



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.

2024 - IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 27th March	Easter Hat Parade @ 9:10am Drawing of the Easter Fundraiser
Wednesday 27th March	School Council Meeting and AGM
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term 1. Early Dismissal @ 2pm
Monday 15th April	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 16th April	School Photo Day - see ordering information in newsletter
Friday 19th April	AFL Clinic (Grades 3 to 6)
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday—no students on site
Friday 3rd May	School Sports Day—Families Welcome!
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday—no students on site

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

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Heathcote & District

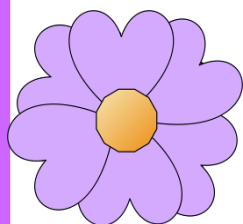
 **Bendigo Bank**

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

<u>TEAM-WORK</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>LEARNING</u>
	Angus T	Finley J Lilah H	Arlo B Soph B Zara H Charlotte H Cooper P Max C Xavier M
<u>BRONZE LEVEL</u>			
William D Bryce K Lachlan S Matteo H	Matilda B Finley J Jaimee G Taj B Pippa A Zavier R	Imogen J Layla S Wesley K Indie P Jessica T	Caspar P Layla S Alexander C Ashley B Caitlyn L Lilah H Rachel T April M Ben J Lucy M Alexandra C George M

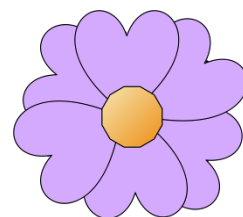
Kindness Ambassador Award

Students who consistently demonstrate acts of kindness, compassion and empathy towards others, promoting a positive and inclusive school environment.



Jett J - For always showing kindness qualities to his classmates and using his initiative to assist staff and peers.

Siobhan P –Is always willing to help other students with their work. She is an expert at spreading good cheer and is a great model in buddy sessions.



CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Lilah –Responsibility Award for being a great role model for other students.

Xavier –Learning Award for staying focused on learning.

Max –Learning Award for being prepared to have a go.

Cooper –Learning Award for being prepared to have a go.

Charlotte H –Learning Award for reflecting on her learnt skills.

Angus –Respect Award for always using manners.

Soph –Learning Award for being willing to take on new challenges.

Arlo –Learning Award for reflecting on his learnt skills.

Finley –Responsibility Award for showing responsibility when asked to complete a task.

Zara –Learning Award for showing great improvement.

Willow –Respect Award for treating others with respect.

Cailen –Respect Award for waiting respectfully until it is his turn to speak.



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Respect ~ Learning ~ Teamwork ~ Responsibility



Riley H

Evelyn O

Bryce K

Fox P

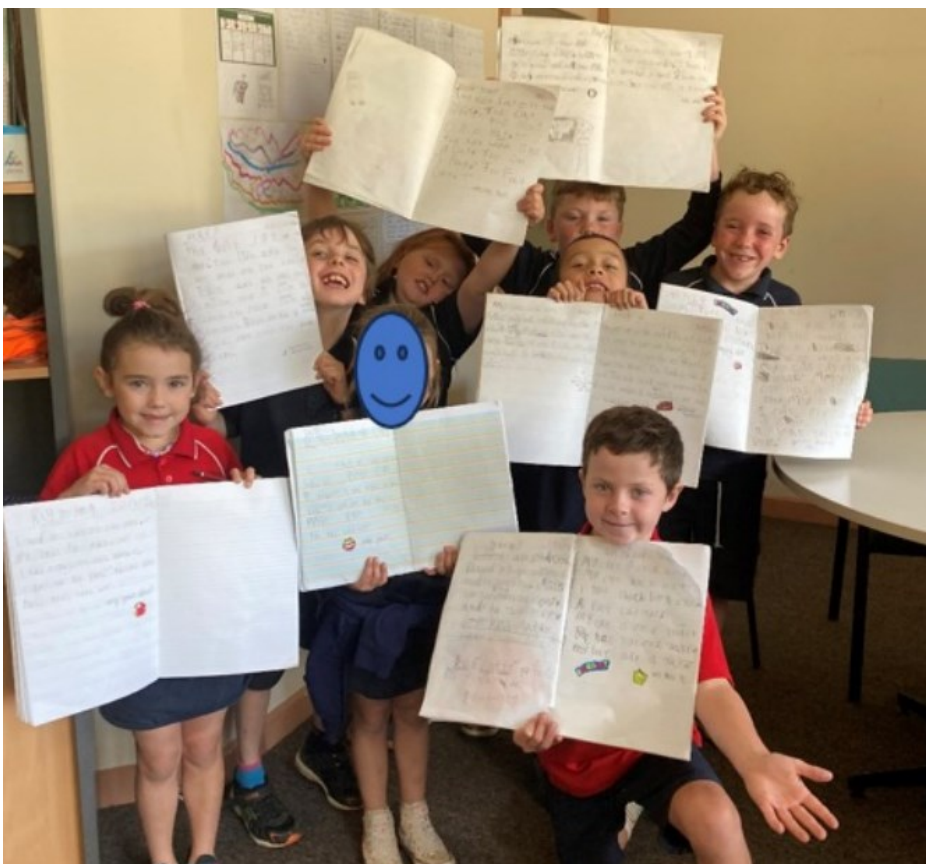
Eli C



It is hard to believe that another week has whizzed by so quickly and we are now into the last week of Term 1.

The end of a term is often a time to reflect on learning, celebrate achievements and identify goals for the coming term. It has been wonderful to hear and see student learning growth—both in classroom based tasks, specialist subjects and as part of our Small Group Learning program.

It is always a highlight when a student shares their learning with me and I've been lucky enough to have many visitors to the office over the past week. From solving maths problems confidently to reading more challenging texts, our students are celebrating new learning and achieving their goals. Staff are celebrating these achievements alongside students. A student proudly shared, "This is the most writing I've EVER done!" and another student reflected, "I got it a bit wrong at the start



but I didn't give up." There is a saying that the only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary and our students are to be congratulated for their hard work leading to success. It has been lovely to see so many students receiving Bronze awards at assembly and I know there are more Bronze recipients not far away.

A huge thank you to the amazing HPS staff team and families who support students in their learning.

I hope you have a very happy and safe Easter holiday break. See you in Term 2!



Carolyn

Thank you to families for keeping us updated with illnesses and keeping students home for the required time. We have members of our school community who are more vulnerable to catching illnesses and we are grateful that our community is working together to prevent the spread of infection. The table below shows the minimum times to stay away from school.

In addition to the illnesses we advised families of via email last week, we have also very recently been informed of a case of headlice in our school community.

The minimum period of exclusion from primary schools and children's services for infectious diseases cases and contacts (Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019, Schedule 7)

Conditions	Exclusion of cases	Exclusion of contacts
Chickenpox	Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in unimmunised children, but may be less in previously immunised children	Any child with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise not excluded
Impetigo (school sores)	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing	Not excluded
Ringworm, scabies, pediculosis (head lice)	Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded

Please click [HERE](#) to access the complete table.



Heathcote Primary School

Private group · 38 members

Heathcote Primary School has a Private Group page on Facebook. We trialled it as a communication method for sharing photos of the Grade 5/6 camp and feedback has been positive. We are now using it regularly to share information.

We deliberately trialled it with a small group of families so that we could iron out any wrinkles before sharing with the broader HPS community. Small wrinkles are ironed and it is all systems go to share with everyone!

If you would like to become a member of the group, search for Heathcote Primary School and request to join. Each request is approved individually. For the safety of our students, there are three questions to ensure that only people directly connected to HPS become members. Requests are approved within 24 hours, often much sooner. If we are unsure of the connection to the school, there may be a delay. We may also decline the original request and seek further information. Please don't be offended—our intention is to make sure we can identify each person as it is a Private Group.

As with anything new, we will trial the page, collect feedback and adjust as needed.



Petitioning for a Secondary School in Heathcote

A petition for a secondary school in Heathcote has been created by community members. Scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) to learn more about the proposal and to sign the petition. It closes at the end of March.

IN THE CLASSROOM

This week in the Foundation room...

This week in the Foundation classroom we will be revising our learning from the term through some fun Easter themed activities. We will be reading and writing about Easter, doing some fun Easter maths and will also be making Easter crafts.

The topic for Show and Tell this week is 'Easter'. Students are asked to bring something Easter themed to talk about, or they could talk about something special that they do at Easter time. As we are not here on Friday, we will do all students' Show and Tell on Wednesday.

Then... on Thursday we are hoping that we will have a special visit from the Easter Bunny! It is sure to be an egg-cellent week!

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

During our last week in 1/2H for Term 1 we are having a wrap-up and week of revision. Throughout the last week we will be revising all of the different new or revisited skills we have been busy learning and consolidating. We will be making Easter hats and Easter baskets in class to finish off what has been a fantastic and very filled up first term.

Congratulations to all our superstars for having a really good try at all things in our classroom and specialist subjects during this term and showing our school values in the yard.

This week in the 4/5/6B room...

It's hard to believe that we're at the end of Term 1 already!

In Week 9, we will be completing a narrative "Cold Write" to assess the students' use of vocabulary. We will embark upon an array of vocabulary building activities in Term 2 and will revisit the assessment later in the term to observe the growth made. We will also have the opportunity to publish some of our favourite writing pieces.

In reading, we will be looking at articles about the history of The Bendigo Easter Fair, with particular reference to the Chinese influence.

Addition and subtraction will be our focus in maths.

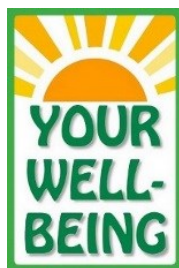
We also look forward to some Easter craft and the Easter Hat Parade. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing break.

SNAKE SIGHTING

A snake was spotted last weekend on school grounds. The snake was on the lower end of the footpath near the carpark. This is a good opportunity to have a snake safety chat with your children and be mindful when walking up and down the main footpath. Please report any further sightings to the office.

WELLBEING – Parenting Workshops:

This week's newsletter includes parenting workshops being offered by the family services organisation CatholicCare Bendigo. These programs are relevant to everyday parenting challenges, including navigating the tween & teen stages and how to manage technology and social media use. These programs often get booked out but are usually free! The registration details are on the green pages in this week's newsletter.



READING AWARDS

25 Nights

Liam H



50 Nights

Imogen J

Finley J

Jaimee G

Logan J

Aldane N

Help Needed for School Sports Day

We are looking for volunteers to help at the School Sports Day on Friday 3rd May. The event takes place at Flora Hill Sports Track. Please see Miss Childs or email Kymerly.Childs@education.vic.gov.au if you can help.

Maintenance Roster April

Task	Families
Blower vac under all verandas and paths	Burrows
Weed our new garden beds at the front of the school	1 Foster 2 Dellar
Whipper snip around all fence lines/garden beds in the front garden/ Stephanie garden area	Burton
Clean up the edging and weed around the school crossing, clean out the adjacent gutter	Thomson
Rake soft fall to even it out under playground equipment	Macleod
Weed coloured garden beds in the courtyard area	Austin
Weed raised garden beds and whipper snip along fence line adjacent to the path leading up to the school from the carpark	Help needed?
Car park, clean up any rubbish and ensure all bay markings, concrete posts are in place. Weed bed under the entrance sign.	Burt
Weed outside the Office under the big trees and the small beds in front of the staffroom	Help needed?



New School Bank Details

Account Name: Heathcote Primary School Official Account

BSB: 083 001

ACCOUNT: 71 938 5618

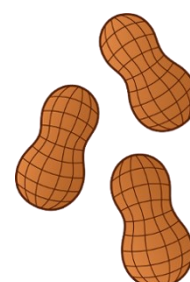
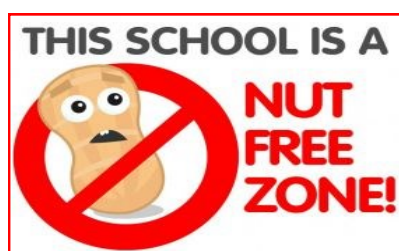
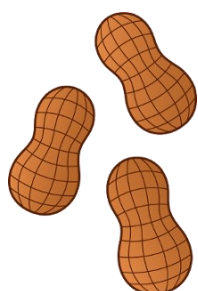


Be an Attendance HERO



Every day at school counts as regular attendance supports learning and wellbeing. Thank you to the families who call, email or use Sentral to advise the school of absences.

<p>Total number of students who had 100% attendance in Week 8</p> <p><i>*We had cases of COVID, chicken pox, school sores and general illness this week and send our best wishes to everyone who has been unwell. We also thank people for staying home for the recommended timeframes for each illness.</i></p>	<p>94* (67% of students) (down from 108 in Week 7)</p>
<p>Total number of unexplained absences in Week 8</p>	<p>24 (up from 21 in Week 7)</p>



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What's On: Term 2

All programs are delivered by our qualified and passionate facilitators.

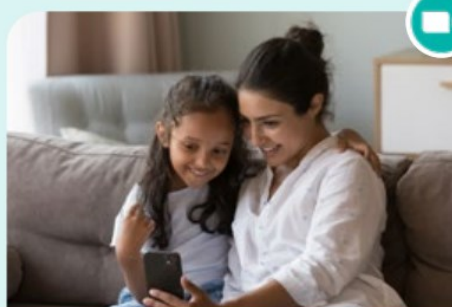
Multi-Session Programs

Tuning in to Teens | 6 Sessions, Mondays

For parents and carers with teens aged 12 and over

The teenage years are among the most challenging for parents to navigate. This program helps parents and carers to build strong relationships and ensure positive interactions with their teens - even in difficult times.

FREE | Mondays, 22 April - 27 May | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Online, via Zoom



Tuning in to Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays

For parents and carers with kids aged under 12

Kids with emotional intelligence have better concentration, make friends more easily, and are better able to regulate emotions. In this program you'll learn to help your child understand and manage their feelings.

FREE | Tuesdays, 23 April - 28 May | 10:30am - 12:30pm
In-person, CatholicCare Victoria Bendigo



Single-Session Workshops

Knowing your Teen

For parents and carers with kids aged 10+

This workshop aims to provide information, improve understanding, and explore strategies that focus on the strengths and challenges of this stage of development. Look at the latest research around teenage brain development and discuss peer relationships and tips for building and maintaining a positive relationship with your teenager.

Thursday, 18 April | 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Bendigo Library
FREE | Registrations not necessary



Single-Session Workshops

Tech Strategies for Families

For parents and carers with kids aged 0-10

Technology is a part of our reality, but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy. This workshop presents current research, helps you reflect on tech use in your family; considering both its challenges and opportunities and explores strategies that focus on creating a safe and healthy tech environment for your family.

Wednesday, 22 May | 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Gisborne Library

FREE | Registrations not necessary



Building Resilience with Kids

For parents and carers with kids aged under 12

Resilience is the ability to cope with the ups and downs of life. Resilience is not just about managing current stresses, but also developing skills for dealing with challenges throughout life and enhancing mental health.

Learn to help kids develop skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience, including how to:

- build good relationships
- develop independence
- build confidence to face challenges
- manage strong emotions



Wednesday, 1 May

9:00am - 11:00am

Quarry Hill Primary School, Bendigo

FREE | Register below

Tuesday, 21 May

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Bendigo Library

FREE | Registrations not necessary

Thursday, 23 May

10:30am - 11:30am

Boort Library

FREE | Registrations not necessary



Register online:

www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register



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mutually agreed Carlton Game in 2024.

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Winner will be contact by phone and email.



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DRINK BOTTLE



**Remember
WATER**

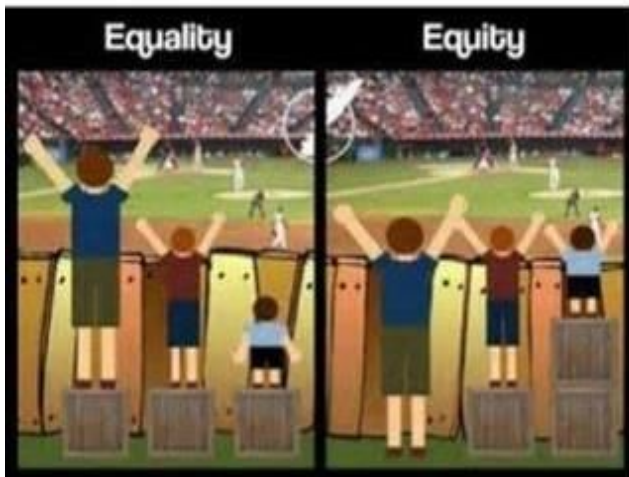
**only in your drink
bottle at school.**



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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.



Please check your child's hair.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:

