



Heathcote Primary School Newsletter

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The week that was...



Heathcote Health Visit



Garden Club Games



Heathcote Library Visit



Heathcote Health Indoor Soccer



Our third egg!

Wacky Socks & Locks Day
(BARC fundraiser led by JSC)





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26th 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 3?

Term 3	Monday 13th July	Learning Conversation Day (alternate timetable, bookings open, details via Compass)
Week 1	Thursday 16th July	Grade 5/6 excursion—Shrek Jr (musical) (late opportunity, details to be sent home 14/7/26)
Week 2	Monday 20th July	Grade 5/6 lawn bowls (details to come)
	Wednesday 22nd July	Division football (Gr 5/6 football team)
Weeks 2—10	Fridays, weekly sessions	Grade 5/6 Bendigo Children's Health friendship program
Week 3	Monday 27th July	100 Days Brighter Celebration! (details page 8)
	Wednesday 29th July	Division netball (Gr 5/6 netball team)
	Thursday 30th July	Wanyarra Incursion (whole school)
Week 5	Wednesday 12th August	Real Schools Parent Information Session (after school)
Week 9	Thursday 10th September	Junior Unit excursion (details to come)
Week 10	Friday 18th September	End of Term 3 (early dismissal @ 2pm)

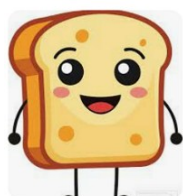
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2026 - What's Due?

Friday 31st July	2027 Foundation enrolment forms
Tuesday 11th August	Year 7 (2027) placement acceptance forms

What's Happening in Term 4, 2026?

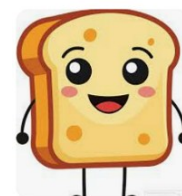
Term 4		
Week 1	Monday 5th October	Start of Term 4
Week 3	Friday 23rd October	Division cricket (Gr 5/6 cricket team)
Week 4	Mon 26th—Fri 30th Oct.	Swimming lessons—Foundation, 1/2JS & 1/2M
Week 7	Tues. 17th—Thurs. 19th Nov	Energy Breakthrough Camp (pushcarts)
Week 8	Mon. 23rd—Wed. 25th Nov.	Grade 5/6 Camp
Week 9	Wednesday 2nd December	Grade 6 End of Year Excursion (details to come)
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)



Breakfast Club in the Kitchen

Tuesday & Thursday, 8:40am—8:55am

Toast, cereal, milk, fruit available



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.

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VALUES AWARDS

	Student	Reason
F	Dahlia	For consistently keeping nature in nature. Well done on leaving nature in its natural place. Well done, Dahlia!
1/2M	Tayte	For striving to do his personal best and embracing learning challenges. Great job, Tayte!
3/4HP	Mark	For the great progress you have been making at school. You have been trying hard and listening to reminders. We are really proud of you, Mark!
3/4N	Timoci	For having a positive mindset at school and always trying his best, even when he finds it hard. Great work, Timoci!
5/6F	Emily T	For consistently being respectful by using kind words and manners to those around you. Great work, Emily!
5/6MG	George J	For being respectful of others and attempting work with positivity. Well done, George!

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	Fatat	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	Jett J	for always showing kindness to others. You are caring, friendly and thoughtful, and always treat others with respect. Well done, Jett!
Senior Unit	Neleyah	For being kind to others and supporting them to do their best. Fantastic work, Neleyah!

Congratulations to our award winners!

These awards were presented at our assembly on Friday 26th June

*Congratulations to this week's and last week's
award recipients!*

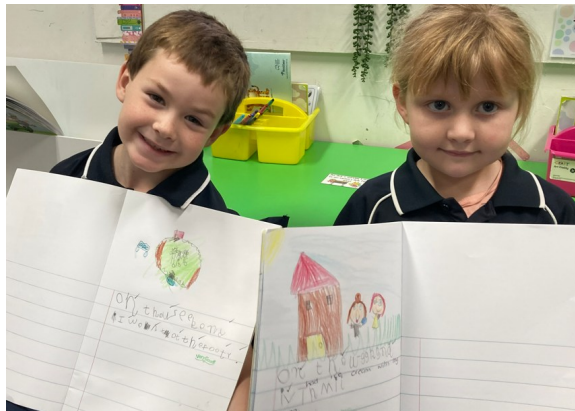


Principal's Report



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It is always a highlight of the week when students share their learning with me. Our Foundation students were excited to celebrate their recent work **writing** a recount of their weekend. Students used their knowledge of sounds and the letter/s that represent them, to help them convey their message. Super job, Foundation!



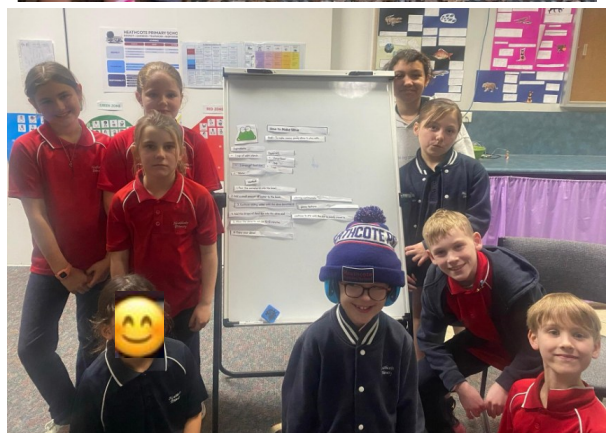
The front cover of this newsletter provides a small glimpse into all that happens in one single week at Heathcote PS, let alone a whole term. It's amazing to think that Term 2 has ended and we are half way through the year. After a busy and productive term, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank to our wonderful students, dedicated staff and supportive families.

Our **students** have embraced challenges, celebrated new learning achievements, approached new experiences with an open mind and demonstrated kindness and respect. They are often complimented on their friendliness, effort, manners and kindness by visitors to the school and on excursions. There is not a day that goes by where our students don't bring a smile to my face - whether it is seeing the joy and pride on their faces when they share their learning, a friendly greeting or wave in the yard, an invitation to join a game at break time or hearing a funny story.

I am lucky to work with a team of **staff** with unwavering dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm who care so much about the wellbeing and learning of students. So much work happens behind the scenes to bring a school day to life and it's all done with care and commitment. Our staff team invest 100% into each day to maximise opportunities for students and I am grateful to each person.

To our **families**, thank you for the ongoing partnership and support between home and school. Your involvement, questions, ideas and support play a vital role in the success and wellbeing of our students. Together, we continue to strive towards building and maintaining a strong and connected school community.

I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a lovely break, spend time with family and friends and return next term refreshed and ready for more exciting opportunities ahead. Term 3 will bring us a continued focus on learning (particularly numeracy) and a smorgasbord of special events. We look forward to beginning the term with a celebration of learning at the Student Learning Conversations Day.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Leo, Zelda

Charlotte B, Creed

George J, Heidi

Xavier D, Bridget



*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)*

A vibrant science fair poster featuring icons of a planet, safety goggles, a molecular model, a lightbulb, test tubes, a flask, and a volcano. The text is centered and reads: "Coming Soon... HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS SCIENCE fair 15TH-23RD AUGUST".

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HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
SCIENCE fair
15TH-23RD AUGUST

Information to be shared on ClassDojo, exact Open Day to be confirmed.

100 DAYS BRIGHTER!



★ **100 Days Brighter Celebration** ★

Date: Monday the 27th of July

You are invited to:

- ★ Cheer on our HPS children during our 100 days Parade in the morning from 9:05am on the turf area.
- ★ Celebrate with us at the 100 Days Brighter Activities from 2:20pm on the turf area. Come along and be part of the fun as we celebrate how far our young learners have come in just 100 days!

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 and let us know how you would like to contribute.

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.

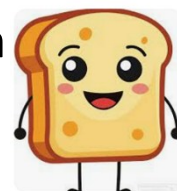
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Tuesday & Thursday

8:40am—8:55am

HPS Kitchen

Toast, cereal, milk, fruit available





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

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

9th 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.

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:

2nd July Kyneton Omini Health 7-12 year olds both sessions

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

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Community Happenings



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FREE PLAYGROUP

10am-12pm
Every Wednesday
165 High Street Bunbunarik

St John's Anglican Church Heathcote TRINITY ACADEMY

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.

SCAN HERE

We Want Your Opinion!

Heathcote Health and Bendigo Council are bringing a new exercise opportunity to Heathcote. We have 3 simple questions we'd love your feedback on to make it as accessible as possible.

Scan here to complete a quick survey



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!

Community Happen-



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BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE Wellness Day

FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY



SUNDAY
5 JULY 2026



10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre
FREE ENTRY — Gold Coin Donation Welcome

MOVE. BREATHE. CONNECT. PLAY.

Join us for a free morning of fun, fitness and community spirit during the school holidays. Whether you're 5 or 85, there's something for everyone.



**HOT SHOTS
TENNIS**

Kids aged 5–12
All equipment
provided



QI GONG

Gentle movement
for all ages &
abilities



YOGA

Stretching,
breathing &
mindfulness



FUN GAMES

Rally challenges
& prizes
to be won!



**COMMUNITY
CONNECTION**

Meet, connect &
celebrate
together



Qi Gong
& Yoga



**HOT
SHOTS**



Fun for
all ages!

Games,
Challenges
& Prizes!



SUPPORTING BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

All gold coin donations collected on the day will be directed to families and communities affected by the 2026 bushfires.
Every dollar makes a difference — thank you for your generosity.



FREE ENTRY!

Gold coin donation
welcome



**OPEN TO EVERYONE —
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

♥ School Kids 5–12 ♥ Families ♥ Seniors ♥ Community

WHAT TO BRING

Comfortable clothing, water bottle,
sunscreen & a smile.
Tennis equipment provided for HOT SHOTS.
Yoga mats available or BYO.

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
OR FIND OUT MORE**

(03) 5442 5744
admin@bendigotennis.com.au
Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre

Proudly hosted by Classic Tennis,
Zen Performance and Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre —
serving our community on and off the court.

*Stronger Together,
Healthier Together*

2026 03K J125 GBS250

BENDIGO TOURNAMENT



Play 4 events
2 doubles and 2 singles.
New Orange ball event
Entries close 29th of June

**ENTRIES
OPEN
NOW**

**9-12
JULY
2026**

**DIRECT
QUESTIONS:**

competitions@bendigotennis.com.au

OR CALL

Ben 0403 966 618



REGISTER VIA QR CODE OR VISIT: 2026 03K J125 GBS250 BENDIGO | ALL TOURNAMENTS — TENNIS AUSTRALIA

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COURT HOUSE CRAFTS.

We are a Non Profit Community Co Operative
And boast an extensive and diverse range of.....

Arts & Crafts.

Hand Knitted and Sewn Garments.

Dressmaking Fabrics & Remnants.

Quilts, Quilting Fabrics & Accessories

Knitting Wool and yarns.

Range of Embroidery Threads,
Haberdashery, Laces, Buttons & Ribbons.

Follow us on Facebook.....

heathcotecourthousecrafts



Court House Crafts.

170 High St.,
Heathcote,
Victoria.

Phone 0435180683.

How to access support

For support in your area:

- Call: 1800 433 977
- Email: icfhlocals@bchs.com.au
- 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
- Dhelkaya Health
- Echuca Regional Health
- Maryborough District Health Service
- Njemda 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.



children's health
& wellbeing local

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



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School holidays at Heathcote Library



Join us for free fun these school holidays!

Week 1

Mon 29 June - Fri 10 July

Lego Play

Drop in all week, enjoy a challenge or grab some bricks and let your imagination take over.

Week 2

Tues 7 - Fri 10 July

Stained glass serpents

Drop in all week to create a bright cellophane snake for your window using serpent shapes designed by First Nations artist Luke Mallie.

Thurs June 2-3pm

Little Puggle (bookings appreciated)

Be inspired by the beautiful book *Our Dreaming* by Gunai author/artist Kirli Saunders, and create your own adorable puggle (baby echidna).

Fri 3 Jul 10-11am

Tuck me in books (bookings appreciated)

Create a little tuck-me-in-book to fill with sleepy heads.

Bookings

www.goldfieldslibraries.com / (03) 5433 3734 / heathcote@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Opening hours

Tues 9:30am - 12:30pm

Wed 9:30am - 12:30pm

Thurs 9:30am - 5pm

Fri 9:30am - 12:30pm

Sat 9:30am - 12:30pm



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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.

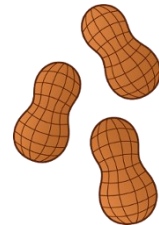
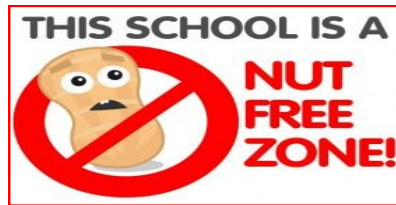
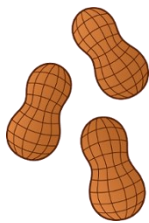


School Bank Details

Account Name: Heathcote Primary School Official Account

BSB: 083 001

ACCOUNT: 71 938 5618



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

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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