



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.

2025 - What's Happening?

Week 3	Wednesday 6th August	Netball Round Robin (Grade 5/6 Students)
Week 4	Monday 11th August	Football Round Robin—New Date (Grade 5/6s)
	Tuesday 12th August	Science Fair @ 2:15pm — families welcome
	Friday 15th August	Student Learning Conversations—bookings open (please see Compass notification for details)
Week 5	Friday 22nd August	Book Week Dress Up Day
	Tuesday 19th August	Real Schools Family Information Session @ 7pm Hybrid meeting - online and onsite options
Week 7	Friday 5th September	Father's Day Breakfast @ 8:15am—8:45am
Week 9	Monday 15th September	Division Athletics (Grade 3-6 students)

2025 - What's Due?



Heathcote Primary School
Respect ~ Learning ~ Teamwork ~ Responsibility

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

<u>TEAMWORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Charlotte D Ana	Ava S Evelyn N Hazel C George H Liv Mikaela	Cierra Kynan	April Ben J Kadir Anthony

Ben J - Learning Award for consistently staying on task.

April - Learning Award for reflecting on learnt skills.

Liv - Respect Award for waiting respectfully when it is your turn to speak.

Ava S - Respect Award for being polite and well-mannered to other people.

Cierra - Responsibility Award for being responsible when working with others.

Evelyn N - Respect Award for being polite and well-mannered to other people.

Charlotte D - Teamwork Award for encouraging others.

Kadir - Learning Award for always trying your best.

Mikaela - Respect Award for being polite and well-mannered to other people.

Kynan - Responsibility Award for showing responsibility when asked to complete a task.

Anthony - Learning Award for being prepared to have a go.

Ana - Teamwork Award for contributing well to group activities.

Hazel C - Respect Award for consistently using appropriate and respectful language.

George H - Respect Award for waiting respectfully when it is your turn to speak.

Awards are presented at our weekly whole school assembly on Friday.

****Assembly now starts at 2:15pm****

AWARDS

TEAMWORK

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

LEARNING

BRONZE LEVEL

Zoe

Caspar

Chase L

Soph

Aydin

Corey

Evelyn O

Noah Bu

Noah C

Alex C

Cailen

Jackson C

Kynan

Lachlan D

Reynald

Fox

Xander

Oliver

Lucas

Chase L

Layla P

Kynan

Xander

Zavier

Jackson C

Hazel P

Jax

Fox

Tauri

Jackson C

Lachlan D

Xander

Noah F

SILVER LEVEL

Masie

Isla

Kaylee

Angelo

Alex C

Evie

Sammy

Emma

Masie

Hailee

Amelia B

George H

Isla

George J

GOLD LEVEL

Hunter

Theo

Heathcote Primary Science Fair

We will be celebrating National Science Week this year with the students participating in a science fair. On Tuesday 12 August, all families and friends are invited to view students performing science experiments and demonstrating their engineering skills. All the year levels will be participating and the students would love to see you there.

Parents, guardians and friends are all invited to tour the displays on Tuesday 12th August, 2.15pm to 2.45pm at Heathcote Primary School.



READING AWARDS



175 Nights

Jessica



*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)*



Macie

Jett T



Principal's Report

Students have been busily preparing their STEM projects to share with families and friends during Science Week. Exploring a concept of their choice, students have been investigating a variety of science concepts, including using an electrical circuit to create a model house complete with lights. My thanks go to Dave for his energy and creativity leading our STEM program. [We hope you are able to celebrate all things STEM with us on Tuesday 12th August from 2:15pm—2:45pm.](#)

A recent highlight during yard duty was seeing the teamwork demonstrated by a group of bike riders who helped each other during their laps around the bike track. Many a kind word of encouragement was shared and help provided to put a chain back on.

One of our expected behaviours is 'place rubbish in the correct bin'. Almost as soon as the challenge was issued, a group of students organised bags, gloves and set about picking up rubbish in the yard. Congratulations to our rubbish crew for their initiative, enthusiasm and demonstration of the school value of responsibility.

It has been another week full of extra curricular learning opportunities—everything from cooking to coding and native animals to netball. It has been lovely to see and hear students stepping out of their comfort zone, trying new things and representing our school proudly.

We are reflecting on the content, format and frequency of our school newsletter.

[Please take a couple of minutes to share your thoughts via a super quick survey.](#) There are five questions and it is predicted to take less than two minutes to complete. We will use the feedback to inform our future newsletters.

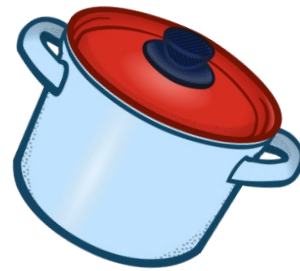


Wildlife Incursion—F-2s



Term 3's inquiry focus in the junior unit is Fins, Feathers and Fur. As part of this focus, students participated in an incursion where they were able to meet a variety of animals.

Cooking - Year 3/4



Throughout the year, all seniors students participate in Kitchen as one of their specialist subjects for one semester. In the other semester, students participate in Garden. This semester, 3/4N and 5/6MG will be donning their aprons and 3/4HS along with 5/6SB will be gardening.



Cooking - Year 5/6



Passions and Pathways - Year 5/6

Passions and Pathways Excursion

The Passions and Pathways excursion on 29th July was fun. Everybody found it exciting and interesting. We did all types of cool activities like tech engineering. We had the awesome opportunity to learn how to control robots through an iPad and they had to race around a track. Then we did a scavenger hunt around LaTrobe University. Along the way we had to do certain activities and get it ticked off on a piece of paper. After that, we drove to Bendigo TAFE and we got to see engineering stuff, especially mechanical engineering. After everything we had lunch and most of the boys played AFL. Afterwards, we had to go home.

Written by Reynald and Xander



Recently, we went on an excursion to Bendigo as part of Passions and Pathways. This program is for Grade 5 and 6 students to learn about jobs. The passions are things that you like and the pathways are the things that you might want to do in the future.

First, we went to LaTrobe University. While we were there, both classes coded robots at the Tech School and afterwards we went on a scavenger hunt around the entire campus. After LaTrobe, we went to Bendigo TAFE. Unlike university, TAFE does more hands on stuff. We saw all the cool things that they do. This included lots of engineering and woodwork. Also, when we went into the rooms where all the building happens we had to wear cool safety glasses. We stayed outside for a bit then we began our trip home.

On Friday 8th August, two people came in and presented a slideshow about their jobs. The slideshows included things like a daily/weekly timetable, pictures, their journey and what their job is about. The first person worked at the Discovery Centre and was studying to become a cardiac technician and the second person worked at Coliban Water as a water engineer.

Written by Malachi and Cailen

Passions and Pathways - Year 5/6

On 8th August, two people came to the 5/6SB and MG classes to talk about themselves for Passions and Pathways. Their names were Tara and Tahlia. They talked about their lives and what they do.

Tara and Tahlia both have three sisters. Tara is working at the Discovery Centre in Bendigo where there is a bunch of science stuff and Tahlia works for Coliban Water, which is a company that cleans our water. Tara is studying to be a person who studies the heart and is still at Uni. Tahlia has finished Uni and is doing her job.

And that's what we learnt, thank you for reading.

Written by Alex C, 5/6SB



Passions
& Pathways

Book Week Dress Up & Activity Day

Friday 22nd August

BOOK AN
Adventure



Children's Book Week®



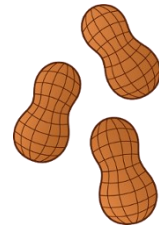
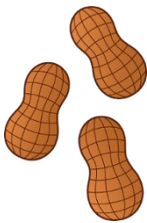
16–23 August
2025

School Bank Details

Account Name: Heathcote Primary School Official Account

BSB: 083 001

ACCOUNT: 71 938 5618



Peter from St Vincent de Paul would like to remind our community that Vinnies can provide food vouchers and help with school costs for uniforms and excursions.

Heathcote Vinnies

155 High Street, Heathcote

Open Wednesday and Friday

10am to 12:30pm

School Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

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.

DRINK BOTTLE



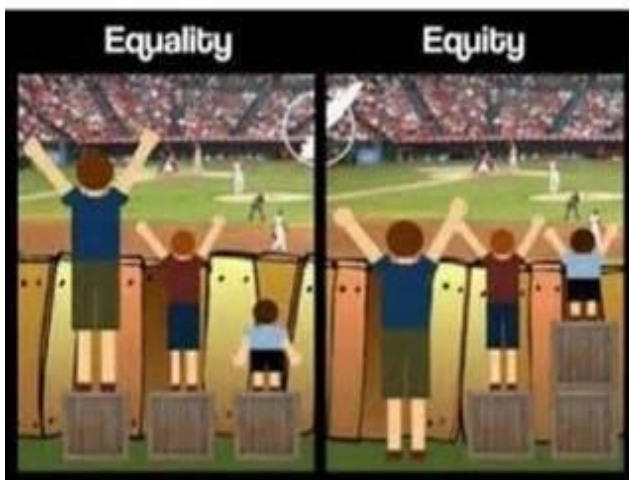
**Remember,
only WATER
in your drink
bottle at school.**



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



PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe
and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that
makes you feel unsafe or afraid,
including anyone in your family,
anyone at school or anywhere else
in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your
school if you feel unsafe.



**Please check your child's hair for any unwelcome visitors. If hair is
shoulder length, please be sure to tie it up as a preventative strategy.**



FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:

