



Heathcote PS News

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

March 24th—10:30	Barrack Reserve— Heathcote Community Schools Games Day
March 30th—2-3pm	F-2 Basketball Clinic - at school
March 31st—9am	Special School Assembly + Easter Hat parade
March 31st—10:30	Parents Easter Eat—cook and consume—Clarissa
March 31st—2pm	End of School Term—early dismissal
April 18th	First day of term two
April 18th-19th	3-6 School Camp - Doxa, Malmsbury
April 23rd (Sunday)	The O’Keefe Mile—Fun Run Walk or Roll
April 24th	Pupil Free Day
April 25th	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday no school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the people who have volunteered for the Kitchen/Garden program. We greatly appreciate your support. We still need a few more people, so don’t miss out! A roster will be made up next week and distributed ready for next term. Our students and staff appreciate your support and interest in the school.

Clarissa has postponed her cooking for families this Friday due to the Community Games. From time to time some of our families experience difficult times at home. We would love to have some meals in the freezer to send home to these families to show support. The session will be held next term and we would love to have parents/carers come in to assist with the preparation of these meals. Please see Clarissa if you would like to be involved.

On the last day of term we will be having our assembly at the special time of 9.00am. This is to look at the wonderful Easter Hats that students are creating at home. We will also draw our Easter Egg fundraiser. Donations of Easter Eggs are being collected at the office, if each family could donate one thing it would be gratefully received. Clarissa is also having a cooking session with parents where they will get to prepare a meal and sit down and share it together. Clarissa will be out chasing up people to be involved on this day! Please come along and take the time to cook, talk and sit down to share a meal together.

Michele reported to me this morning that she had two stand out cooks yesterday. **Josh Fisher and James Mitsakis demonstrated great leadership and cooking skills in their cooking session.** Well done to both boys for their great effort and leadership. The kitchen has been busy! Kinder cooking and Foundation – Year 2 students have been cooking up a storm. One Year 1 student commented to me he was ‘so excited he was cooking that his head was going to explode.’ Thankfully his head did not explode and they had a great time! Thank you to all parents who have supported these classes and a big thank you to Michele for her organisation and patience.

Proud sponsors of the My School Too anti-bullying program at Heathcote, Tooborac and Axedale Primary schools

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You will notice in this newsletter an advertisement for our **Car Boot sale to be held on Sunday 23rd April**. This will tie in with the O'Keefe Marathon, there will be lots of visitors in town for the weekend and the event is finishing at the school car park. On that day we will also be cooking a sausage sizzle for the hungry marathon people! **Volunteers for the sausage sizzle will be called for next week**. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the car boot sale please get them to contact the school.

We have decided to call for all Bulb orders by the end of this term, this will enable us to get orders back to you ready for planting early next term. If you placing an order can you please send it to the office by the last day of this term, Friday 31st March. Thank you!

Don't forget to get your entries in for the O'Keefe Marathon. You can ride, walk or run!!

Have a lovely week ahead.

Ms Kate Ballantyne



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS EASTER FEAST

Change of date for PARENTS LUNCH to FRIDAY MARCH 31st

With the Community School Games now to be held on Friday March 24, our **PARENTS LUNCH** will now be held on **Friday March 31st**. All parents and carers are invited to meet at the kitchen following our special school assembly at around **9.30-9.45am**, where we will then prepare a meal to cook and consume together! This is a great opportunity to unwind before the school holidays, to meet with fellow parents and to contribute to ideas for future activities at our school. Come along and join the fun!

Clarissa Power – School Community Worker



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.

Due to a number of requests, Fundraising tickets will be sent home today. Cost \$1 per ticket.

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.



MEDICATION, ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES

If your child is asthmatic or has any allergies, please forward an up to date asthma plan or allergy plan to the school as soon as possible.



REMINDER



Just a friendly reminder that there are to be **NO dogs** on school grounds.

We thank you for your support.



STEM

We have commenced work on chemical changes. The senior students performed two experiments to demonstrate the difference between physical changes of state and chemical changes. The physical change occurred when sugar dissolved in vinegar. The chemical change occurred when sodium bicarbonate was added to vinegar. Very similar looking experiments but with different results!

The junior students created a “rainbow wizard’s brew”. Jars of different coloured “brew” bubbled up and over the lip of jars, mixing together to make a rainbow of colours in the bottom of a tub.



CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS—Presented at Assembly last Friday

Responsibility

Alexis Knight

Team-work

Dakota Delmo
Madison Johnson
Rhiannon Brown

Respect

Learning

Henry Thorson-Patten
Ami-May Burgess
Payton Guy
Manny Nagy

I made cupcakes. They were
yum, yum, yum...

Conroy.



I am in the kitchen. Me and
Michelle but Michelle gave
the instructions.

Manny.

F-2 COOKING

Shared Writing with the F-2 Class

Cooking in the Kitchen.

This morning we went to the kitchen to do some
cooking.

We made pasta and some raspberry muffins.
Everybody loved them!



I like cooking.

Isaac



We cooked the muffins.

Riki



I ate muffins and pasta in the
kitchen.

It was delicious.

Dominic



Junior Unit Cooking in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.

17.3.17

The Junior Unit had a fabulous time in the Kitchen on Friday, working with Michelle.

Thank you to the helpers

**Stuart, Sandie, Kyoko, Vicki, Marli, Kylie and Alison
who gave up their time to work with the students.**

We look forward to cooking again in Term 2 and will be looking for some more helpers.

Please let staff know if you are able to help. You are required to have a current Working With Children Check.

Due to safety, younger siblings are not able to attend with parents.

WANTED

We are looking for people from our school community or the broader Heathcote community who would like to present a short session at our assembly on something they are passionate about in their life. It could be their job, an unusual sport, a hobby they enjoy, a trip to another country. This is another way for us to connect with our community and to let our students know the different people we have in our broader Heathcote community. If you have an idea or know of someone out there who would be interesting, please let Kate know and we can make up a roster for the rest of the year. We would love this to become an important and interesting part of our assembly. Please find below a sample of people who may be able to come along to assembly.

Fire fighter Mechanic Ambulance Officer Police Retail worker

Nurse Hospitality worker Doctor Dentist Wine Maker Permaculture

Cheese Maker Guitar Maker Plumber Electrician Builder

Gardener Postman Artist Chef Chemist Musician Writer

Junior Unit Helpers in the Classroom.

We are looking for helpers to assist children with small group activities for about half an hour in the mornings. Helpers require a current Working With Children Check.

Help is needed with activities such as word bingo, magnetic letters/words, memory, reading picture books/alphabet books, play dough words, etc. with a group of four or five children.

Please let Miss Alison O'Neill or Mrs Marg Parry know if you are able to help.

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 PS Car Boot Sale

Where: Heathcote PS, Bus car park/Vegie garden

When: **Sunday 23rd April 9am - 1pm**

Cost: \$20 per car boot, payable before the day.

Limited spots available.

Please call the school to arrange your payment and booking by **Wednesday 19th April**



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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTY CLINIC
April 3rd & 4th - 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
(Early drop off at 8:00am if needed)
AGE 6 to 14 years, all levels from beginners to elite.
At the Strathfieldsaye Football and Netball Club
players from all clubs welcome!!

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SCHOOL STATEMENTS & ABSENCE NOTES

If your child is away, can Parents please ring the office to let the school know the reason your child is absent. This helps our office staff to keep a record of absences. If the office has not been contacted, your child must bring a note to explain their absence.



VOLLEYBALL HOLIDAY CLINIC

When: Tuesday 11th April

Where: Bendigo Stadium (Court 4 & 5 Inglis Hall)

Time: 9am – 12pm (arrive at 8:45am to sign in)

Age Group: 8 – 12 years olds

Price: Free

Nothing to do over the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?
Then come along and enjoy the fantastic sport of VOLLEYBALL.

The clinic will be a structured program designed for junior inclusion, skill progression and game play being conducted by Australian and Victorian coaches and players.

Morning tea and water will be provided and all participants will receive a volleyball at the conclusion of the clinic.

If interested please email to _ddb@live.com.au to receive registration form.





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:

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