

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to school for term 2. I trust you have had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends and are well rested ready for a term full of learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Cameron Heath and I have been appointed as Principal of Healesville PS. I have several years' experience in the Principal Class at a variety of settings including Warburton PS and Boronia Heights PS. I have an open door policy and encourage parents, caregivers and families to visit and have a chat about education and of course the Carlton Football Club.

This week I have had the pleasure of visiting all grades and listening about the many exciting holiday adventures that took place. I spent most of the holidays with my sons, Alex and Ben, playing footy, soccer, golf, reading and watching movies.

ANZAC DAY

Friday this week marks ANZAC Day – 25 April – it is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. To remember the soldiers that fought for Australia and New Zealand the School Captains and I will be attending the Healesville dawn service this Friday.

Today students participated in an ANZAC service led by members of the Healesville RSL. Thank you to John Stanhope for volunteering his time to play the Last Post during our school ceremony.

Cameron Heath, Principal

ANZAC DAY

Friday is the 99th anniversary of a special day on the Australian calendar. It is a day where we honour the men and women who have sacrificed their lives to protect our country and particularly the landing at what is now known as ANZAC Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. 8141 Australians gave their lives at Gallipoli and it is worth noting that by the time the armistice that ended World War I came into force in 1918, bringing to an end four years of hostilities, 61 919 Australians had given their lives at sea, in the air, and on foreign soil. Few Australian families were left untouched by the events of World War I - 'the war to end all wars' most had lost a father, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend. They died so that we can live in a free, peaceful and prosperous country, free from the oppression that still scars other parts of the world. Gallipoli came to signify Australian and New Zealand courage and mateship, none more so than that of John Simpson Kirkpatrick, who with his donkey, rescued countless wounded ANZACs, ultimately at the cost of his own life. So on Friday, wherever you are, spare a thought for the many brave men and women who have given so much, in all conflicts this country has been involved in, so that we can enjoy the freedoms we so often take for granted.

SCHOOL EVENTS

APRIL

Friday 25th

Anzac Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 30th

Parent & Friends meeting 2pm

MAY

Monday 5th

Book Club due back

Thursday 8th

Mother's Day Stall

JUNE

Monday 2nd – 13th

Middle school swimming

MEET OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

To all parents/ guardians: Meet and greet with our new principal, Cameron Heath.

Stay around for a coffee and chat after assembly on Monday morning (April 28th)

BOOKCLUB 2014

Enclose the correct money as change cannot be given. If paying by credit card, fill in the details on the bottom of the form.

Include your child's name and class on the form as well as the envelope to ensure their order is given back to them. (If you are not sure, put teacher's name)

Check that you have ordered what you wanted as a refund will not be given if you have ordered something by mistake.

The due date will be in the newsletter – no late orders will be accepted.

Cheques should be payable to Scholastic Australia.

Orders for issue 3 are due back at school by Monday 5th May.

Barbara O'Gorman

CANTEEN

APRIL 2014

Mon 28th	Vanessa Clothier	Debbie Watson
Tues 29th	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 30th	Tash Bassett	Jenny Daniel
Thurs 1st	Sharee Anderson	
Fri 2nd	Susan Ferguson	Lyn Brendish

Welcome back for term 2!

I hope that everyone received a new price list for term 2. There have been some price increases, so please make sure that you have a list with **Term 2 - 2014** at the top. Spares are available at the office or the Canteen. Thank you, Vikki Chandler

Parents & Friends Club

Welcome to term 2!

This Term: Coming up next month we have our Mother's Day stall and raffle, then in June we will be holding a mid-year disco. We really need lots of parent helpers for both these events, so please contact me via the office if you are able to help, or come along to our get-together next week (Wed 30th). If you have something you'd like to donate for our Mother's day raffle prizes please be in touch asap.

Easter Raffle: Congratulations to all our Easter raffle winners: John C, Casey L, Calvin B, Sandy B, Grace H, Darcy W, John C (again!), Gabby B, Mrs Lockwood & Rebecca L. Thanks to everyone who donated so generously that we were able to make up so many prizes and therefore have lots of winners. Every item was much appreciated. I would personally like to thank Kylie & Marie for all their help.

"Crunch & Munch, A healthy lunch": Next Wednesday we will be having a special guest at our meeting - Raini from Eastern Health who wants to talk to our wider school community about healthy eating options and in particular school lunchboxes. It would be great if lots of parents could come along to share ideas and see what she has to say. Wednesday April 30th from 2pm in the Bristol.
Thanks Maidi Mitchell

ARTS – Performing Arts and Visual Arts

All student are now participating in both a performing Arts and Visual Arts Program at Healesville Primary School. Mrs Hogg and Mrs Thomas deliver these programs and your children will love to participate in, Music, Dance, Drama, Media and Art. Already this term students have enthusiastically joined in all of the creative activities.

These programs are in need of your help. If you can donate the following items to the Donation Box located outside to the Art room we would really appreciate it.

Term 2 needs – cookie cutters, plastic knives, costumes, unusual hats, Womens' Weekly type magazines, ice-cream containers with lids, cardboard tubes, ribbons, buttons, cards, wrapping paper.

If you think you may have something else useful for an Arts program, feel free to add it to our collection box.

Thanks so much, Fenna Hogg, Arts Coordinator

Prayer for School

We have a prayer meeting in order to pray specifically for school concerns. If you would like to join us please come.

Our next meeting is on Monday 28th April straight after assembly, in the end portable.

Any questions phone Cherida 59626620, Shelley 59624860 or Mandy 59625939

Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS

Have a go at trying to persuade someone in your family about a topic you're interested in.

For example, dogs are better than cats.

Don't forget to explain the reasons why you believe it.



A Warm Welcome to a Short Week 1

School is back, we hope everyone had a lovely holiday break; we certainly did at Holiday Club!

Term 2 means that we are kicking off our Better Buddies program, as Camp Australia partners with The Alannah & Madeline Foundation nationwide.

****Please don't forget that there will not be a service available ANZAC Day 25/04/14****

Thanks for coming to play with us.

Cheers from the team at Camp Australia

Boys will be Men 2014 program.

The program starts this term, first for the men from 22nd April at 7.00pm at the school.

The boys will need to attend from Tuesday 20th May for the rest of term 2 from 7.00 to 8.30pm.

There are still places available for boys from age 10 years. Flyers are available from the office. For application forms please contact Anne Hocking.

Anne Hocking, Student Welfare Teacher

Year 6/7 Transition

Enrolment forms for secondary school 2015 have been sent home with Yr.6 students.

Please return these by Friday 16th May to your Yr.6 teacher.

Healesville High School Information Night is on Wednesday 13th May at 7pm.

Any parents interested in the Lilydale High School 'Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program' please note application forms are now available online.

Go to www.lilydalehs.vic.au

Testing begins on Friday 23rd May.

Healesville Mountain District Basketball Association

Aussie Hoops

Registration Day & Starting Day

Will be on **Wednesday 30 April 2014** for Term 2

Where: Healesville High School Basketball Stadium
Cameron Rd Healesville (behind Indoor Pool)

Time: Starting 4.30pm & Finishing about 5.15 pm
on Wednesday night for over 11 weeks

Cost: New registration \$60.00 with a kit, Re enrolments \$20.00 1st week and \$5.00 per week.

This is for Girls & Boys ages between 5 yrs and 12 yrs

To learn skills in how to play basketball from Passing Dribbling, Catching, Shooting and playing a game and other important things of value to the game.

www.healesvillebasketball.net.au