



# 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 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 (parade at 9:15am)
	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)
	Friday 19th September	Last Day of Term 3. Early Dismissal at 2pm.

### 2025 - What's Due?

Due Now

Updated contact information forms



**Heathcote Primary School**  
Respect ~ Learning ~ Teamwork ~ Responsibility

# CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

<u>TEAMWORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Lewis P Aydin Caspar Sophia Ryker	Cooper	Soph Jackson C Yahya Jett J Bethany	Angus

**Cooper - Respect Award for consistently using appropriate and respectful language.**

**Soph - Responsibility Award for being responsible when working with others.**

**Lewis P - Teamwork Award for looking out for others.**

**Jackson C - Responsibility Award for demonstrating responsible behaviours.**

**Aydin - Teamwork Award for looking out for others.**

**Angus - Learning Award for being willing to take on new challenges.**

**Yahya - Responsibility Award for demonstrating responsible behaviours.**

**Jett J - Responsibility Award for being responsible when working with others.**

**Bethany - Responsibility Award for looking after your equipment properly.**

**Ryker - Teamwork Award for considering other people's feelings.**

**Caspar - Teamwork Award for co-operating with and including others.**

**Sophia - Teamwork Award for considering other people's feelings.**

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

**Assembly is returning to the original starting time of 2:30pm**

**\*\*Assembly is on the astroturf from 2:30pm—2:50pm\*\***

# AWARDS

## TEAMWORK

## RESPECT

## RESPONSIBILITY

## LEARNING

### BRONZE LEVEL

Chase H

Kynan

Noah F

Jett T

### SILVER LEVEL

Charlotte H

Jaimee

April

Angelo

Occy

Ernie

Lillian

Matilda

Yahya

Masie

Hailee

Hunter

Angus

### GOLD LEVEL

Luna

# READING AWARDS

25 Nights

Hazel P

50 Nights

Emma

75 Nights

Zara

125 Nights

Georgia

150 Nights

Fatat

Jaydy



*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)*

**April**

**Chase L**

**Evelyn N**



## Principal's Report

What an action packed week we've had at Heathcote PS. Along with our core literacy and numeracy learning, students also participated in the whole school **Science Fair** (photos included in this newsletter). It was impressive to see students conducting their experiments with confidence and adaptability—science can be unpredictable! In my travels around the different demonstrations, I spotted a handmade replica of a velociraptor's skull, carefully engineered to having a moving jaw along with discovering that chalk does in fact 'bubble' when mixed with particular liquids and vinegar is the liquid (from those tested) that makes gummy bears expand the most. My thanks go to Dave for his leadership of the event and for supporting students to explore an area of STEM of particular interest to them. We certainly had an impressive variety of experiments and creations on display! Congratulations to all scientists for your enthusiasm and learning and thank you to families who were able to join us.



We are celebrating strong results in the Department of Education's annual **Attitudes to School Survey**. This survey is completed by students in Grades 4—6 annually. The preliminary results show growth in the percentage of positive responses in 20 of the 21 framework factors, with some areas increasing by 20%! Particular highlights include:

Effective classroom behaviour +11%

Teacher concern +21%

Learning confidence +15%

Effective teaching time +8%

Perseverance +12%

Student voice and agency +20%

We are the **grateful recipients** of a donation from the Reeve family to support our growing collection of **decodable texts** as part of our literacy program. Thank you! These texts have already made their way into our Foundation classroom. We will continue to build our bank of decodable text resources over the coming years.



There are a number of key events coming up and we look forward to seeing you there.

1. **Student Learning Conversations**—Friday 15th August. Bookings are open on Compass.
2. **Real Schools Family Information Session** (please see page 10 for details) - Tuesday 19th August
3. **Book Week Dress Up and Activities Day**—Friday 22nd August. As part of this day, we will have a shared reading session. We invite families to join us for the parade and to stay for shared reading. Word on the street is that the traditional staff 'retelling' of a story will be taking place again!



# School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Our expected behaviours matrix has been finalised and published. A giant version makes its way to assembly where school leaders share an expected behaviour/s they have noticed as a strength within the school during the week and also set the school a challenge for the coming week. For example, strengths identified last week included 'We are inclusive', 'We walk' and 'We arrive on time'. The challenge for the week ahead is to 'return our sports equipment' and 'place rubbish in the correct bin'.



## HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL RESPECT • LEARNING • TEAMWORK • RESPONSIBILITY

### LEARNING

#### ALWAYS

#### INSIDE

#### OUTSIDE

#### RESPECT

We use an appropriate voice

We follow classroom expectations

We leave nature in nature

We use manners and kind words

We walk

We share our spaces

We follow instructions

We keep our hands and feet to ourselves

#### TEAMWORK

We are inclusive

We pack up

We choose teams fairly

We share

We determine and play by the rules

We wait our turn

#### RESPONSIBILITY

We use equipment for its intended purpose

We use materials for their intended purpose

We return our sports equipment

We arrive on time

We participate

We look after school property

We place rubbish in the correct bin

We use our 'calm down' strategies

As part of our SWPBS work, students are explicitly taught what the expected behaviour looks like at school. Our values cards can be earned by students when they demonstrate expected behaviours.



Thank you for demonstrating our school values!

Front of values card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Value demonstrated (circle)

Respect

Learning

Teamwork

Responsibility

Issuing adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Back of values card

Each week, school leaders calculate the total values cards earned by the school. We will be setting a target amount of values cards to earn a whole school reward / celebration.

# Cooking - Year 3/4





# Interschool Sport - Year 5/6



The first ever Heathcote PS football team had an enjoyable and successful day participating in an interschool football carnival. Five games, four wins and the team was through to the grand final. What an achievement! A close game saw our team runners up, narrowly defeated by seven points. Congratulations to our footballers for their comradery, enthusiasm and positivity. Our netball team was also out in force, recently playing in an interschools netball carnival. A day with a little bit of everything—wins, draws and losses. We are proud of the sportsmanship, persistence and team spirit demonstrated by all players.

Thank you to Coach Matthews and Coach Grant, Coach Hamilton and Coach Shearer for supporting and guiding our football and netball teams respectively. Thanks also to our families who attended to cheer the teams on and to our players for demonstrating the school values and representing the school with pride.





# Science Fair—Whole School

As part of Science Week, we held our very own Science Fair. Students conducted their own experiments and shared inventions they have been working on throughout the term. A shout out to Dave, our STEM teacher, for all his hard work teaching students about the wonderful world of science and initiating the science fair.





## Parent Information Session

### WHERE

Heathcote Primary School

### DATE

Tuesday 19th August

### TIME

7:00 pm



**REAL  
SCHOOLS**



### Your Facilitator

Sheila Bollard has a deep belief that education can empower individuals to develop a love of lifelong learning which enriches the lives of students, not just in the immediate future but for generations to come.

Sheila is passionate about supporting others, managing cultural change, and inspiring school leaders and teachers. She has a proven track record, that regardless of school history or complexity, every student, teacher and school can thrive and succeed.



## How do we ensure Heathcote Primary School's teachers and parents are on the same page?

How do we work together to mould young people for today and tomorrow?

How can we use the same strategies to manage behaviour, encourage responsibility, and improve the chances of success?

They seem like outrageously big questions, don't they? And they are... but they do have answers. Unfortunately, too often parents and schools are not on the same page when it comes to answering them.

Heathcote Primary School wants to do something about that, and has commenced a partnership with Real Schools to make it happen. But the school can't do it alone. That's why we need you at this critical event in the history of your school and the future of your children.



[youtu.be/1rtHUjd0tH8](https://youtu.be/1rtHUjd0tH8)

### During the session, we will:

- Tell you all about the Restorative Practices Partnership that the school is embarking on.
- Ask for your input.
- Provide you with strategies to use immediately in your parenting ... the same strategies your teachers are using now.
- Learn how to respond, rather than react, to your child's behaviour.
- Share the best ways to build a meaningful partnership with your school.

For more information drop us a line at [info@realschools.com.au](mailto:info@realschools.com.au)



# HEATHCOTE PANTHERS SUMMER SEASON

Term 4 2025 -Term 1 2026

We are now seeking expressions of interest for our  
Junior Basketball Summer Season

Under 10 Boys born 2017-2018

Under 12 Boys born 2015-2016

Under 14 Boys born 2013-2014

## TRAINING SCHEDULE:

Under 10 Monday 4pm - 5pm

Under 12 Monday 4pm - 5pm

Under 14 Monday 5pm - 6pm

++ 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
- Expressions close Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

[www.facebook.com/HeathcotePanthersBasketball](https://www.facebook.com/HeathcotePanthersBasketball)

## LOCATION:

Barrack Reserve Stadium, Heathcote.

## Heathcote Contemporary Art

at Heathcote Community House

## After School Art Program

Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm  
23 July-10 September

All materials included

Term bookings essential

03 5433 2820 or  
0409 100 071

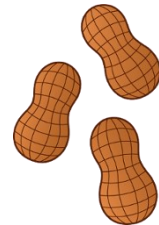
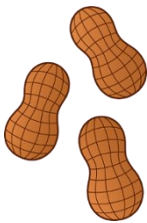


## School Bank Details

**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



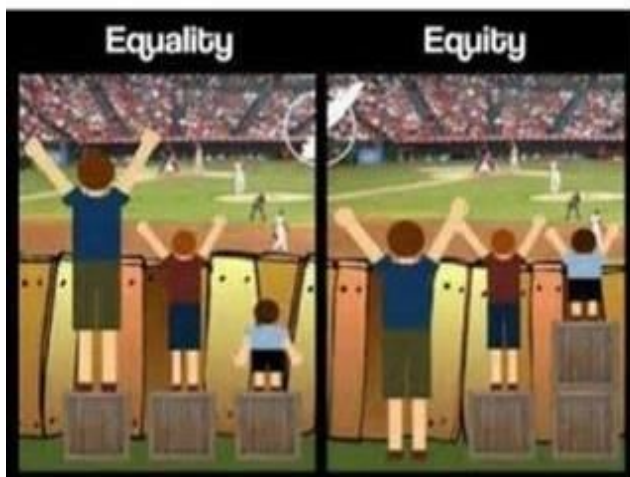
**Remember,  
only WATER  
in your drink  
bottle at school.**



## 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](http://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:

