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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 2nd November	Pupil free Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Public Holiday, Heathcote show day
Friday 6th November	Mariah in today
Wednesday 25th November	School council 5.30pm
Tuesday 1st December	School Photo Day
Tuesday 8th December	Statewide Transition Day (to be confirmed)
Thursday 17th December	Year 6 Graduation 4.30pm
Friday 18th December	Last day of Term 4, early dismissal 2.00pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am in and out of classrooms regularly throughout each day, it has been great to see calm classrooms with students and teachers working hard. In the Year 5-6 classroom I enjoyed seeing some great writing, the presentation of their work was extremely well done. Our students seem to have settled back into the rhythms of the classroom. Well done!

Congratulations Heathcote Fire Brigade on winning the 'People's Choice' award as part of our recent Pitch to the Community session!

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Community Bank
Heathcote & District

B Bendigo Bank

Bushfire Preparation

Our school is well underway with Bushfire preparations. There has been a great deal of cleaning up and mowing as we get ready for another summer. Emergency Management Plans are currently being updated in preparation for this summer, all Victorian DET schools work on updating their plans and incorporate any new guidance put out by DET. We will be putting information into our newsletter in the coming weeks.

Year 6 Graduation

At our staff meeting last week we discussed our 2020 Year 6 Graduation, this will be held on Thursday 17th December, starting at 4.30pm. This year we can only have students and staff attend, although disappointing for families it is great the students have the opportunity to farewell their school at a special gathering. We will start with our usual afternoon tea, this year each child will be provided with their own plate of food to ensure we are following hygiene guidelines. More details will become available as we sort out what we can and can't do. We are finalising how we can stream it to parents to enable them access to the gathering.

Photos

Our photo day has been rescheduled to Tuesday 1st December. Everyone is keeping their fingers crossed that this day can go ahead.

Bikes

If your child would like to bring their bike to school to ride at break times that would be great. Students must have a helmet and have their bike in good working order. The younger students ride in the first break and the older ones in the second break, this seems to work well.

Paternity leave for Mr Clayton

Mr Clayton and his wife Jess are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their second child in November. We have asked Mrs Balic, who currently teaches the class on Friday, and Ms Sergi to take Mr Clayton's place while he is on leave. This provides consistency for the students as both staff members are familiar with the class and their routine for the Year 4-5 day.

Kinder transition

Great to see all of our students who have enrolled to start with us next year in Foundation. We have enjoyed getting to know them and their families as they attend transition sessions. We have had great news that the children can now attend without a parent/carers in groups of up to 10. This is great news and means we can have a couple of groups running. Miss Childs is very pleased to have a bigger group of students onsite.

Evie

Evie has had another great week in the senior classrooms. She has started to move around the room off lead whilst remaining calm. She is a very quick learner and continues to do well in the classroom. She is learning to walk with a Halti lead around the school, this is only for when she is moving around the grounds between classrooms or on yard duty. In the classroom she does not need to use it, the Halti is part of her training. She is learning to wear it very well, having a few treats makes it enjoyable for her! **Please remember to talk with your child/ren about the things below, these are very important in helping Evie do her job in our school –**

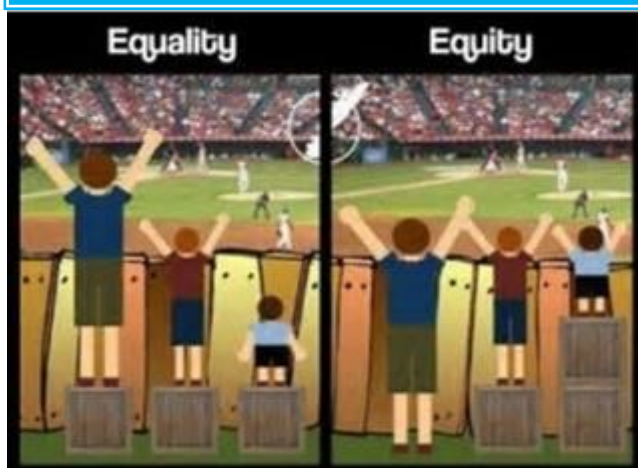
Say hello to the person with Evie, not Evie
Walk around her and give her plenty of space
Don't stop and stare at her
Don't call out her name
Don't use baby talk with her

Enjoy the week ahead.

Kate

DRINK BOTTLE

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



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.





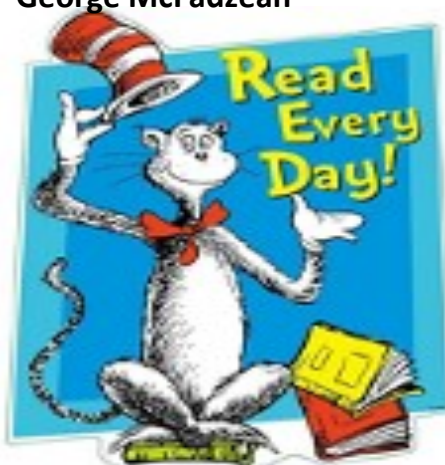
Indi Davidson
Jaycob Grigg
Joshua Robertson



READING AWARDS



25 Nights	50 Nights	75 Nights
Abby Fisher	Abby Fisher	Abby Fisher
Laykin Francis	Laykin Francis	Laykin Francis
George McFadzean	George McFadzean	George McFadzean
100 Nights	125 Nights	150 Nights
Laykin Francis	Laykin Francis	Noah Davidson-Harris
George McFadzean	George McFadzean	George McFadzean
175 Nights	200 Nights	225 Nights
George McFadzean	George McFadzean	George McFadzean
250 Nights	275 Nights	300 Nights
Freddie McFadzean George McFadzean	George McFadzean	George McFadzean





CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Liam Grigg	Jai Francis	Madison Cooper Indiana Davidson Masie Dwyer Bryce Ellis Charlotte Houldsworth Conroy Maller	Amber Deas Bailey Delahaye Brianah O'Keefe Tahryk Turner Sienna Waldron

BRONZE LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Isaac Miller Emily Mitchell	Jai Francis Jaycob Grigg Ned Joseph Sheianna Peterson	Bailey Delahaye Laykin Francis Seth Francis Ivy Henness Ella McNally Ellana Miller	Jai Francis Blake Maiden

SILVER LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Sapphire Cardwell Jai Francis Audrey McFadzean	Ella McNally Zoe Osicka		Nate McNally Ellana Miller

GOLD LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
			Jackson Callander Noah Davidson-Harris Reid Mainard Siobhan Patten

PLATINUM LEVEL



Jai Francis
Ethan Longson
Ella McNally



IN THE CLASSROOM

This week in the F/1 Room..

Due to it being such a short week next week with two days off and then our 100 Days AT School party we will be completing a few assessments.

In English we will also be having a big focus on correct formation of both upper and lower case letters in our writing.

In Maths we will be focussing on the numbers to 100 leading into our 100 Days AT School Party!

In Inquiry our focus is Australia. This week our focus will be on Australian animals and their habitats.



This week in the Grade 2 Room...

Welcome to Week 5!

A short week this week. In reading we will continue to focus on identifying the different text structures and features used for specific texts.

In writing, the students will work towards creating a procedure for their favourite milkshake. We will also begin to identify some common spelling patterns to help the students with working out unknown words.

In Maths, we will continue to work on Australian money, learning how to calculate change from simple and complex transactions.



IN THE CLASSROOM

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

On Thursday during Inquiry, the Grade 3/4 class continued their exploration of inventions and inventors. We discussed why people invent things, and the process by which this might happen. Students know that it takes resilience in continuing to try to find solutions when inventing something new, as the process can be frustrating! They experienced this when they were given the task of making a catapult from icy pole sticks, rubber bands, plastic forks, bottle top lids, glue and sticky tape. They did a wonderful job of experimenting with different designs and testing their catapult until they had done their best to make their projectile fly as far as possible.



The year 3/4 class has one last day with our student teacher Miss Mc Veigh on Friday this week. Miss Mc Veigh has been a wonderful support in our classroom. She has built lovely relationships with the students and I'm sure they will all miss having her around. We thank her for all that she has done and wish her the very best for her teaching career.

Our Numeracy this week will continue to focus on building confidence in solving subtraction problems successfully. We will also use brain training time to strengthen number and place value skills.

This week in literacy we are working on making predictions and posing questions about texts before we begin to read. Narratives are the text type focus for the next few weeks and we will be viewing some short movie clips to observe how good writers begin stories in dynamic ways.

IN THE CLASSROOM

This week in the Grade 4/5 Room

Students will be completing their Covid19 reporter presentations. Some students completed this last week and showed great confidence in becoming the classroom news reporter for a few minutes. Information and presentation research has been taken from Behind the news (BTN).

Students will also continue working on their data poster in mathematics, this week focusing on creating bar graphs.



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

This week during reading sessions, the class will be examining a variety of non-fiction texts and making comparisons. They will be looking for and discussing the similarities and differences within books about similar topics.

During Writing sessions we will be researching, planning and composing an information report based on the books we examine during reading lessons. We will be putting to practice, the skills we have learnt over the past couple of weeks regarding summarising.

In maths we will be focusing on Probability and Chance and engage in numerous activities that explore the outcomes of a range of events.



F-1 Presents
Tiddalick the Frog



Grade 2

The Three Little Pigs - Retells & Recreations

Over the last two weeks, the students have been working on retelling and recreating the classic 'Three Little Pigs' story.

They have also been designing a book cover for their recreations to add to our shared class books.



To Kill A Wolf

By Jessica Toifl

"Get out of my house!" screamed mother Phillipa. "Find your own". And with that she shoved Siobhan, Jessica and Jemma out of the house. They wandered to a place called the city, but what they did not know is that a wolf was following them. His name was Wolfy George. He was badder than bad, blood-thirstier than blood-thirsty...



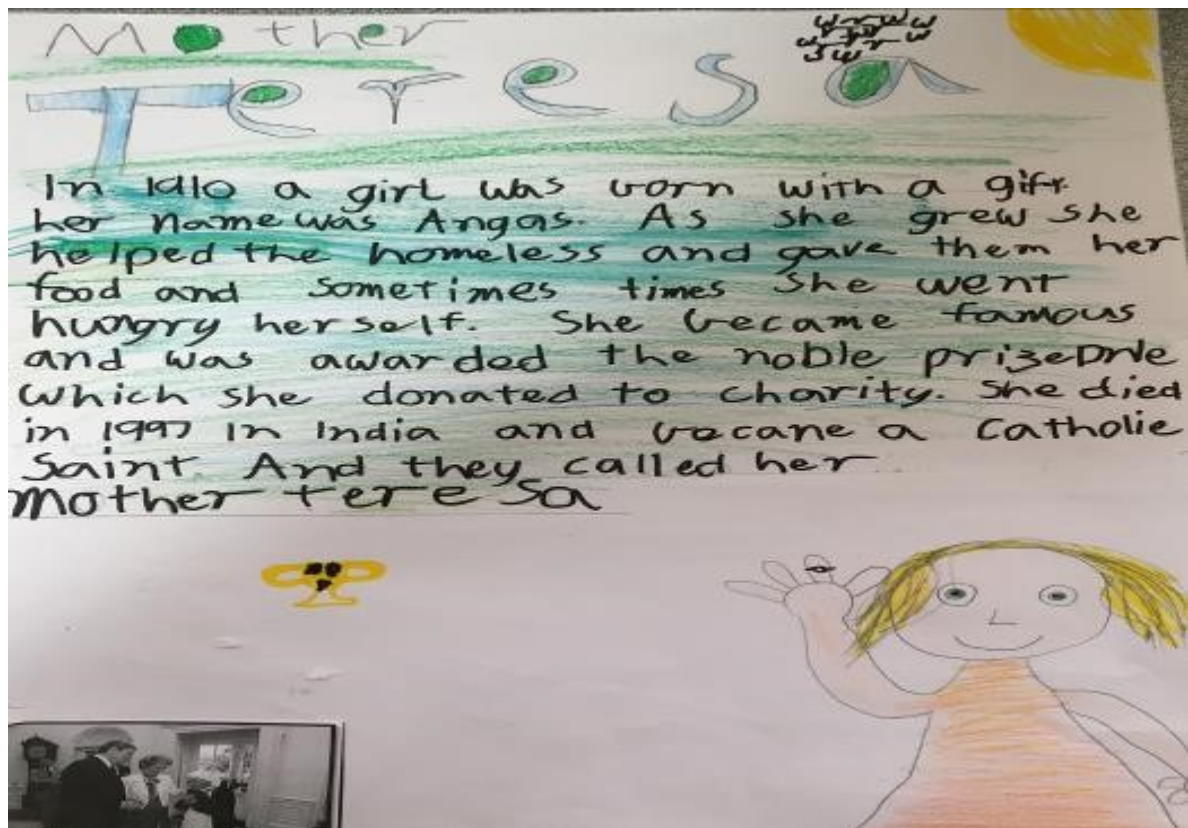
Little Piggies
By Bailey Delahaye
One day the little pigs went to the shop. They went back and the angry wolf tried to eat them up! So they ran into the home and the pigs were safe. The wolf got in and at the pigs all up... now the pigs were dead.



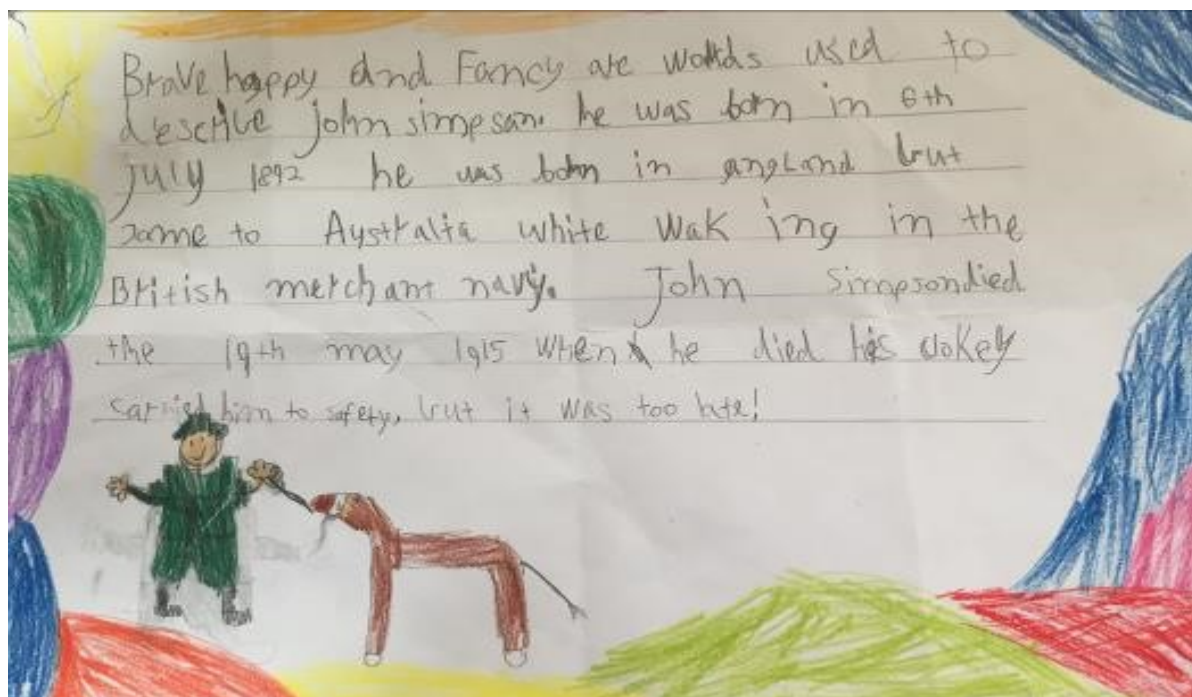
Little Chicks, Little Chicks

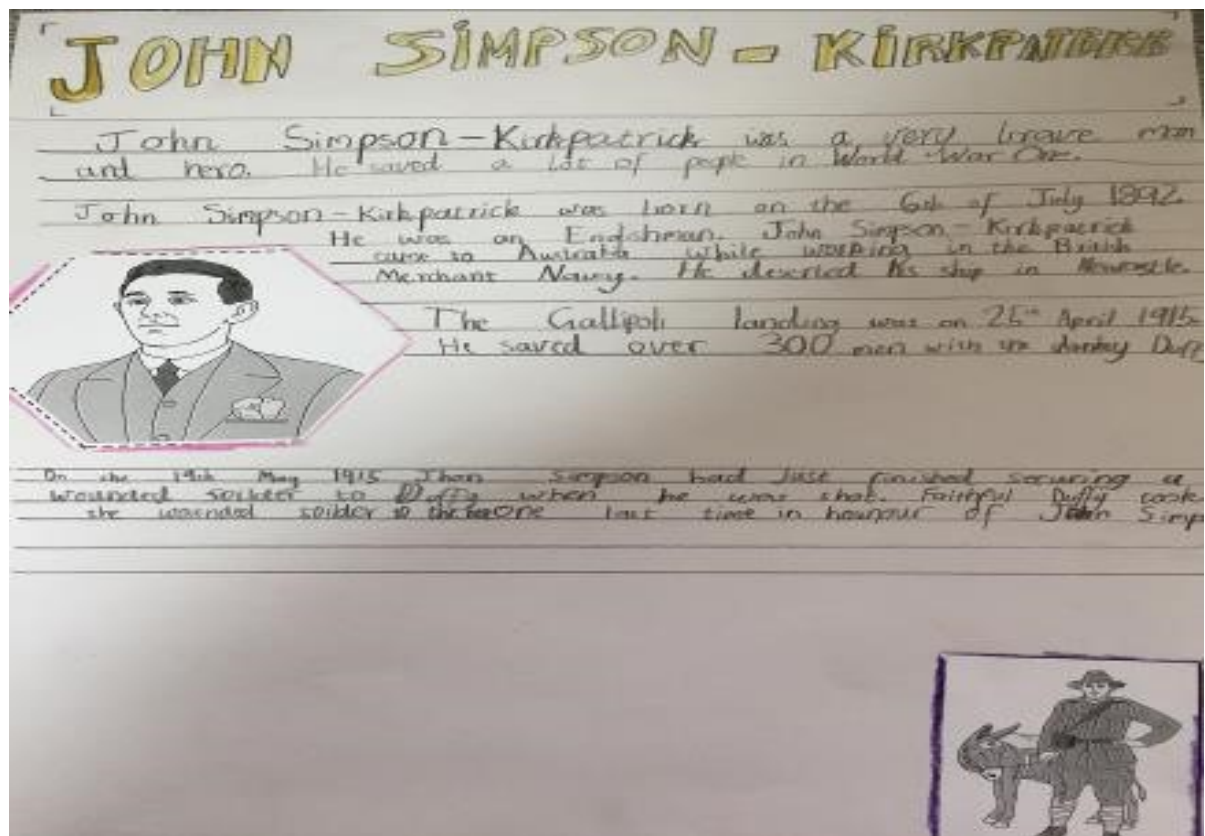
By Siobhan Patten

One day there were three little chicks. Their names were Ella, Fluffy and Macksie. They were in their special box house and out across the creek, lived a fox. When the three little chicks thought about it, it made them shiver. What would happen if the sneaky fox ran out of food and water! He might strike the chicks, biting, digging and hissing...



Grade 3/4 Biography Posters





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