



# Heathcote PS News

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

<b>March 9th—9am</b>	Parents Walking group—Pink Cliffs to the Heathcote Hub (coffee) - Clarissa
<b>15th March 5pm</b>	AGM and School Council Meeting
<b>March 24th—10:30</b>	Parents Easter Eat—cook and consume—Clarissa
<b>March 24—10:30</b>	Barrack Reserve— Heathcote Community Schools Games Day
<b>March 31st—2pm</b>	End of School Term—early dismissal
<b>April 18th</b>	<b>First day of term two</b>

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the extra day at home thanks to the Labour Day public holiday. It is hard to believe we only have three weeks of Term One before we finish! Great to see everyone turning up with a smile on their faces and ready to get stuck into work. Well done!

We are currently trialling a different arrangement during our break times. The playground with the two slides is currently only for use by the Foundation – Year 2 students. This is to ensure a smooth start to the school playground for our new Foundation students. The other playground is available for use by any student from F - Year 6. The oval is for ball games for Year 3-6 students only, the turf area near the office is for Foundation – Year 2 ball games. This is to avoid clashes in size in our most active sports. The turf area outside the classrooms is for passive recreation, no ball games are allowed in this area. Students across the school can play together, if there are any incidents restrictions may be put in place for individuals.

Respect, Responsibility, Teamwork and Learning are our school values. In the playground it is important to remember our teamwork and respect values. Speaking respectfully to others, listening to other opinions, sharing and taking turns are all important life skills that start right here! Great to see so many of our students doing these things so well. If things are not working in the playground, get help from a teacher. Sometimes issues can be sorted out successfully by students, but at other times an adult is need to support the process. Please talk with your child/ren about coming to ask for help if the sorting out process is proving to be tricky.

A big thank you to a few of our parents who have expressed an interest in helping out in the kitchen garden program. **We still need more helpers.** If you can help out please see the office as soon as possible. If every family volunteered two sessions a year, a total of 4- 6 hours, we would need a waiting list! Involvement in this program is a great way to become involved with the school whilst developing your cooking skills! We urge you to support our cooking/gardening program so it can continue to operate in its current format. We hope to hear from you soon.

**We offer a free driving lesson to all local learner drivers, call in to claim your voucher today!**

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**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.

Have a great week.

*Ms Kate Ballantyne*



### **Heathcote Community Games District Schools Sports Day**

Heathcote Community Games District Schools Sports Day is on again! This year the games will be held on Friday March 24th, from 10am to 2.30pm at Barrack Reserve Heathcote.

Once again we will have Netball and AFL Victoria attending, along with Weeroona Secondary College, Bendigo, who will be planning and running activities on the day.

As students are representing our school, we expect them all to demonstrate their great teamwork and behaviour on the day. If any student chooses not to behave appropriately, teachers will contact parents/carers to take their child home from the event. We look forward to parents/carers coming along on the day and sharing in the fun.

### **Camps, Sports & excursions Funds (CSEF)**

CSEF application forms are available for collection from the office.

There are still a large number of families who have not completed their 2017 form. Please call into the office as soon as possible to collect this form.

Thank you

### **Heathcote Primary School Council**

Thank you to the Liam Anderson and Leigh Tongco for nominating for School Council. Due to the number of nominations and vacancies there was no need to have an election. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Wednesday at 5.00pm in the Gallery, everyone in our school community is invited to attend. The AGM will be followed by our first meeting with our new School Council.

Glenn Wilson, our School Council President, is stepping down from the President's role and from our School Council. Glenn has had a long partnership with the school and has been instrumental in many of the changes we see in our current school. On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge and thank for Glenn for his long involvement and many hours of work he has put into our school community. Glenn's children have long left the school but his involvement and interest in the school continued. A very big thank you to Glenn. He may still get the odd phone call!

THANKS

# STEM



This week in STEM the senior students completed their posters on solid, liquids and gases. These posters will be on display in the gallery in the near future. As they completed their tasks, the students started researching about atoms. As we move from physical changes to chemical changes, the role of that atom will become very important.

The junior students completed writing up their experiments with making sherbet and pasted this into their workbooks. We formed two groups and performed the “dancing currants” experiment. By mixing bicarbonate of soda with vinegar, we produced carbon dioxide gas bubbles, allowing the currants to dance around inside a beaker. A little bubbling over the edge got all the students pretty excited.

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

### Responsibility

Ella Mc Nally  
Nathaniel Russell

### Team-work

Elise Pringle

### Respect

Tanika Cook

### Learning

Nathalie Organ  
Ami-May Burgess  
Erica Mitchell  
Kristine Galing



## Easter Egg Fundraiser

Our annual Easter Egg Fundraiser is ready to go!!

From Tuesday 14th March to Friday 24th March we are asking families to donate an Easter Egg/Rabbit to our fundraiser. These will be packaged up for the last week of term to be put on display in the office.

Fundraising tickets will be sent home on Monday 27th March.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Friday 31st March at a special gathering in the Gallery at 9 am.

If every family donates one item we will have lots to share!

Please send your donations to the office.

Thank you for your anticipated support.



## 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

## The O'Keefe RAILTRAIL FUN-RUN-WALK-ROLL

**23rd April 2017**

### O'Keefe MILE

Primary Schools Challenge

Come along and join in the fun

**1st Prize \$200 & perpetual trophy**

O'Keefe Rail Trail  
Herriot St Heathcote  
\$80 (10 students per team)  
Start 9.25am  
Pre-race briefing 9.15am  
Distance: 1 Mile = 1609m

To register or for further details:

ookeeferailtrail@gmail.com

www.theokeefe.org.au

Karyn Aumont 0447 674 810

Forward entries to:  
Amber Tavinor  
3523 Fitness Centre  
243 High St  
Heathcote 3523



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## Christian Special Religious Instruction

SRI is being offered again this year, to all students, to provide them with an opportunity to learn about Christian beliefs and values, in a fun and relaxed way through bible stories, songs, games and activities. SRI will be held on one day each week, for 25 minutes, either during afternoon play break or immediately after school. If children who travel on the bus would like to come, SRI will be held during an afternoon play break. So Day and time to be decided. Parent permission forms are available at the school office for parents to sign and all questions welcomed.

We look forward to your response as soon as you can, to help us to decide the day and time for everyone's diary.

Instructors are Heather Zak and Merle Brown.

Thank you.