



Heathcote PS News

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At Heathcote PS we value... <i>Respect Learning Teamwork Responsibility</i>	
February 15th 5pm	School Council Meeting
February 24th -10am	Parents Cooking for others—food for freezer—Clarissa
February 24th	It's my school too! workshop
March 7th	Labour day holiday
March 9th—9am	Parents Walking group—Pink Cliffs to the Heathcote Hub (coffee) - Clarissa
15th March 5pm	AGM and School Council Meeting
March 24th—10:30	Parents Easter Eat—cook and consume—Clarissa
March 31st—2pm	End of School Term—early dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT— Ms Ballantyne's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday we had the great pleasure of having two musicians come to our school to perform for the students. Lloyd and Emily have been part of the Sanguine Music festival and played their flute and clarinet, explaining the differences between the two instruments. Chris from Sanguine remarked on the wonderful behaviour of our students, demonstrating what respectful audiences do. A big thank you to Sanguine for providing this treat for us, it was greatly appreciated.

All classes have settled in well to the rhythm of the new year. Our afternoon specialist classes will start next week. Monday – Thursday between 2.00 and 3.00, each class will participate in either PE, Art, Music or Digital Technologies. We are excited to be able to provide such a broad range of specialist subjects to our students.

This week we welcome Jackie Evans to our Foundation class. Jackie and his family are new to Heathcote and our school community. Please make them feel welcome.

The car park is running smoothly, people are dropping off/picking up and moving on. This really helps with the efficient movement of our car park, thank you. Great to see lots of people walking and riding – well done to you. **A reminder to bike riders to wear their helmet, by law all riders must wear a helmet – please ensure it is adjusted properly to provide the correct protection for your child.**

We have noticed some students arriving at school very early before supervision is provided. Our yard is supervised from 8.45 to 9.00, all breaks and from 3.00 – 3.15 each day. Students do not need to be here prior to 8.45, if they are in the yard there is no supervision prior to that time. For the safety of all students we ask that your children are not at school prior to this time.

Breakfast Club is running on Tuesday and Friday mornings, if you would like to volunteer to help out with this program please see Clarissa. To participate you will need to have a working with children check completed. We would love to have a few parents involved with this great program!

Great to have lots of students and parents saying good morning to each other and staff, it makes for a great start to the day!

The Department of Education and Training (DET) is very clear about student, parent and teacher behaviour. DET is committed to providing safe and supportive environments where diversity is valued and everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity. At times in our community individuals may have issues with others, these issues are adult issues and should not enter our car park or school grounds and should not involve our students. As adults we are role models for our students and it is important that we model respect, fairness and dignity with all. Your ongoing support is appreciated.

Enjoy your week.

Ms Kate Ballantyne

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CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS—Presented at Assembly last Friday

RESPONSIBILITY

Mikayla
Haylee
Hannah

Team-work

Alize

Respect

Reiji
Jaycob

Learning

Liam
Harrison



Relaxation

For the past two weeks students have been learning relaxation techniques. Being able to relax oneself after being active or stressed is a great life skill and improves concentration, making it easier to learn.



**Dignity and
Respect**

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Heathcote Football, Netball Club

Netball training for under 12's, 15's & 17's, will be held on Thursday the 16th February at 5—6:30 at the outdoor courts. For any enquires contact Bec Dickinson
0447332350



The Bendigo Reads website is
for families with young children.
Find out more at:

www.bendigoreads.com.au

- Local early literacy programs
- Fun ways to learn through reading, talking, singing and playing
- Long term benefits of supporting your child's early literacy and language development
- Speech Pathology Drop-in clinics
-where to go if you are worried about your child's language development.



Communities for Children:
Language & Literacy Project

Sanguine Orchestra performance



Christian Special Religious Instruction

helping
YOUR *child*

Enabling learning about the Christian faith and values

Age appropriate resources and inquiry based learning

Respecting our secular school environment and multicultural, multifaith community

Volunteers who are trained, accredited and Working With Children Check compliant

Special Religious Instruction under Victorian Education legislation and Department of Education and Training guidelines

Engaging with your child with your consent



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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.

Heathcote Primary School will be closed on Code Red days. It has been identified as being 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. 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.

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.**

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>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian