as well.

Heathcote Primary, Holy Rosary and Community House are working in partnership to facilitate the workshop. Axedale Primary has already run this workshop and the feedback from parents was very positive. This is one of many workshops and courses available. So come and try out this one, and we can see what others you’ may be interested in having made available in Heathcote.

At this stage we plan to have the workshop on a Thursday morning during school hours at Heathcote Primary School. We will provide morning tea and if needed childcare for those with pre-school and home schooled children.

Please indicate your expression of interest below and return to Heathcote Primary School, Holy Rosary Primary School or Heathcote Community House. We cannot run the program if we do not meet a specified number of participants.

Kind Regards,
Megan, Heathcote Primary School Chaplain 03 5433 3090

Jess, Holy Rosary School Chaplain 03 5433 2057

Vicki, Coordinator, Heathcote Community House. 0431328421 or office on (03) 54310930

Please complete the slip and return to the above locations or alternatively call and advise the above information, to register your interest.

Free "Connecting with Kids" Parent Workshop at Heathcote Primary School

Names of those interested in attending workshop:

Number and age of children requiring child care:

Contact information:

Dietary restrictions or food allergies?

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. The students are really keen on seeing honey back on the menu! A 'Donation Box' is located at the front office – spare change welcome!

Megan Haddon
School Chaplain
HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
ABSENCE NOTE

Name ....................................................
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