



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 25th August	School Council 5.30pm
Friday 27th August	Book Week Parade (TBC)
Monday 30th August	Pupil Free Day no students on site
Thursday 9th September	Year 1-2 Camp (TBC)
Friday 17th September	Last day of Term 3, early dismissal 2pm

Dear Families,

Another busy week for our students and staff. As I walk through the classrooms each day students are engaged with their learning, talking to teachers and each other about their learning. Miss Somerville welcomed Miss Matthews-Gunn into her classroom. Miss Matthews-Gunn is on placement from LaTrobe for four weeks, please make her feel very welcome. Mr Clayton and Miss Somerville have participated in online training to support our move to conducting online NAPLAN tests in 2022. Our school has been advised we will be joining the online implementation next year. Miss Childs, Mr Clayton and I have been participating in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) training over the past few weeks. PLC work will support our ongoing professional inquiry into our teaching and learning programs.

Our 2021 Community Grants program is now open!

Visit our website for more information.

www.heathcotenagambie.community

Community Bank
Heathcote & District



Home Learning Survey Results

Thank you to our families for their great response to our home learning survey. We have had many positive comments and some constructive comments re changes, thank you. Staff will continue to develop what we do. From speaking with a number of colleagues across our region it is apparent schools implement what fits their school community. Since the beginning of home learning, teachers across Victoria and indeed Australia, continue to evolve the way they implement home learning that best matches the identified needs of their community. We will continue to tweak what we do, including the daily check in with teachers and other classroom friends which will provide a sense of connection for our students, this is something staff had been exploring and our families have expressed an interest in trying. Thank you for your input, we have appreciated the responses and have been able to action feedback.

Option 1 I am happy with the paper learning packs provided for my child/ren	17 families supported this option 15 of 17 families have devices 8 of 17 families reported unreliable internet 1 family has no device 1 family did not indicate devices
Option 2 I am happy with the paper learning packs provided for my child/ren but would appreciate a daily check in for my child/ren	25 families supported this option 25 families had devices 19 had reliable internet 6 families reported unreliable internet
I would like daily morning check in and assignment of learning tasks for the day which would include hyperlinks for my child to access online materials	9 families supported this option All had devices and reliable internet

Book Week Celebrations

Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia holds a 'book week' to celebrate books, authors and illustrators. At Heathcote PS we have a book week activity day and parade. Students dress up as their favourite book character and come along to school. Ms Sergi has organised our activity day in the past couple of years and will do so again this year. **Our book character dress up day is scheduled for Friday 27th August, 9.10am.** At this stage we are hoping we can have parents/carers onsite, outside, to see the great array of characters that come along on the day! We will keep families advised re attendance on the day closer to the date with weather and Covid restrictions in mind.



2021 DET Parent Opinion Survey

Schools across Victoria are providing links to their school communities to complete the 2021 DET Parent/Carer Opinion Survey. The Parent/Carer Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the DET. Many schools choose a sample of parent/carers to respond, at Heathcote PS all families are invited to complete a survey. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Schools use the survey results to help inform and support future school planning and improvement strategies. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Carer Survey will be conducted from **Saturday 21st August** to **Friday 3rd September**. The survey will be conducted **online**, it will take no more than **20 minutes** to complete and can be accessed via desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. If parents/carers would like to use a desktop at school they are most welcome to do so. Please take the opportunity to complete the survey. Your family should have received a personalised pin to log in and complete the survey.

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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Have a great week ahead.

Kate

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.

PLATINUM LEVEL



Jackie Evans

Reid Mainard

Siobhan Patten

Jessica Toifl





CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Param Dham Krishna Das Manny Nagy Siobhan Patten		Rosh Santos	Charlotte Burt Tori Jackowski Nate McNally Isaac Miller KC-Lee Seymour Tayton Thompson

BRONZE LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Ethan Longson Manny Nagy Tayton Thompson		Daniel Close Reid Mainard Nate McNally Rosh Santos	Gemma Atkins Emily-Rose Edwards-Scott Evelyn Organ Tayton Thompson

SILVER LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Manny Nagy Siobhan Patten Mandy Young			Lilah Moore Mandy Young

GOLD LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
			George McFadzean



READING AWARDS



100 Nights

Ella McNally

Evelyn Organ

125 Nights

Ella McNally

Zelda Pinnington

Savannah Thompson

150 Nights

Riley Hawkins

Issy Taylor

200 Nights

Isaac Miller

Jessica Wheeler



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Charlotte Anderson

Jax Buccella

Please check your child's hair.



**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



1: INSPECT
If you suspect head
lice, check



2: TREAT
Use lice treatment product
as directed



3: REMOVE
lice/nits by combing the hair
with the comb provided.



4: CLEAN
home and personal
items.

DRINK BOTTLE

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

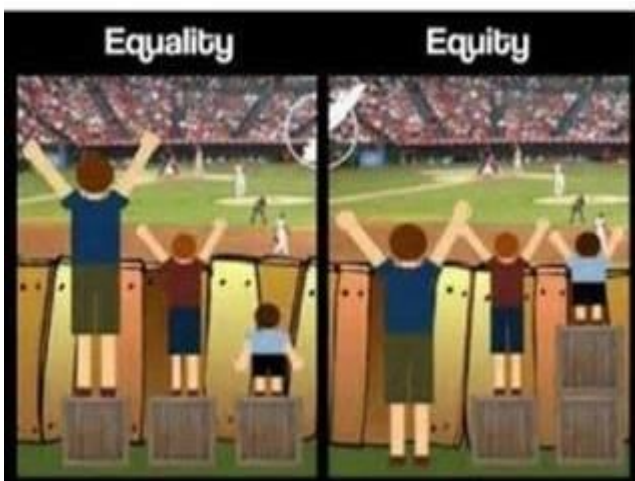


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for Parents

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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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App Store



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.



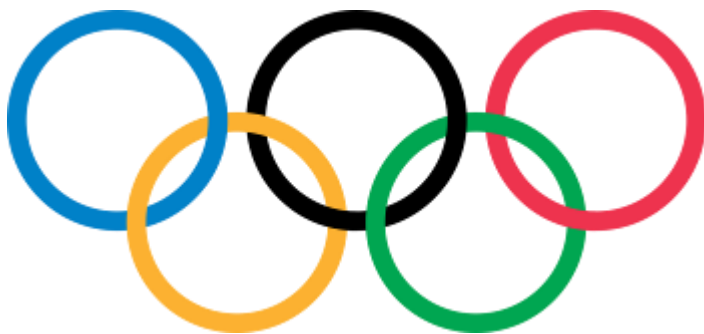
IN THE CLASSROOM

This week in the Foundation Room...

This week in the Foundation room our word of the week is 'beach'. We will have two focus digraphs this week.... /ea/ and /ch/. We will also be reading a writing some procedure texts such as recipes and instructions of how to play games.

In maths we are learning about position and location. We will learn how to give and follow directions using position words.

For inquiry we are continuing to learn about the Olympics. This week's focus we be on the sports that were completed in at the ancient Olympics compared to how many sports are competed in in the modern day Olympics.



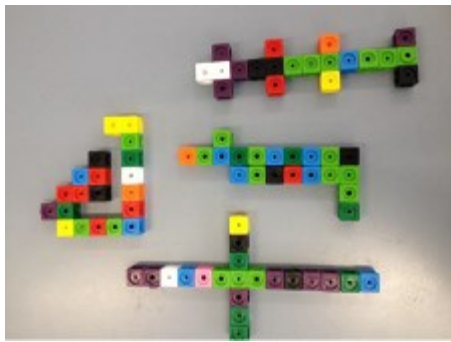
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This week in the Grade 3/4 Room...

In Literacy subjects, we are learning to write explanation texts that have a cause and effect relationship. The students will study 'how a particular organ of their body functions' and in contrast 'How the Egyptian pyramids were built in the 2500 BC.' In word work, we are exploring simple and complex sentences.

In Maths topics, we are continuing our work on number patterns and sequences.

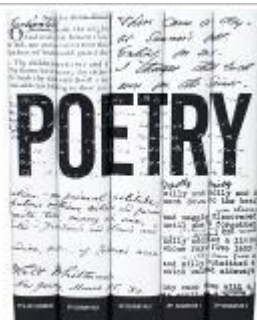
Students will perfect their messaging skills in DT lessons by creating models using snap blocks designs. Writing a code so their partner can follow directions will be an interesting challenge.



This week in the Grade 5/6 Room...

In Reading sessions, we will continue practising our summarising skills through whole group and small guided reading group activities. We will also begin looking at the features of poetry and explore writing strategies when writing poems.

Miss Matthews will be introducing the topic of Geometry in maths lessons. We will be working with protractors and learning about angles.



Foundation Art



Become a Foster Carer

Our local children need
local foster carers.

anglicarevic.org.au | 03 5440 1100

Are you our next Carer? Njernda

Keep our Kids on Country

Foster Care Online Information Session

Come along and learn more about Foster Care

Date: Thursday, 26 August, 2021

Time: 6pm

Venue: Online Zoom Session

[Email \[fostering@njernda.com.au\]\(mailto:fostering@njernda.com.au\) to enquire about individual or group information sessions](mailto:fostering@njernda.com.au)

RSVP by: 5pm 26 August, 2021

Sharyn Kelly

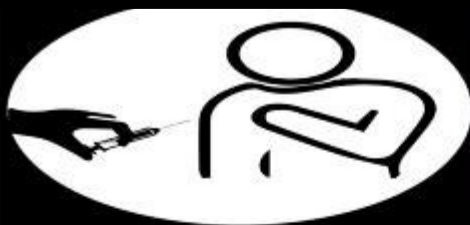
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**HEATHCOTE & DISTRICTS TOWNSHIPS PROTECTION PLAN
LOCAL VACCINATION CLINIC @ HEATHCOTE HEALTH**

Pfizer (Comirnaty) 1st & 2nd doses
for all aged 40 - 59 & as per current eligibility criteria
Astra Zeneca Vaccine 1st & 2nd doses
As per current eligibility requirements

TUESDAY 24th AUGUST
From 12.30PM

Appointment times are now available but booking fast
To book please call or text

Vicki on 0431 328 421

These Covid-19 vaccination clinics will be held at rear of
Heathcote Health, in the building near the Covid testing
Drive up Hay St, continue onto the gravel road, go around past
the helipad, and park opposite the Men's Shed

**HEATHCOTE & DISTRICTS TOWNSHIPS PROTECTION PLAN
LOCAL VACCINATION CLINIC IN HEATHCOTE
FOR ALL WHO CANNOT BOOK FOR BENDIGO AND
OTHER NEARBY VACCINATION CLINICS**

Pfizer (Comirnaty) 1st & 2nd doses
FROM 30 AUGUST For all aged 16-59
AstraZeneca 1st & 2nd doses

TUES 14th SEPTEMBER
FROM 12.30pm

To book please call Vicki on 0431 328 421
communityengagement.heathcotehealth.org

If you have any challenges with transport or other barriers
please let us know at the time of booking.

Should you need the clinic available at a later time,
on the weekend or have further needs, we would like
to hear from you to see how we can work together to
provide support to you as needed.

