



# Heathcote Primary School

## Newsletter

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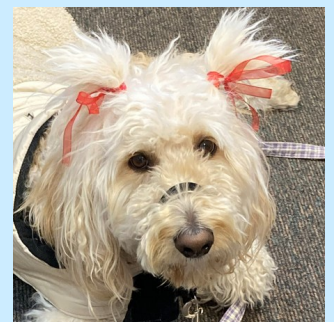
12th June 2026

**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?

Week 9	Tuesday 16th June	School Photos (details on page 5)
	Wednesday 17th June	Division soccer (Grade 5/6 soccer team) School Council @ 5:30pm
	Thursday 18th June	Library visits (Foundation, 1/2JS, 1/2M) Junior Unit Fun Night (as per details sent home separately)
	Friday 19th June	Grade 2 local excursion (as part of Milo's Camp)
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 (and canines!) are invited to come to school wearing crazy socks and with crazy hair. Details on page 10.</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?

<b>Term 3</b> Week 1	Monday 13th July	Learning Conversation Day (alternate timetable, bookings opening soon)
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)
<b>Term 4</b> 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 play by the rules.

	Student	Reason
F	Jaxon	For consistently demonstrating fairness and playing by the rules during games and activities. Well done Jaxon!
1/2JS	Zoe	Congratulations on your excellent effort following the rules and making positive choices. Well done, Zoe!
1/2M	Drazic	For contributing to a positive and enjoyable environment by consistently following the rules. Great job, Drazic!
3/4HP	Aldane	For being a great sport who plays fairly, follows the rules and helps everyone have fun. Aldane, you are a champion!
3/4N	Ava	For making excellent choices and being a friendly member of 3/4N. Ava has joined our school with a positive attitude and is playing by the rules! Well done, Ava!
5/6F	Lewis	For consistently playing fairly, following the rules and helping to create a positive environment for all. Well done, Lewis!
5/6MG	Rachel	For consistently playing fairly and by the rules and encouraging your peers to try their best. Well done, Rachel!

## KINDNESS AWARDS

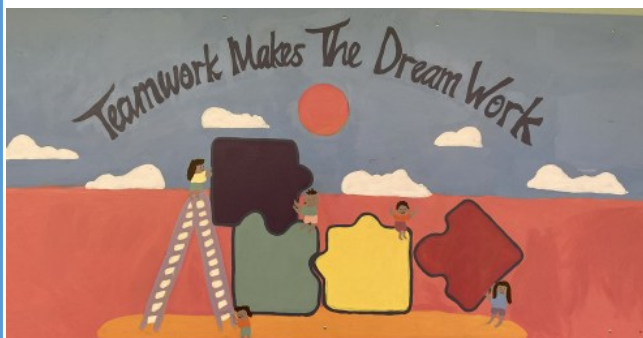
**Students who consistently demonstrate acts of kindness, compassion and empathy towards others, promoting a positive and inclusive school environment.**

	Student	Reason
Junior Unit	Ben D	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 Ben!
Middle Unit	Jayden	Jayden always shows a positive attitude to learning and approaches everyone with kindness and friendliness. Jayden offers help to anyone who needs it and continues to create a calm and welcoming environment for all. Well done, Jayden!
Senior Unit	Xavier	For consistently showing kindness and empathy to others, ensuring everyone feels safe and included. Great effort, Xavier!

**Congratulations to our award winners!**

*These awards were presented at our assembly on Friday 12th June*

*Congratulations to this week's award recipients!*



# READING AWARDS

Foundation	1/2JS	1/2M	3/4HP	3/4N	5/6MG	5/6F
<b>100 Nights</b> Dahlia Austin Sienna Ewan	<b>50 Nights</b> Lillian Miles <b>100 Nights</b> Ben Georgia Luna	<b>50 Nights</b>  <b>100 Nights</b>	<b>50 Nights</b>  <b>100 Nights</b>	<b>50 Nights</b>  <b>100 Nights</b>	<b>50 Nights</b>  <b>100 Nights</b>	<b>50 Nights</b>  <b>100 Nights</b>

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

Dr Seuss



**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**



**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](http://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](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

**No Breakfast Club on Photo Day**

**Photo Day is on Tuesday!  
Schedule at time of newsletter being published\*:**

9:05am: 1/2JS

9:20am: 1/2M

9:35am: Foundation

9:55am: 3/4HP

10:10am: 5/6F

10:25am: 5/6MG

11:35am: Whole School

12pm: Grade 6 Graduation photo

12:30pm: JSC

1pm: 3/4N

1:20pm onwards: Siblings

*\*subject to change on the day at photographer discretion*

# Principal's Report



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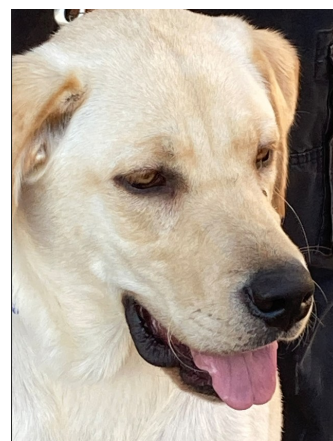
We hope everyone enjoyed their extra long weekend. Teachers spent Tuesday's Curriculum Day analysing recent [PAT Maths assessment data](#), identifying individual, class, cohort and whole school strengths and gaps. We worked alongside colleagues from other small schools as part of the Small Schools Community of Practice. There was a buzz in the room as we became more familiar with the 'behind the scenes' features of PAT Maths and how the data brings an additional piece of information to our assessment schedule and triangulation of student learning. We enjoyed it so much that we were the last school to leave as we were deep in conversation! Our ES team spent the day exploring ways to support student social and emotional learning.

[Clubs](#) continues to be a highlight of many student's weeks. On Friday, Sensory Lab created an obstacle course along the path from the carpark into the school grounds and outside the office area. You could hop, skip and jump your way through the course with the added bonus of bubbles. Thank you to Sensory Lab for your creativity and invitation to test out the course! Art Club created 'crumble art' masterpieces and Puzzle Club participated in a teamwork challenge to create the tallest tower. A lovely way to spend the last hour of the week. I'm looking forward to visiting the other clubs next week.



You may see a golden labrador onsite at school. His name is Merlin and he is in training to become a [service dog](#) for one of our families. He will always be on a lead and under the control of an adult. Merlin has permission (or should that be, pawmission?!) to be onsite as part of his training. We ask that before patting Merlin, to please ask his handler for permission.

As we head into colder and wetter weather, we ask that families please consider packing a [spare pair](#) of socks and pants in their child's school bag (for all ages). Wet grass on the oval, puddles, muddy patches and unexpected spills, slips or slides can quickly lead to soggy students during a break time. Students are also encouraged to bring a warm coat (does not have to be school colours) to wear at break times as we always try to get outside for fresh air and play whenever conditions allow, even on colder days. Please label all clothing to make returning misplaced items easy.



# Wellbeing News



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Hello HPS families,

I want to start by acknowledging that sometimes, life can be tough. In some instances, we can lean on our family and community networks to overcome the difficulties we face, but in others we need additional support from professional organisations. Over the next few months, I will be sharing information about organisations available in our area that offer a range of supports.

This week I'd like to tell you about Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local. As you know, Annette was here last week to run a session about Managing Big Feelings. Feedback from Annette and the attendees was very positive, and we are very grateful that we could make that available to our school community. Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local runs regular sessions in Bendigo, the information about sessions running during Term 2 and the school holidays is attached to this newsletter.

Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local also offers free access to health and wellbeing support for children and their families and carers. They can help to identify needs, coordinate care and connect with local services. They offer telephone, online and in-person options for appointments so that their services are available to as many people as possible. Currently there is no option for self-referral, but referrals can be made by your GP or by the Wellbeing Team at Heathcote PS. More information is available in the brochure below.

If you would like more information or to talk about a referral please contact me on 5433 3090 or [cetta.sergi2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:cetta.sergi2@education.vic.gov.au). Any information you share will be kept confidential and only discussed with Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local for the purposes of the referral.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead

Cett Sergi

Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader

## How to access support

For support in your area:

- Call: 1800 433 977
- Email: [icfhlocals@bchs.com.au](mailto:icfhlocals@bchs.com.au)
- [loddonchwl.com.au](http://loddonchwl.com.au)

Contact us to find out how we can help.

### Referrals

We are currently accepting referrals from target and partner health services. See our website for details.

### Fees and cost

This is a fully-funded service, there is no cost.

### Interpreters and translators

Let us know what type of interpreter you need when you make your appointment.

### Connecting you with others

Our support network is wide-reaching. If our services aren't the right ones for your child, we can connect you to those that will better meet their needs.

### If you need help in a crisis

We are not a crisis service. In an emergency where there is immediate risk of harm to anyone, call Triple Zero (000).

For 24-hour crisis support, call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

## Our partners

The Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local is run by Bendigo Community Health Services.

We bring together and coordinate services with the following partners:

- Bendigo Health
- Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative
- Dhehkaya Health
- Echuca Regional Health
- Maryborough District Health Service
- Njernda Aboriginal Corporation
- North Central LLEN
- Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health

## Options for access

Select services are available in a range of community settings in association with our partners.

We know getting to appointments isn't always easy. Where practical, we offer telephone, online and in-person options.



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.



Free support for children and their families

## Supporting the healthy development and emotional wellbeing of children aged 0-11

Get to know the Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local





## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM TERM TWO 2026

These programs offer parents and their children 7-11 support with mental health and wellbeing. The one-hour sessions are run by mental health staff from the Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local. Sessions are fun, educational and interactive.

**Groups are small: five children with one parent per child attending.**



### TOPICS

**10.30am** Worry in children or Managing feelings [4-6 year olds](#) [Please book in](#)

**1.30pm** Social skills for kids or Managing Big Feelings [7-11 year olds](#) [Please book in](#)

**2.30am Parent Drop in**, with questions to ask the mental health staff about parenting and or your child. Open to any age group. Kids can play in the room while we chat.

[No need to book in for this session](#)

### DATES

30<sup>th</sup> June Bendigo, The Local 10.30am Worry 4-6 year olds, 1.30pm Social skills 7-11 year olds

9<sup>th</sup> July Bendigo, The Local 10.30am Managing feelings 4-6 year olds,  
1.30pm 7-11 year olds

### Bookings are essential:

Please call Annette or admin on 1800 433 977 or email us which sessions you want to attend, your child's name and age, your name and contact details including telephone number and email address, [icfhlocals@bchs.com.au](mailto:icfhlocals@bchs.com.au).

**We will be in touch prior to the session to confirm details including how to access the venue.**



In partnership with Bendigo Health, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Njemda Aboriginal Corporation, Echuca Regional Health, North Central LLEN Maryborough District Health, Dhelkaya Health and Omnia Community Health

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### TOPICS

**10. 30am** Worry in children **Please book in**

**1.30pm** All about Anger **Please book in**

**2.30am Parent Drop in** with questions to ask the mental health staff about parenting and your child. We will have lots of information for parents to take away. Kids can come too and play while we chat. No need to book for this session.

### DATES AND LOCATIONS:

2<sup>nd</sup> July Kyneton Omini Health 7-12 year olds both sessions

8<sup>th</sup> July Inglewood, St Mary's Primary School 7-12 year olds

### Bookings are essential:

Please call Annette on 1800 433 977 **or** email us with your child's name, which sessions you want to attend, your name, the name of your child and their age. Your contact details including email and telephone number, [icfhlocals@bchs.com.au](mailto:icfhlocals@bchs.com.au) .

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# 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



**Reynald  
Jaimee**



*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)*

# Cooking - Year 5/6



## ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH - Volunteers

This year a group of 10 students have been selected to participate in the Energy Breakthrough push cart race which will be held in Maryborough in November. The students have spent some time looking at designs and materials. Next week, we will be deciding on the dimension of our cart.

We would love parents and people from the community to help us build the carts and, if possible, source materials. If you are willing and able to help, are handy at welding and perhaps even have wheels, steel or any other materials we can recycle in our project, then we would love to hear from you.



If you would love to help, please contact David Close at [david.close@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:david.close@education.vic.gov.au) and let us know how you would like to contribute.

# 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 8: 283 laps!**

# 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.

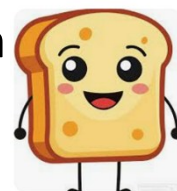
## Breakfast Club

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 06th	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	Sibling Rivalry

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

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



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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL | BARRACK RESERVE

Auskick Coordinator | Jess Day



REGISTER NOW



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

PLAY.AFL/HOLIDAYPROGRAMS

## HEATHCOTE AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 Bunbunarik

St John's Anglican Church Heathcote

TRINITY ACADEMY

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>  
11-2pm



Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup>  
11-2pm



scan the QR code to book or head to our website [www.thesisterhoodproject.com.au](http://www.thesisterhoodproject.com.au)

Bendigo Bank  
Community Bank  
Heathcote & District  
and Nagambie



*Mariah's Musicians*

facebook.com/mariahsmusicians

## MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE WITH MARIAH MCCARTHY

Guitar, piano, ukulele and voice lessons  
Private & shared available

Enquire now -  
[mariahsmccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:mariahsmccarthy@gmail.com)



## 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.

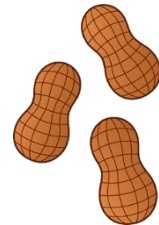
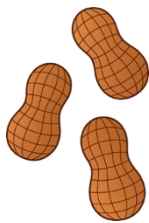


# School Bank Details

Account Name: Heathcote Primary School Official Account

BSB: 083 001

ACCOUNT: 71 938 5618



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