



# Heathcote PS News

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**At Heathcote PS we value... Respect Learning Teamwork Responsibility**

March 13th	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 24—10:30	Barrack Reserve— Heathcote Combined Schools Sports Day
March 31st—2pm	End of School Term—early dismissal
April 18th	<b>First day of term two</b>

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Stephanie Alexander Cooking/Gardening program is one of our most loved programs at the school. Michele has asked for volunteers a number of times through the newsletter, disappointingly we have had not had any parent response to her request. To volunteer, your child does not have to be in Year 3-6. Due to an increase in student numbers, we desperately need more volunteers to help out with both gardening and cooking. **Without volunteers to help, the program is at risk of not continuing.** Volunteers could opt to come once a term, monthly, weekly or fortnightly. Year 3-5 garden and cooking is on a Wednesday and Year 4-6 on a Thursday. The commitment you would be making is for three hours, one hour for gardening between 10.00am and 11.00am and two hours for cooking between 11.30 and 1.30. Your lunch for the day is provided when you sit and eat with the students after your preparation. Listening to our Year 6 students last year at Graduation reminded us how much the students enjoy this opportunity each week and value the skills they gain. **For this great program to continue we need your support, without your support it will not be able to operate. Please contact the office to let us know when you can be involved and Michele will draw up a roster. Thank you for your anticipated support.** (Form in this newsletter)

At times parents will pick up other students at the end of the day. It is a requirement that we know who is picking up your child if you are unable to do so. Please call the office or send a note to explain if there is a change in who is collecting your child. As you can appreciate, there are often a range of custody orders in place and we need to be able to demonstrate permission for children to travel with others.

**If you are picking up your child early, can you please come to the office to sign out and wait for your child to come and meet you.** The office will call your child to come over with their bag. This process is to avoid interruption to the classroom program and to limit people in the school grounds during class time ensuring the safety of our students. Your support with this is expected and appreciated.

In a bid to cut down on our paper usage and reduce our carbon footprint, we are interested in finding out how many families would prefer to receive our newsletter via email. We realise there will be some families who will not want to go paperless due to unreliable internet but we welcome those who are willing to make the swap. Don't forget the newsletter is also regularly loaded onto our school website. We are currently working on updating the website to reflect our current operations. If you are interested in making the swap to paperless please contact the office. We thank you for considering this request.

**We've just given the Graytown Community Action Group \$885 for a new shed to house their generator!**

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Daily attendance at school is critical for your child's education. If a child misses 10 minutes a day, that equals 50 minutes a week which is nearly 1.5 weeks a year and over 13 years of schooling that's nearly half a year..... Did you know that your child's best learning time is at the start of the school day? That's when every minutes counts the most! If your child is away or you are running late can you please contact the office to advise them of the absence. The Department of Education and Training tracks all absences and we need to be able to explain why a student was absent. Thank you to those parents who contact us to inform of us of their child's absence, we appreciate your support.

With last weeks Newsletter we sent home a Student Support Statement from "*It's My School Too Program*" - any parent who is intending to, but has not yet returned the signed notice are asked to return it to school. Spare copies are available from the Office.

Finally, a reminder to all, of our school policy that requiring no mobile phones or any other electronic device be brought to school. If they are inadvertently brought to school, they **must be left at the Office,** and collected after school.

Enjoy the week ahead.

*Ms Kate Ballantyne*

## HEAD LICE



Headlice continues to pose a huge problem for just a few of our families, just enough to keep Head Lice as a continuing problem at school and home.

All parents need to check their children's hair on a daily basis and ensure that if there are any signs of either live headlice or eggs that the proper treatment occurs before the student returns to school.

After using a recognised treatment solution, it is **extremely important** that you also use a specially designed headlice comb to remove all eggs and dead lice. Many students are returning to school without having had their hair thoroughly combed through and this often results in re-infestation

Treating head lice is very time consuming and expensive, but it is the only way to ensure proper elimination.

A couple of our families have highly recommended the V-Comb, which is a chemical free head lice solution

**V-COMB**  
THE INNOVATIVE  
ALLERGY AND  
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- ✓ Detects and prevents infestation
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## STEM

In STEM, we have been continuing with our “states of matter” chemistry theme. The senior unit have been busy researching and writing up a small poster demonstrating the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

The junior unit have been busy doing science with food. Last week the students demonstrated their knowledge of the three states of matter by representing particles with Cheerios. Once completed successfully, those little particles were up for grabs!

We are gradually moving on from states of matter to chemical reactions. Keeping with the food theme, this week we made sherbet. When sherbet touches your tongue, a chemical reaction occurs, releasing gas. It is the popping of that gas which gives that familiar tingle!

## CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS—Presented at Assembly last Friday

### Responsibility

Abbey MARINO

### Team-work

Passo MWAMBA

### Respect

Mason MARINO

Audrey  
MCFADZEAN

Emily MITCHELL

### Learning

Cody GELLATLY

Brayden WALSH

James PRINGLE

# LEARN GOLF

## One Hour Introductory Clinic

**SATURDAY March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Beginners - 9:30am

1<sup>st</sup> Year Players - 10:30am

**MONDAY March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Experienced Players (with lots of issues) 5:30pm

Additional sessions may be added

**Cost: FREE**

**Contact Bryan Wearne 0407844500**

**HEATHCOTE GOLF CLUB**

Max of 10 People per session. For Men, Women or Juniors Equipment can be provided

## **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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# PARENT AND CARERS WALKING GROUP

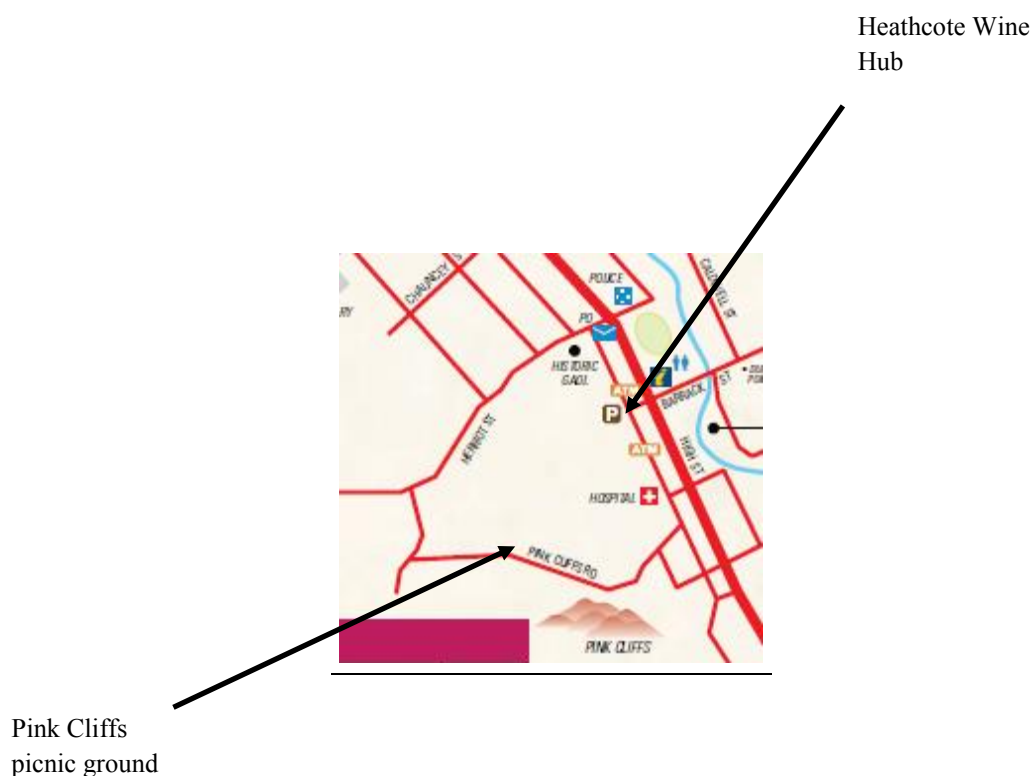
## PINK CLIFFS AND COFFEE

This Thursday, March 9, all parents and carers of our children at Heathcote Primary School are invited to go for a morning walk around the Pink Cliffs track. We will meet at the Pink Cliffs picnic ground at 9am for a 9.15 start. It is an easy walk that is suitable in most places for a pram and children. It will take approximately half an hour to an hour to complete, depending on how much walking and how much talking we do! This is a great opportunity to unwind, keep fit and connect with other parents and families in our school community. Additionally, participating in activities associated with stress prevention, social connection and self-care assists us in becoming more effective parents.

If you cannot make the walk or the early start we will reconvene for coffee and/or morning tea in the garden at the Heathcote Wine Hub at 10am-10.15. Again, everyone is welcome!

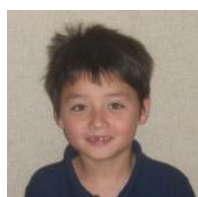
If you are walking please try to remember a water bottle, hat and sunscreen. I have provided a map below to assist with directions.

Your School Community Worker,  
Clarissa Power.



## GREEN CARDS STARS FOR FEBRUARY— CONGRATULATIONS

Foundation—Year 1



Riki N

Year 1—Year 2



Tom M

YEAR 3/4/5



Jacob G

YEAR 4/5/6



James P



**Heathcote Primary school  
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden  
Program  
Volunteer Personal Information**

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

Address:

Phone (home):

(mobile):

Email:

Emergency contact (name & phone):

If you are a parent of a child/children at Heathcote Primary School please list their name/s:

Relevant skills/interests:

Do you have any significant health issues that may affect your volunteering (e.g. food allergies)?

I have attached a copy of my current Working With Children Check YES/NO

If NO have you applied for your Working With Children Check? YES/NO

I have signed the Agreement of Understanding (below) YES/NO

**PROGRAM NOMINATION (please circle your preferred volunteer session/s)**

GARDEN PROGRAM		KITCHEN PROGRAM	
Wednesday 10.00am – 10.45am	Thursdays 10.00am – 10.45am	Wednesday 11.30am – 1.30pm	Thursdays 11.30am – 1.30pm

**Agreement of Understanding**

I have fully read this document and the attached Guidelines and hereby recognise, understand and accept my obligations as a volunteer with the Kitchen Garden Program at Heathcote Primary School. In signing this agreement I also understand the importance of privacy of information and confidentiality pertaining to my role as a volunteer at Heathcote Primary School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Program Representative

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Date