



# Heathcote PS

## 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

Tuesday 8th December	Statewide Transition Day
Thursday 10th December	African Drumming Incursion
Thursday 17th December	Year 6 Graduation 4.30pm
Friday 18th December	Last day of Term 4, early dismissal 2.00pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

The year is quickly coming to a close. Our Year 6 students head off to secondary school transition tomorrow, we have students going to Rochester Secondary, Rushworth P-12, Seymour Secondary, Weeroona Secondary, Bendigo South East and Catherine McAuley! Our students are very excited and we wish them well on their transition day, the beginning of their secondary education journey. Tomorrow we also welcome our new Foundation students for 2021. This is the first time they will be together as a whole group, very exciting for everyone! We will also have some new people in other classes as they join our school community for 2021. If you see some new faces, be sure to say hello.

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

[www.heathcotenagambie.community](http://www.heathcotenagambie.community)

Community Bank  
Heathcote & District

 Bendigo Bank

## **Absences**

Thank you to those families who are notifying us of their child's absence. It is essential that we know when and why your child is away, all absences are recorded and sent to DET. We know students get sick, however students should be at school all day every day. Regular absences and even running 10 – 15 minutes late each day adds up, this can result in significant impacts on learning. If possible, appointments should be made out of hours to enable students to be at school for the whole day. We appreciate families letting us know when their child is away.

## **Healthy lunchboxes and packaging**

Getting the right fuel into our bodies is very important for all of us! Having breakfast is a great way to get ready for the day. We have seen some great lunchboxes - salad sandwiches, chicken or tuna wraps, vegetable sticks and dip, boiled eggs, cheese and biscuits, yogurt, fruit and one treat! In the past few years we have asked students to bring in 'nude food' – no packaging. Using small containers and putting them inside lunchboxes helps students keep their food organised without packaging. If you buy in bulk you can just put things in containers. We will be having an increased focus on healthy eating and nude food next year. One of the DET Victorian goals for 2021 is to have active, healthy kids. Now is the time to get into the food routine!

## **Auslan**

In 2021 we will be introducing Auslan as the language we offer at our school. Our School Council have been very excited and supportive of us beginning this language next year. Miss McKinnell is trained in AUSLAN as well as Indonesian, she is very excited to be working with us in introducing this new component in our curriculum. Auslan is short for Australian Sign Language. Many of you will have become very accustomed to seeing Auslan interpreters standing alongside the Premier this year as he delivered many news conferences. Auslan is another language, instead of speaking, it is signed using facial expressions in addition to hand and body movements. The Australian Deaf community have been using Auslan for over 100 years. We are excited to be starting this new journey next year.

## **Whole school assembly**

In the last week of school, we will be having a whole school assembly outside to enable families to join in. Next week we will be checking the weather to see which day would be best and name the day. The assembly will be held first thing in the morning to ensure there are no heat issues, keep reading your emails and newsletter to see the date. We are looking forward to having everyone together again!

## **Sunscreen**

As part of our Sun Smart Policy, students are encouraged to wear sunscreen when they go outside for breaks or PE. The school has sunscreen available for student use. If you prefer to use your own, please send it along to school with your child. The UV rays are getting very high as we head into summer, protecting our skin is very important.

## **Evie**

Evie has had a great week. She is much happier with her Halti lead and is now very happy to walk with it. This week she had a walk in the yard with Issy, thanks for doing that Issy! Evie also spent some time in the F – Year 2 classrooms where students got to see how Evie behaves in the classroom. She is very calm and loves being in with the students. All classes are looking forward to her visiting more next year. We have one more visit from Steve from Dogs Connect for the year. He is very pleased with how Evie is going, so are we! Evie deserves a green card.

Enjoy the week ahead.

**Kate**

## Newsletter article: Bushfire At Risk Register - Schools

### School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and/or email. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

- For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.



### ***What can parents do?***

Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the school.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices

VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)

ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

## SCHOOL CHICKENS

**Would one of our lovely families be interested in looking after our schools  
5 beautiful chickens over the Christmas holidays?**

If this sounds like something your family could do please contact the school  
office Thank you.



**Amber Deas  
Isaac Lane**



## READING AWARDS



**25 Nights**

**50 Nights**

**200 Nights**

**Luke Anderson**

**Liam Grigg**

**Jax Buccella**

**Liam Grigg**

**300 Nights**

**325 Nights**

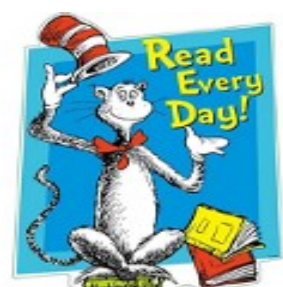
**George McFadzean**

**Henry McFadzean**

**George McFadzean**

**Jessica Toifl**

**Rachel Toifl**





# CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
	Wesley Knight Nate McNally	George McFadzean Zoe Osicka Zavier Rowe	Ella Eiseman Dallas Fraser Reid Mainard Manny Nagy Hanlyn Turner

## BRONZE LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Ivy Hennes Ellana Miller Axel Nunn Mason Thompson	Sophie Fortunato Wesley Knight Angel Shreeve	Noah Davidson-Harris	Holly Cutajar

## SILVER LEVEL

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
Masie Dwyer Charlotte Houldsworth George McFadzean Manny Nagy	Madi Cooper Jai Francis Ava Hart Siobhan Patten William Powers Andre Shreeve	Rhiannon Brown Nate McNally Manny Nagy Rosh Santos	Alexis Knight Sheldon Perl Shane Scoble



## GOLD LEVEL



### TEAM-WORK

### RESPECT

### RESPONSIBILITY

### LEARNING

Audrey McFadzean

Rhiannon Brown  
George McFadzean

## PLATINUM AWARD

Noah Davidson-Harris  
Ellana Miller



## DIAMOND AWARD

Madi Cooper  
William Powers  
Rachel Toifl



## DRINK BOTTLE

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



# IN THE CLASSROOM

## This week in the F/1 Room..

This week in Reading we will be learning about poetry and rhyme. We will be reading lots of rhyming books and trying to identify the rhyming words. In writing we will be learning how to write a few different types of poems.

In Maths we will be focussing on 'Friends of 10', trying to learn all of the combinations to 10 which will help up with our addition and subtraction skills.

In Inquiry we are continuing to learn about 'Celebrations around the world'. This week we will be learning about Chinese New Year and Hanukkah.



## This week in the Grade 2 Room...

In our reading sessions, we will be reading Christmas letters written by people from around the world.

In writing, the students will focus on finalising their creative writing projects and begin to animate their stories using the iPads.

In Maths, we will look at shapes and their properties. The students will identify 3D shapes in the environment and look at how they are similar/different to other shapes. We will also begin to measure and create some of the 3D shapes.



# IN THE CLASSROOM

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

The much anticipated African Drumming incursion will take place this week and we are also very busy organising our special end of year celebration down at the Barack Reserve. If you could return your permission slips for this excursion as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

As the year comes to a close we are still working really hard in the classroom to cover a variety of Literacy and Numeracy topics. This week in literacy we are studying poetry and alliteration techniques. Literary review will be our writing focus as we critique our shared classroom novels.

The students will continue to focus on skip counting and times tables in their Brain Training time each Maths lesson. The lesson will continue to focus on Division, using the students' knowledge of skip counting to assist with connecting multiplication and division. Students will have the opportunity to work as a whole group and in smaller groups to complete different tasks.

We've been working really hard in Art lessons to make boats using sewing techniques as you can see!



# *IN THE CLASSROOM*

## This week in the Grade 4/5 Room

We continued to work on our narratives in the Grade 4/5 room this week. The students are enjoying creating picture story books from their work. We look forward to sharing our books with each other.

During our reading we have been using a range of strategies to recognise and take apart words, and understand their meaning. The students have demonstrated excellent comprehension skills during their Guided Reading Sessions.

We have begun our new topic of “Money” in mathematics. We have looked at money as decimals, and enjoyed playing money-based board games to practice our skills. We have also looked at online supermarket catalogues to budget for a hypothetical party.



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

During Week 10 the Grade 5/6 class will learn about the features of writing and delivering a speech. Students will focus on developing their skills in speech writing, appropriate body composure and the use of vocal tone and expression. Grade 5 students will be working on a leadership speech in preparation for the 2021 Leadership team nominations and Grade 6 students will be working on Graduation speeches.

In Maths lessons students will revise by referring to their exercise books and identifying subjects that require attention.

We are very excited to be involved in African Drumming on Thursday. It will be wonderful to welcome Laura Kirkwood back to Heathcote Primary School.



# Art



# Heathcote Tennis Club



**Tennis is Back**  
**Monday's**  
**5pm-6pm**



**Bring the kids along to get started with a few games and tips.**

**6pm-7pm Adult Social Tennis**

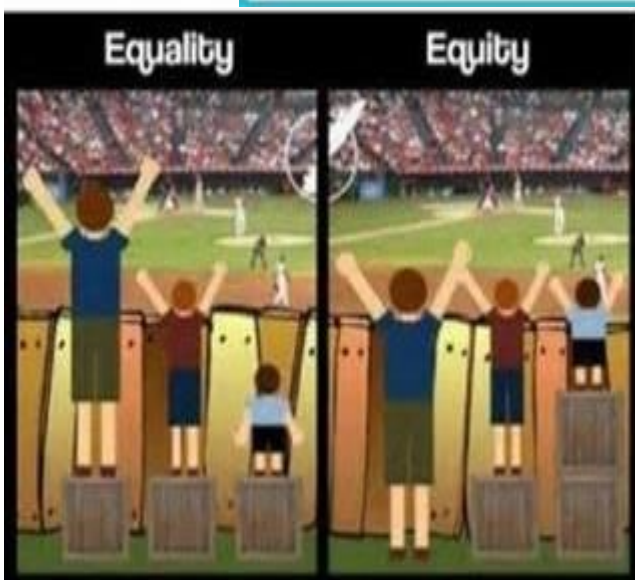
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## PROTECT

**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.



# Heathcote Primary Health Christmas Raffle

WIN a Bike and Helmet voucher  
valued up to \$400

**\*Plus other prizes to be won\***



**Are you a Heathcote or surrounds resident?**

**Simply make a purchase from one of the below local businesses for your chance to go in the draw to win**

- Gaffneys Bakery
- Fodder
- Rutherford & Maine
- Swirls Gift & Décor
- Gaggle of Geese
- Mr Hibberts
- Country Kitchen
- Segafredo Bakery
- Oval Café
- Fetching Treasures
- Palling Brothers Brewery (meal purchase)
- Commercial Hotel (meal purchase)
- Heathcote Inn (meal purchase)
- Union Hotel (meal purchase)



**Raffle to be drawn:**

**Tuesday 22nd December**



**Winners will be contacted individually**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## SUMMER 2020-21

### PUPIL FREE DAYS 15 - 18 DEC

#### ATRIP INTO SPACE Tue 15 Dec

Join us as we travel to outer space for some fun, out-of-this-world activities as we explore all things space!

#### CHILL OUT CHALLENGE Wed 16 Dec

Have you got what it takes to relax to the max? We will be making things to help you to take time to chill out. Ahhh – all in a days work!

#### NATURE DISCOVERY Thu 17 Dec

Today is all about nature as we take a walk in our local natural environment. What plants, insects, birds and animals can we discover, and what can we learn about the amazing natural world around us.

#### SENSATIONAL SCIENCE Fri 18 Dec



We're bringing the excitement of science to blow your mind with experiments of all shapes and sizes. It will be a fun filled day of STEM activities. Challenge your curious mind in a fun and an interactive way

### CHRISTMAS WEEK 21 - 24 DEC

#### FUN AND GAMES Mon 21 Dec

Today we get to enjoy the art of making our own games. Challenge yourself to create an awesome new game then challenge your friends as we play.

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS & DECORATIONS Tue 22 Dec



Get into the spirit of the festive season as we make Christmas Cards and unique decorations for the tree. Take home some Christmas joy!

#### MEDIA MADNESS Wed 23 Dec

Watch out, the YKids are coming! We're hitting the streets to capture the essence of our local community. We're taking photos, writing articles, scrapbooking, and much more!

### WEEK 1 4 - 8 JAN

#### ICE BREAKERS Mon 4 Jan

Discover the world of ice breakers. Can you solve the riddle, find the clues and discover the ultimate prize. A fun filled day of team building and friendship making.

#### LIFE IS LIKE A DREAM Tue 5 Jan

Have a dreamy day making dream catchers, friendship bracelets and other dreamy activities. Oh so relaxing!

#### CAKE DECORATING\* Wed 6 Jan



Spend the day using your imagination and lots of icing to decorate all things cake related.

#### MINUTE 2 WIN IT Thu 7 Jan

A high action day! Keep your eye on the prize, as the clock is ticking! It's brain vs brawn as you have just 1 minute to master the skill and win yourself a great prize.

#### FANTASTIC FITNESS Fri 8 Jan

Bring your energy today as we test your athletic prowess with training challenges and a modified beep test! Achieve a certificate and prizes for sportsmanship and participation and the loudest cheer! Find your champion within!

### WEEK 2 11 - 15 JAN

#### A DAY AT THE RACES Mon 11 Jan

Join us for a full day of racing challenges including egg and spoon, 3 legged and sack races, plus design the ultimate paper plane for our flying competition and heaps more!

#### YMCA TALENT SHOW Tue 12 Jan



A star is born as it's time to test our skills and talent by putting on our very own YMCA Talent Show! What talent can you bring to share with us on the day? Impress us with your crazy skills!

#### IT'S A PUPPET!\* Wed 13 Jan

Roll up, roll up for the greatest mini show in town! We're making a puppet theatre and puppets, and then making our own popcorn to enjoy while we watch our puppet show.

\$84 per day - bookings can be made through your My Family Lounge account

What to bring: Don't forget your broad brimmed, bucket or legionaries hat, sunscreen, snacks, lunch and drink bottle.

### KANGAROO FLAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## SUMMER 2021

### WEEK 1

4 - 8 JAN

#### TIE DYING WORKSHOP

Mon 4 Jan



Let's get tie dying and create colourful items to take home. What can we make with cool colours and our imagination?

#### A DAY AT THE RACES

Tue 5 Jan



Join us for a full day of racing challenges including egg and spoon, 3 legged and sack races, plus design the ultimate paper plane for our flying competition and heaps more!

#### ART AND CRAFT SPECTACULAR

Wed 6 Jan



Are you ready to get creative? We have a day full of arty, crafty fun to help you create your own masterpieces! Have a go at new art ideas and crazy art activities!

#### READY, STEADY, COOK!\*

Thu 7 Jan



Today the food journey is in your hands. You get to make a variety of delicious foods to enjoy throughout the day. Yummy!

#### Y CINEMAS\*

Fri 8 Jan



Today we welcome you into our very own gold class cinema! Select your session time and movie, then be welcomed into the movie with your gold ticket. Yes, of course there will be popcorn!

### WEEK 2

11 - 15 JAN

#### ONE DAY CRICKET

Mon 11 Jan



Howzat! Cheer on your team mates as we bowl, bat and catch in our very own One Day Cricket spectacular. Learn and practice your batting and bowling skills.

#### INVENTIONS AND CREATIONS

Tue 12 Jan



Create your own invention from recycled materials and showcase it to your friends. We will have heaps of other creative activities on hand too.

#### YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

Wed 13 Jan



Explore yoga and movement through our yoga classes and get in touch with your inner self through mindfulness.

#### DIORAMA CREATIONS

Thu 14 Jan



Let your imagination run wild and create a mini world in a box using all sorts of miniature materials.

#### LET'S DANCE

Fri 15 Jan



Get your dance shoes on, we've got a huge day of hip hop dancing, dance jam and karaoke planned. Create your own dance routine and show us your moves.

\$84 per day - bookings can be made through your My Family Lounge account

What to bring: Don't forget your broad brimmed, bucket or legionaries hat, sunscreen, snacks, lunch and drink bottle.

## BENDIGO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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