



Heathcote Primary School

Newsletter

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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.

What's Happening in Term 2?

Weeks 2-8	Thursdays	Bendigo Community Health Friends Program (weekly) (3/4N & 3/4HP)
Week 8	Monday 8th June	King's Birthday—public holiday—no school
	Tuesday 9th June	Curriculum Day—no school for students
Week 9	Tuesday 16th June	School Photos
	Wednesday 17th June	Division soccer (Grade 5/6 soccer team, notes sent home 5/6/26) School Council @ 5:30pm
	Thursday 18th June	Library visits (Foundation, 1/2JS, 1/2M) Junior Unit Fun Night (details sent home 15/5/26)
Week 10	Monday 23rd June	Lions Eye Health Program (details sent home 29/5/26)
	Thursday 25th June	JSC Wacky Socks & Locks Day (gold coin donation for BARC) <i>Students invited to come to school wearing crazy socks and with crazy hair</i>
	Friday 26th June	End of Term 2 (early dismissal @ 2pm)

2026 - What's Due?

Friday 12th June	Barerooted tree order form
Friday 19th June	Vision Screening form (for Lions Eye Health program)
Friday 31st July	2027 Foundation enrolment forms

What's Happening in 2026?

Term 3 Week 1	Monday 13th July	Learning Conversation Day (alternate timetable, details to come)
Week 2	Wednesday 22nd July* *Potential to be 21/7/26	Division football (Gr 5/6 football team)
Week 3	Wednesday 29th July	Division netball (Gr 5/6 netball team)
Week 5	Wednesday 12th August	Real Schools Parent Information Session (after school)
Week 10	Friday 18th September	End of Term 3 (early dismissal @ 2pm)
Term 4 Week 1	Monday 5th October	Start of Term 4
Week 3	Friday 23rd October	Division cricket (Gr 5/6 cricket team)
Week 4	Mon 26th—Fri 30th Oct.	Swimming lessons—Foundation, 1/2JS & 1/2M
Week 7	Tues. 17th—Thurs. 19th Nov	Energy Breakthrough Camp (pushcarts)
Week 8	Mon. 23rd—Wed. 25th Nov.	Grade 5/6 Camp
Week 10	Tuesday 8th December	Statewide Transition Day
	Thursday 10th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Week 11	Friday 18th December	End of Term 4 (early dismissal @ 1:30pm)

Whole School Assembly

Fridays, 9:05am—9:25am, astroturf area

Please join us to celebrate achievements and milestones from the 'week that was'
In the event of inclement weather, assembly will be online (meeting link will be sent)

Please note that more dates will be added to the above list throughout the year.

New dates included in this newsletter for the first time are highlighted in yellow for convenience.



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VALUES AWARDS

SWPBS FOCUS: We place rubbish in the correct bin

	Student	Reason
F	Emily	For consistently showing responsibility by putting rubbish in the correct bin and making sure we are keeping our school tidy. Well done, Emily!
1/2JS	Lillian	For taking responsibility of the school environment, taking time out of her day to clean up the school yard by filling up multiple bags of rubbish. Well done, Lillian!
1/2M	Charlie	For showing great responsibility by consistently using our new green bin and helping to build sustainability in our classroom. Great job, Charlie!
3/4HP	Alex	For showing responsibility by putting rubbish in the bin and helping keep our classroom and school tidy.
3/4N	Amelia	For showing responsibility by putting rubbish in the correct bin and helping keep our classroom tidy! Great job, Amelia!
5/6F	Jess	For consistently ensuring rubbish is going in the correct bin and helping to keep our classroom clean.
5/6MG	Lexie	For regularly taking time out of her day to help keep the classroom clean by placing rubbish in the correct bin.

KINDNESS AWARDS

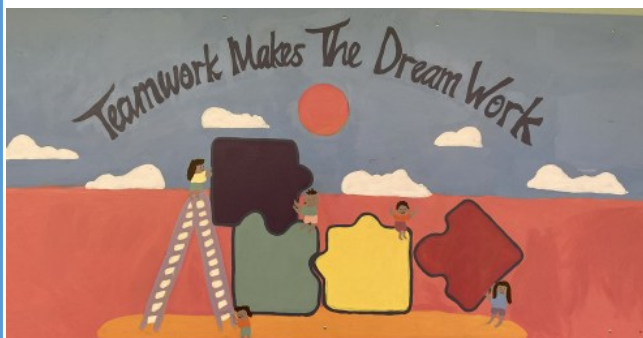
Students who consistently demonstrate acts of kindness, compassion and empathy towards others, promoting a positive and inclusive school environment.

	Student	Reason
Junior Unit	Toby	You are our Junior Unit Kindness Ambassador for consistently showing kindness to everyone, for always considering the feelings of others, and for being a wonderful friend and a great role model proudly representing HPS. Well done!
Middle Unit	Yahya	For showing kindness through your caring nature, including others and always speaking respectfully to those around you. Well done!
Senior Unit	Charlotte H	For being a kind and considerate member of our class and always working well with others. You help to make a positive environment. Well done!

Congratulations to our award winners!

These awards were presented at our assembly on Friday 5th June

Congratulations to this week's award recipients!



READING AWARDS

Foundation	1/2JS	1/2M	3/4HP	3/4N	5/6MG	5/6F
<u>50 Nights</u> Toby Alexia	<u>50 Nights</u>	<u>50 Nights</u>	<u>50 Nights</u>	<u>50 Nights</u>	<u>50 Nights</u>	<u>50 Nights</u>
<u>100 Nights</u>	<u>100 Nights</u> Amelia Georgia Salwa	<u>100 Nights</u>	<u>100 Nights</u>	<u>100 Nights</u>	<u>100 Nights</u>	<u>100 Nights</u> Lexie

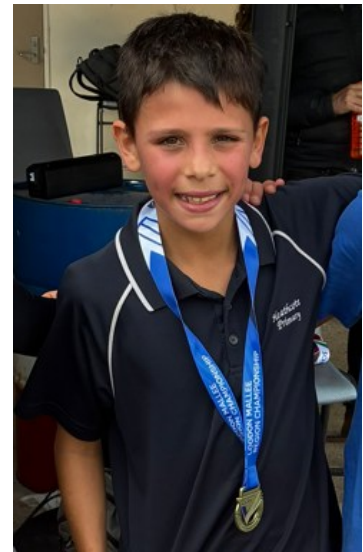
*The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.*

Dr Seuss



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our first place winner in the Region Cross Country. With a time of 12 minutes and one second, our superstar runner is now off to State Cross Country in July!



Principal's Report



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As the end of term draws near, it is the perfect time to reflect and **celebrate learning** achievements. It was lovely to see family members join our Grade 5/6 students for their information report expo on Friday morning. Our junior students also enjoyed visiting the senior classrooms and learning about different animals. Our proud authors presented their reports, sharing key information about animals ranging from pandas to pigs, kangaroos to kingfishers, frogs and snakes. Please see page 9 for photos and more details.

On Friday afternoons, we run our **Clubs program**. There are six clubs, all determined by student interests with students signing up for a club of their choice. This term, we have cooking, sensory, sport, puzzles, art, and garden and chicken club —something for everyone! Clubs provides an opportunity for students to spend time exploring an area of interest with others who share a similar interest. There are students from across classes and year levels in each club, making it not only an opportunity to explore an area of interest but also an opportunity to spend time with people from across the school. Spaghetti bolognaise was on the menu this week in cooking club with students working in small teams to cook the mince and pasta before senior students dished up the delights. It was voted “the best pasta ever!” by some very happy chefs!



As part of our commitment to **student voice, agency and leadership**, we deliberately identify ways to include students in decision making processes. Three of our JSC representatives advised on the type of basketball rings, backboard and nets to purchase using some of our funding from our Active Schools grant. Students were involved in all stages of the purchase and recently excitedly unpacked the boxes and attached the nets. The final stage of installation is just around the corner, with the boys also advising on placement and height. We are looking forward to having more opportunities for basketball and netball at break times. Please see page 8 for photos.



Tuesday of the coming week is a **Curriculum Day**. Curriculum Days play an important role in supporting high-quality teaching and learning. These dedicated professional learning days provide staff with valuable opportunities to collaborate and focus on a specific area. On Tuesday our teaching team will be working alongside colleagues from other small schools and analysing numeracy data. This will support teaching and learning, individual goal setting and inform planning. Our ES team will also be engaging in professional learning related to supporting student social and emotional learning. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support and understanding on these days.



WACKY LOCKS AND SOCKS DAY

Junior School Council is organising a Wacky Locks and Socks Day. Come along in your wackiest hair dos and your most outrageous socks. This fundraiser will be on Thursday 25th June, 2026. We are raising money for the Bendigo Animal Relief Centre (BARC). BARC is an organisation that is a temporary home for your lost or new best friend. BARC endeavours to create a community of responsible pet owners. If you would like to be a part of this fun day then please bring a gold coin donation and go wild with your hair and socks.

On behalf of Junior School Council,

Em-Rose, Georgia and Jessica



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Austin



*Students have the option of wearing casual clothes to school on their birthday
(or the closest school day to their birthday if their birthday falls on the weekend
or in the school holidays)*

Student Leadership



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Junior School Council (JSC) representatives helped order new sports equipment...and it's arrived!



The new equipment will replace the netball rings in the mini court area. The JSC representatives have been involved in deciding where to place the new rings and installation will happen very soon!

Heathcote Highlights

On Friday 5th June, Grade 5/6 students invited our families and the junior unit to come in to have a look at our information reports.



It was really fun because our families could read our reports.



I think a lot of people learnt something new.

Hailee, 5/6MG

Cooking - Year 3/4



Cooking - Year 5/6



STEM

Students designed and built creations using different materials including Lego. There were basketball games, marble mazes and carnival rides.



STEM is an acronym for Science Technology Engineering and Maths. It is one of our specialist subjects and all students participate in a one hour lesson each week.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING UP SOON

ORDER NOW

School: Heathcote Primary School

Date of photography: 16/06/2026

Place order by: 26/06/2026

Final orders for siblings close at 12.00 a.m. the night before your school's first photo day

HOW TO ORDER



VISA



PayPal

OPTION 1

ORDER AND PAY ONLINE USING YOUR MOBILE



Scan this QR code using your mobile phone camera to go straight to your school's package options and order photos

OPTION 2

ORDER AND PAY ONLINE USING YOUR COMPUTER



Go to
www.advancedlife.com.au
and enter your school's
9 digit order code
3EM 1XZ MT8

Should you have any questions please contact us at
www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

School Community Kilometre Club



Every Friday from 8:30am, our Kilometre Club will be up and running—rain, hail or shine!

Students can join Kerry, Miss H and others are welcome to complete laps around the bike track, building fitness and having fun along the way. Each lap will be counted towards our whole-school total. Our Term 2 goal is to reach 100 laps—let's see how far we can go together! 🏃♀️ 🏃♂️



Walk, run, jog, crawl all abilities welcome



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Term 2 Total at Week 7: 202 laps!

Kilometre Club did not run in Week 7 due to wet weather

Community Reminders



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Annual Privacy Reminder for our School Community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#)] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#)], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

Amharic
Arabic
Chinese
Dari
Gujarati
Mandarin
Somali
Sudanese
Turkish
Urdu
Vietnamese

Late Arrivals & Early Departures

If students arrive after 9am or need to leave before 3pm, they need to sign in or sign out at the office. This is done using the Compass portal. 5/6MG visited the office to practise the process.



Mobile Phone Policy (student use)

Department policy requires that students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours, including break times.

All schools are required to have a local school policy on mobile phones that reflects this requirement and which provides details for the implementation of the policy at their school.

Our school's mobile phone policy (student use) is available on the school website [HERE](#).

In a nutshell, mobile phones and smart watches with mobile phone capabilities are to be:

- switched off during school hours
- dropped off at the office for secure storage upon arrival. Eg. Not kept in school bags.
- collected at the end of the school day.



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Yard Supervision

The school yard is supervised from 8:45am until 9am. There is an announcement at 8:45am to signal classroom doors are open. Students are able to put their bags in their room, complete any before school routines and monitor jobs before heading back outside to play. The hospital end of the oval and playground are out of bounds before school.

After school, staff are on bus and crossing duty (which includes carpark duty in the main carpark). The main yard is not supervised. Any students who have not been collected by 3:15pm are taken to the office.

After school care is available through Trinity Academy. A bus from Heathcote PS drops after school care passengers at Trinity. For bookings, please contact Trinity Academy on [\(03\) 4411 6803](tel:0344116803)

Main Car Park

The pick up/drop off zone is not a parking space. Please keep the engine running, drop off or collect your passenger/s and continue on your way so the traffic keeps flowing (and does not bank up onto the road).

When parking in the other section of the car park, please pull all the way into the car park spaces – as close as you safely can to the bollard marking the front of the car park.

Please travel slowly through the car park and check for students crossing between the sections/bays.



Personal Accident & Property Insurance

The Department (which includes our school) does not have personal accident insurance for students.

If a student is injured at school or while participating in a school activity (including offsite) and requires medical treatment, parents/carers are responsible for all of their child's medical expenses. This includes transport costs such as ambulance costs (which may include an air ambulance if considered necessary)

The Department (which includes our school) does not have personal property insurance for staff and/or students.

Items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school excursions are not the responsibility of Heathcote Primary School or the Department. Staff and students are reminded not to bring items of value to school or on school excursions.

Heathcote Primary School encourages parents/carers to consider obtaining their own accident insurance for students and property of value that may be brought to school.

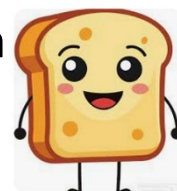
Breakfast Club

Tuesday & Thursday

8:40am—8:55am

HPS Kitchen

Toast, cereal, milk, fruit available



Community Happenings—Wellbeing

PARENT SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SESSIONS TERM 2, 2026



The Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local offers free weekly education sessions that address mental health and wellbeing. The sessions are run by a mental health or allied health clinician at the Local.

Sessions are open to any parents or carers of children aged 0-11.

Why join in?

- Talk to Local staff about your child.
- Ask any practical questions you have about parenting now.
- Gain support for yourself as a parent.

Where: The Loddon Child and Health Wellbeing Local, 19 Helm St, Kangaroo Flat 3555. Enter via the green porch at the back of the site.

Dates and topics: Wednesdays (face to face)

WHEN	TIME	TOPIC
Apr 22	9.30am	ADHD What is it and How Can I Help?
Apr 29	9.30am	What Is Autism and How Can I Help?
May 6th	9.30am	Parent Wellbeing
May 13	9.30am	All About Anger
May 20	9.30am	Managing Big Feelings
May 27	9.30am	Tooth Troubles
Jun 3	9.30am	Anxiety in kids
Jun 10	9.30am	Family rules and consequences
Jun 17	9.30am	Sleep

If you have any questions, please contact Annette Clemments on 1800 433 977.

Book in via email icfhwlocals@bchs.com.au. Please state your name, your child's name and the session you wish to attend.



The Children's Health and Wellbeing Local is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and the Australian Government through the Head to Health Kids Initiative.

In partnership with Bendigo Health, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, Echuca Regional Health, North Central LLEN, Maryborough District Health, Dhekaya Health and Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health



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START PLAYING

LEARN THE BASICS, FIND YOUR FEET AND MAKE A BUNCH OF NEW FRIENDS AT YOUR LOCAL WOOLWORTHS NETSETGO CENTRE.

PLAY NETBALL



Come join us!
Heathcote Tennis courts

Thursdays, 4pm - 5pm
Starting Week 1, Term 2
(Thursday 23rd April)



HEATHCOTE PANTHERS WINTER SEASON

Term 2 & Term 3 2026

We are now seeking expressions of interest for our Junior Basketball Winter Season

- Under 10 Boys born 2017-2018
- Under 12 Boys born 2015-2016
- Under 14 Boys born 2013-2014
- Under 16 Boys born 2011-2012

TRAINING SCHEDULE:

- Under 10 & Under 12 - Monday 4pm - 5pm
- Under 14 - Monday 5pm - 6pm
- Under 16 - Monday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Training times may vary depending on participant numbers ++

- All welcome. Training is free of charge.
- Competition games are played at Red Energy Arena, Bendigo.
- Please contact Alan 0418 589 020 or Kristyn 0418 852 339

www.facebook.com/HeathcotePanthersBasketball

LOCATION: Barrack Reserve Stadium, Heathcote.



The grass stains you get playing as a kid stay with you your whole life. So for fun, friendship, and getting your hands dirty, it's gotta be NAB AFL Auskick.

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

HEATHCOTE AUSKICK CENTRE

THURSDAY | 4PM - 5PM
STARTING 30TH APRIL | BARRACK RESERVE

Auskick Coordinator | Jess Day



REGISTER NOW



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

PLAY.AFL/HOLIDAYPROGRAMS

HEATHCOTE AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 29TH JUNE | 9AM-3PM
BARRACK RECREATION RESERVE
BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-12
\$55 PER PERSON - FOOTY TO KEEP!



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FREE PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm
Every Wednesday
165 High Street Bunburarik

St John's Anglican Church Heathcote

Baby & Child First Aid + CPR

Heathcote Bowls Club

As parents and carers of children it is vital that you feel confident and competent to identify potential risks and manage childhood accidents, injuries and illnesses. Join one of these free sessions to empower yourself with these skills. **Babies welcome to attend**



Tuesday May 26th
11-2pm



Tuesday September 29th
11-2pm



scan the QR code to book or head to our website www.thesisterhoodproject.com.au

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

If you hold a current healthcare card or a Centrelink pensioner card you may be eligible to apply for CSEF. CSEF provides financial assistance for families to use for camps, excursions and school sports. If you think you may be eligible, please contact the school office.

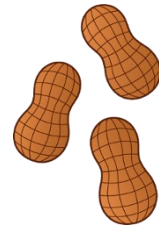
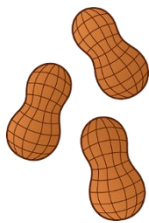


School Bank Details

Account Name: Heathcote Primary School Official Account

BSB: 083 001

ACCOUNT: 71 938 5618



School and Department policies
are available on the
[school website.](#)

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Book Club LOOP
for Parents

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