



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

Wednesday 4th August	Gym at School (TBC)
Monday 9th August	Pupil Free Day no students on site
Wednesday 11th August	Gym at School (TBC)
Tuesday 10th August—Friday 13th August	Book Fair Week
Wednesday 18th August	Gym at School (TBC)
Friday 20th August	Recycling Workshops
Wednesday 25th August	Gym at School (TBC)
Friday 17th September	Last day of Term 3, early dismissal 2pm

Dear Families,

Thank you to families for supporting your child/ren during the current lockdown. At the time of writing for this newsletter there have been no announcements regarding remote learning. As always, when I have information to share it will be emailed out to our school community.

Our 2021 Community Grants program is now open!

Visit our website for more information.

www.heathcotenagambie.community

Community Bank
Heathcote & District

Bendigo Bank

Passions and Pathways

Sadly, for our Year 6 class, the Passions and Pathways program has been cancelled for 2021. The uncertainty and restrictions that are likely to remain in place for some time have impacted on many of the workplaces involved in the broader Passions and Pathways program. We were just about to start our visits offsite to a range of places in Bendigo. This year we were going to the RMIT Flight School at the Bendigo Airport, TAFE, LaTrobe University, Dennis Family Homes, Mandalay, Bendigo Tech School and completing a Junior White Card before heading to an Expo in Bendigo where our students could share their learning. All of these places would have provided an insight into how they work and what are some key elements of their workplaces or courses. My communications with workplaces have been very positive, they are very disappointed our students will not commence visits in 2021. The feedback from students and parents/carers as a result of our Youth Ambassador held recently had been very positive. We understand why the program has had to be cancelled for this year and are very much looking forward to being involved next year. I would like to acknowledge and thank Jonathan and Laura from Passions and Pathways for the enormous amount of work they had completed on our behalf to arrange an engaging and exciting program for our students. We are already looking forward to next year!

On behalf of our school community I would also like to thank Heathcote Health for allowing us to access their Community Bus to travel to Bendigo for our Passions and Pathways program. We greatly value and appreciate their generous support of our students and school community. We hope we will be able to work with them again next year.

'Fidget' devices

Over a number of years research has demonstrated that some students benefit from the use of 'fidget' devices whilst in the classroom. Some students with sensory processing dysfunction, anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or autism find that fidget devices offer the tactile sensory input and repetitive motor movements that are needed to help them with self-regulation. Our staff are very aware of which students benefit from the use of these and as a school we have often provided these devices for the wellbeing of our students in the classroom. Unfortunately, they are now seen as 'toys' and have become a fad. We are seeing a number of students who do not need these for therapeutic benefits using them inappropriately in the classroom. We absolutely support the use of these for our students who require them in the classroom. However, we ask parents/carers to ensure their child keeps their 'fidget toys' at home unless there is a therapeutic reason why they should be used at school. Please contact your classroom teacher if you believe there is a need for your child to have one in the classroom. Thank you for your support.

I will keep you updated re any developments for schools regarding remote learning. Until then, if you have any questions please touch base with me via email or call the school in addition to contacting your classroom teacher via email or messaging via the parent portal on SENTRAL.

Take care of each other.

Kate

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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Green Card Awards

These are our School Values

Responsibility

Respect

Learning

Teamwork

5 green cards in one school value = Bronze Certificate

10 green cards in one school value = Silver Certificate

15 green cards in one school value = Gold Certificate

And 15 minutes free time

1 Bronze certificate in all 4 School Values = Platinum Award

Civics and Citizenship Award

This award is given to 2 students from every classroom and presented each week.

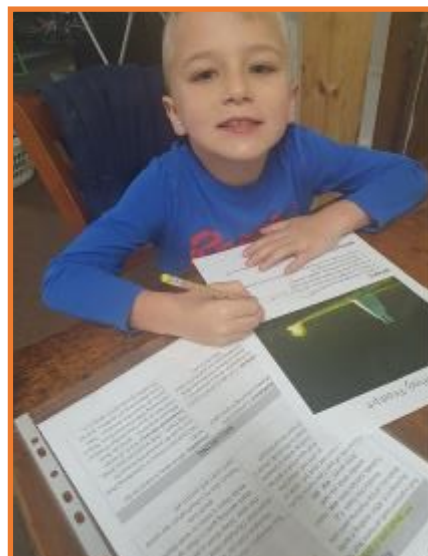
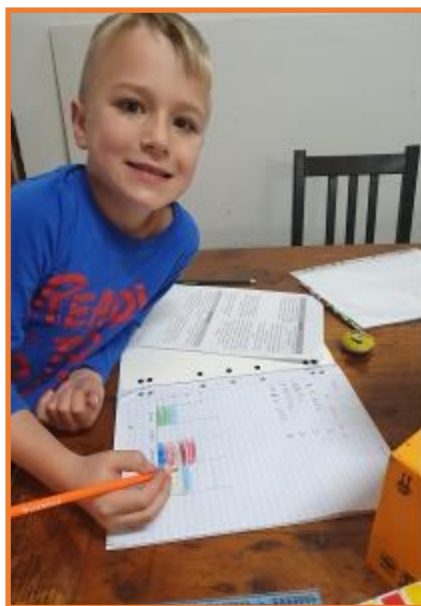
These students are chosen for demonstrating one of our School values.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

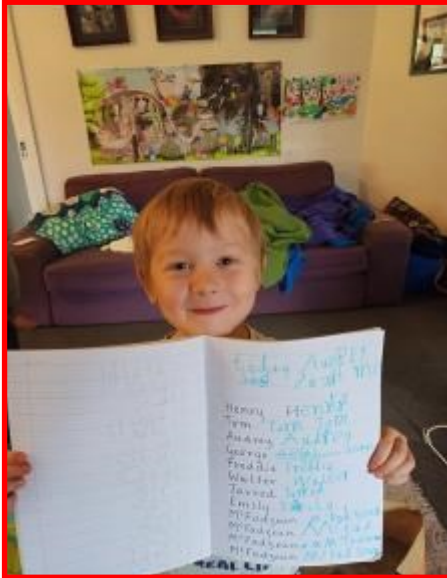
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Home Learning



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