



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

Monday 22nd August and Tuesday 23rd August	Student First Aid Workshops
Wednesday 24th August	School Council, onsite, 5.30pm
Friday 26th August	Book Week- Student Activity and Dress Up day Parade, weather permitting, 9.10am
Thursday 1st September	Dance Incursion, Years 3-6
Friday 2nd September	Year 6 –Passions and Pathways, Jenny's Early Learning
Friday 9th September	Year 6 - display at Heathcote Community House
Friday 16th September	Last day of Term 3—early dismissal 2.00pm
Monday 3rd October	First day Term 4
Friday 21st October	Kinder Transition
Monday 31st October	Pupil Free Day— no students onsite
Tuesday 1st November	Melbourne Cup Day public holiday
Friday 4th November	Kinder Transition
Wednesday 16th November	Music Extravaganza—onsite, 9.30am
Friday 18th November	Kinder Transition
Friday 2nd December	Kinder Transition
Tuesday 13th December	Statewide Foundation and Year 7 Transition Day
Tuesday 20th December	Last day Term 4—early dismissal 2.00pm

We've returned over \$1.5 million to the Heathcote & District community!

www.heathcotenagambie.community

Community Bank
Heathcote & District

Bendigo Bank

Dear Families,

Today, all families will be receiving the annual DET Parent Opinion survey to complete over the coming week. All DET schools across Victoria complete this survey. The intention is to provide feedback to schools about what they are doing well and areas they can develop. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the Office by next Monday.

Our Year 6 students are loving their involvement in the Passions and Pathways project at Jenny's Early Learning Centre. It is great to have a joint project happening, our students love going to the Centre and enjoy working with little people! We may have some budding Early Years educators in the making!

As previously advised, Book Week will be celebrated this Friday. Students are encouraged to dress up and come along on Friday morning ready for a fun day of book week activities. Ms Sergi always comes up with some wonderful activities for our students, they love being in mixed aged groups. Weather permitting, there will be a parade at 9.10am outside under the shade sails. We look forward to seeing all students dressing up!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program – Volunteers!

Our Stephanie program has been running for a number of years. Under Michele's guidance our students cook up a great meal to share each week. Nina and I get to sample these yummy meals and are always impressed by the skills demonstrated. We greatly value the support of our broader Heathcote community volunteers and the number of parent/carers from our school community, however we are always looking for more people to volunteer.

We have recently had a number of new families commence at our school, if you would like to help out in our kitchen on Wednesday with our Year 3-4 class or Thursday with Year 5-6 between 11.30am and 1.30pm we would love to have you involved! All you need is a current Working with Children Check to volunteer in the kitchen, you can apply online for free to obtain this check. Michele runs a wonderful program and would love to have any parents/carers from across all classrooms come in and help.

Foundation enrolments

If you have a child starting in Foundation next year, please drop into the Office and pick up an enrolment form. We have commenced planning for next year, knowing our future enrolments, as much as we can, supports our class structure planning. If you know of anyone outside our school community who has a child commencing school next year, they can pick up enrolment information or have a tour of our school. Thanks for your support.

Enjoy your week.

Kate



READING AWARDS



100 Nights

Lilah Moore

125 Nights

Caitlyn Liverton-Kirk

Griffin Scardetta

Renee Walsh

150 Nights

Freddie McFadzean

Koby Steenbuck

175 Nights

Sophie Fortunato

Timoci Tagiwasa

200 Nights

Jess Wheeler



Charlotte Anderson

Jax Buccella

Callum Cassidy



A



Platinum Award



Nathan Colbert Laykin Francis

Amelia Eagle Ellana Miller

Malachi Macleod



CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Evelyn Organ	Nate McNally Harry Muscovich	Emily-Rose Edwards-Scott Ava Hart Charlotte Houldsworth Finley Jennings	Alexander Callander Masie Dwyer Mackenzie Merritt Cailen Ruck Renee Walsh

BRONZE LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Jayden Dillon Malachi Macleod William Powers	Laykin Francis Ellana Miller	Nathan Colbert Amalia Eagle	Laykin Francis Zoe Osicka Elliott Primmer Tahryk Turner

SILVER LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
	Malachi Macleod		

GOLD LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
			William Powers

IN THE CLASSROOM

This week in the Foundation room...

In reading and writing our word of the week is TEACHER, we will be reviewing the digraphs 'EA' and 'CH' whilst also focusing on a new digraph 'ER'. We will be reading books and writing about our focus word TEACHER and will also be focussing on rhyming words this week.

In Maths our focus is on Money. We will be revising our knowledge of Australian coins, learning how to order them by value and will even start learning how to count collections of \$1 coins and 10c pieces.

In Inquiry this term we are learning about the continents and countries of the world. We are currently exploring North America. This week we will be visiting Canada, we will be using maple leaves to create an art piece. We will also be visiting Mexico and will be learning how to do the Mexican Hat dance.

This week in the 1/2 M room...

We will be continuing to work on explanation texts, this will include looking at some more life cycles and maybe even explaining a little experiment! We will see how the week goes!!

In maths this week we are looking at money. Students will be ordering and arranging money according to value, and even looking at 'buying' some things towards the end of the week! We have been working really hard on using our manners and have been treating each other very well. We are going to continue to work on being respectful and raising hands instead of calling out.

This week in the 5/6 room...

In English we will be finalising our debate arguments in preparation for our class debate in Week 8. We will continue learning about how text and images can influence a reader's perspective and interpretation. We will integrate our knowledge and skills in description writing into setting the scene of a Narrative, with the use of images.

In Maths we will continue using length, perimeter and area skills when creating a house floor plan. We will work on grid paper to design a floor plan according to a list of specific requirements. Then we will learn how to transfer the design to white paper and finally we will sketch the front perspective of the house in our final presentation.

Passions and Pathways



Passions and Pathways



A Word on Wellbeing from Megan Lynch: Breathing exercises

Many families in our community may be 'feeling the pinch' with the rising cost of living over the year. Higher energy, food and petrol prices may have us all changing our spending habits, particularly as we try to heat our homes over this cold wintery period. I wanted to put out a friendly reminder to all families that the school receives donated groceries throughout the year, and have non-perishable items ready for families to take home – no questions asked. Items are sorted and bagged, ready for your convenience. If you would like to take a bag of groceries, please ask at the office. (We would appreciate the green bags to be returned if possible!)

Book Week: Dreaming With Eyes Open

We are very excited to be celebrating Book Week with all our big dreamers on Friday August 26th. The day will begin with a costume parade at 9.10am following drop off time. Children will then participate in five activities based on this year's shortlisted picture books. Provided the weather is fine, we would love for our families to join us outside in the courtyard area for a parade to admire the creativity of the costumes on show. We're looking forward to a great day!

Ms Sergi



DRINK BOTTLE



Remember WATER

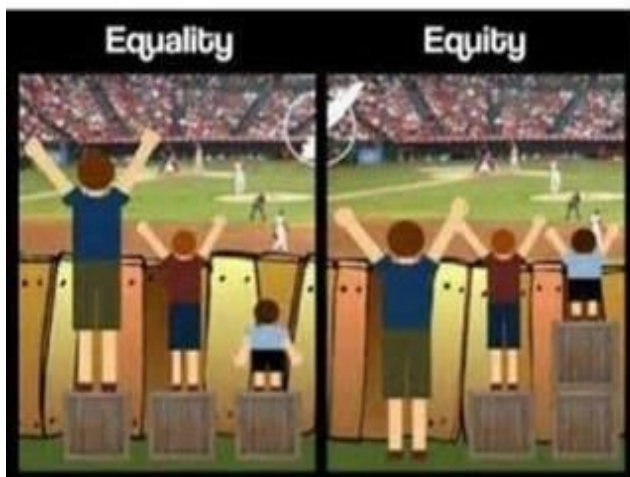
**only in your drink
bottle at school.**



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.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:





This term, students in Grade 5/6 are participating in Passions & Pathways (P&P). P&P gives students in their last years of primary school exposure to the world of work through an exciting journey of in-class workshops, workplace visits, hands-on learning experiences, and talks with employers and Young Industry Ambassadors. P&P also includes in-class lessons in teamwork, communication, motivation, goals, and stereotypes as well as self-exploration of students' skills and interests.

During the ten-week program, students:

1. Work with their classroom teacher on a ten-week study program focusing on building self-confidence, aspiration, and communication to help them see how their skills and interests can lead to a bright future.
2. Visit workplaces and explore hands-on experiences that help them understand what kinds of jobs are available and how people go about their jobs.
3. Tour a local TAFE and University and experience hands-on experiences of what tertiary learning looks like.
4. Use their skills and interests to choose a project to work on with a local business.
5. Share their projects and what they have learned with families and their community at an Expo event.

During this term, we encourage families to have conversations at home about the work that students are doing in class as well as what they are learning during their excursions, workplace tours and projects.

For more information on P&P visit www.passionsandpathways.org.au



Start your compost journey at home!

In our rural areas and townships we have a two bin system. (Unless within the Organics collection zone)

We understand the importance of composting and diverting food waste from landfill for a healthy and sustainable Greater Bendigo.

For this reason, we are providing our rural community living outside the organics collection zone with one free home compost system under the Rural Compost Program.

Details available on Bendigo Council Website www.bendigo.vic.gov.au



A Therapy Garden Here in Heathcote and We Want To Hear Your Suggestions

DO you want to see your suggestions included in a therapy garden? Heathcote Health and La Trobe University students want to know what you would like to see in the Therapy Garden.

Three Occupational Therapy students are assisting Heathcote Health to organise a 'Design the Heathcote Therapy Garden Competition' which, in time, be located behind Heathcote Health.

Over the next few weeks, the La Trobe University students will be looking for 'must include' suggestions from individuals, businesses, and community groups, to be included in the therapy garden and be part of the criteria for the garden design competition.

'Design the Heathcote Therapy Garden Competition' will be announced by Heathcote Health later in the year, with a \$5,000 prize up for the winner. In the meantime, if you, your community group or business have an idea to be included in the garden design competition criteria, please let us know by filling in an online survey, or email or phone on the follow:

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TWCWZCL>

Email :Heathcotetherapygarden@gmail.com

Phone 0427 186 407

You never know, your idea might get turned into reality!