

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Increasing our High Performance as a school

Thursday and Friday last week Rebekah Clarke, Kathryn Melody, Tom Gamble and I attended the first 2 days of our BASTOW course – **High Performing Learning Cultures: Using Data and Evidence**. We identified aspects of high performance and the steps we need to take to continue on the path of high performance in all aspects across Healesville PS. We discussed the range of evidence we use when planning, how we monitor and report student progress and achievement and how teachers engage in rigorous and targeted collaborative learning based on data, in order to improve students learning.

ANZAC Day

A core school value that was evident in all our ANZAC ceremonies last week was that of *respect*. I was very proud of our students who participated in ANZAC commemorative events, whether at our school assembly, The Dawn service or at the Healesville ANZAC Parade. The children displayed an appropriate sense of seriousness and sincerity, once again demonstrating self-monitored social awareness well beyond what is expected of many young children in many places, marking the importance of the occasion most respectfully. Thank you to all teachers, students and families who attended these ceremonies.

Pupil Free Day – Reminder

The school's next pupil free day is scheduled for Friday 22 May for reviewing and developing our school vision and values with Tracey Ezard.

Tackling Bullying Across Australia - snippet 1

Our school has volunteered to be part of a national study to discover what schools are doing to tackle bullying.

Schools from across Australia will tell of their anti-bullying approaches and what is working well. Information will be collected from students, parents and teachers.

A final report will be available in December and will summarise what is being done about bullying by Australian schools. The report will not name individual schools.

At the beginning of term two, students from our school who are in years five to ten will be invited to complete an on-line survey during school time.

Students may only participate if they return the consent form signed by their parents.

Parents will be able to give their opinions about student-to-student bullying in schools by going to <http://tinyurl.com/RigbyPS2015>

The staff at our school will also join in the study.

We think this is important research and we are pleased that our school will contribute to a better understanding of what Australian schools are doing to tackle bullying.

Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you would like further information.

Reporting to Families in Semester One 2015

In the coming weeks, teachers will begin formal written mid-year reports to be sent to families at the end of Term 2.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

MAY

Friday 1st

Grades 5 & 6 Swimming

Bookclub Orders Due

Final Sovereign Hill Instalment Due

Tuesday 5th

Cross Country

Thursday 7th

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 8th

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day raffle drawn

Monday 11th

School Council Meeting

Friday 15th

Canberra Camp Instalment Due

Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th

Grade 4 Sovereign Hill Camp

Friday 22nd

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 26th – Wednesday 3rd

Life Education Van visiting

CURRICULUM DAY

Our Next Curriculum Day is

scheduled for

Friday May 22nd

STUDENT AWARDS

PC:	Evelyn B	PP:	Madalen W
1K:	Asha M	1/2A:	Lachie H
2R:	Jye C	3A:	Bailey R
3B:	Brayden R	4C:	Molly S
5/6G:	Charlotte K	6W:	Tyler L
P/6J:	Lilly-Anne D		

PE: 2R – Great skipping!
Performing Arts: Amelia L – 1D

CANTEEN

MAY 2015

Mon & Tues	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 6th	Danielle Mullens	
Thurs 7th	Isla Clements	Joanne Brayne
Friday 8th	Lyn Brendish	Elissa Stillman

CANTEEN NEWS

Because of the Curriculum day on Friday 22nd May, the Canteen will be holding a special lunch day, (Jam packed with fun), on Thursday 21st May. The lunch will cost \$6 and you will receive a Hot dog, a delicious jam bun from Bakers Delight, and a Nippys milk drink. Forms for this lunch day will be given out to children next week. If your child would like to participate in this day their order form and money must be returned to the Canteen no later than Friday 15th May. One form per child please. Also please remember that on the special lunch day, there will be no other lunch orders available.

Thank you, Vikki Chandler

Parents & Friends Club

We have had some amazing donations from the following businesses for our Mother's day raffle:

The Sweet Olive
Wild Grains Bakery
The Old Bullock Dray Cafe Bar and Grill
Crumbz Craft
Healesville Jewellers
Barrique Wine Store
Decked
The Shop of New Beginnings
Grandma's Gift Shoppe
Glenda's Candle Scents
Healesville Pharmacy
Healesville Walk Pharmacy
Beechworth Bakery
gelAperia

Raffle tickets will be sent home today and if you wish to buy the tickets to be in the running for these magnificent prizes, please return them by next Thursday with payment. 6 tickets for \$2:00. If you'd like more tickets please contact the office. Raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th. Please remember to support these businesses that support our school.

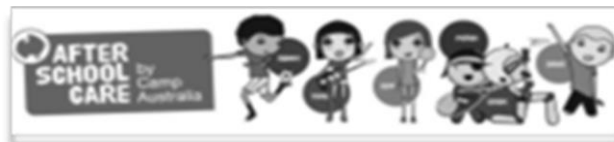
We will be running our regular Mother's Day gift stall on May 7th & 8th with a selection of small gifts available for students to purchase during the day. All gifts will be \$5.00 each. Parent helpers are required on both days to assist in set-up, pack-up & selling. Please contact Maida or Kylie if you can help anytime from 11:00am to 1:30pm Thurs and/or 2:00pm to 3:30pm Fri.

In addition to this we also have an order form from Phoenix trading that was sent home earlier in the week with a few differently priced packs that may appeal to students' parents to purchase. 20% of all sales go to HPS.

Thanks for your support,
Maida Mitchell and Kylie Short

Literacy and numeracy at home TOP IDEAS

Turn an everyday event into a maths story:
for example, when cutting up
fruit, talk about the fractions.



What a great week we had it was great hearing different stories from the children regarding their thoughts and stories around ANZAC. We finished the week with a children's version of two up using real pennies and hands on head or hands on bottom to determine whether they were out or in. We also created a simple obstacle course around the playground equipment and finished up timing everyone with Will P coming in first with 40 sec to complete the course. A great effort.

This week is our Book week where we are encouraging everyone to read a book or design a book cover, write a book or draw their favourite book character. Looking for some great results.

Just a reminder that if you have booked your child in for an after school attendance and you pick them up early or they are away due to illness, then please remember to text us (0405 440 885) so as we are not trying to find where your child is prior to contacting you via phone.

Thanks

Bob, Michelle, Stacey, Nicola and Abby from Camp Australia

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub Issue 2 Orders were given out to every grade last term. One order has been misplaced in the Grade 3 / 4 area and may have gone home with another child's order. Please check any books that have come home. These were a set of four Minecraft handbooks that have hard covers.

All orders for Issue 3 need to be returned, with payment, to school by **TOMORROW**. Make sure to include child's name and grade.

Thanks, BookClub team

HEALESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

Where: Healesville Primary School Library
When: Every Monday during school term
Time: 9:30 – 11:00am
Cost: FREE, please bring a piece of fruit to share

Come along to our casual yet fun group! Arts/crafts/painting, open ended play (sand, water, playdough etc.), outside fun, group times, books, music, and a chance to get together with other parents for a coffee and chat.

Ages - newborn to preschool

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL (....continuation page 1)

In 2015, NAPLAN tests will be held on 12-14 May.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

As NAPLAN tests skills are essential for every child to progress through school and life, it is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

NAPLAN 2015 Tests Timetable

	Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Year 3	Language Conventions Writing	Reading	Numeracy
Year 5	Language Conventions Writing	Reading	Numeracy

Cameron Heath, Principal

House Cross Country - Tuesday May 5 Prep - Year 6

Next Tuesday we are holding our annual House Cross Country Carnival, here at Healesville Primary School, starting and finishing on the oval. This year for the first time we are having all children from Prep -Year 6 involved in the day and running in a Cross Country Race. The younger students will obviously run a shorter race, with the distances increasing as we move up through the school. The Prep students will run their first Cross Country race with their buddies, which means they will be well looked after during their first race.

Format

Year 3- Year 6, races held between 9.30am and 11am. These students will run in boys / girls races in age groups, with the top 8 in each category qualifying to represent the school at the Healesville District Cross Country Championships.

Prep - Year 2, races held between 11.45am and 1pm. These students will run in boys / girls races in year levels.

Parents are encouraged to come along and spectate and parental assistance as marshals would be greatly appreciated.

Any queries, please contact,

Jo Lakeland and Chris Kent

Upcoming Events

House Cross Country - Tuesday May 5 @ Healesville Primary School

Healesville District Cross Country - Friday May 15 @ Healesville Sports Complex

Division Cross Country - Tuesday June 9 @ Yarra Glen Race Course

BIKE RIDE FUNDRAISER



My cousin, little Shelby K, has been diagnosed with Leukaemia, at only 7 years of age. My cousin Alana and I are arranging a fundraiser to raise money to help with her chemotherapy treatments.

The bike ride will begin at Queen's Park at 11.30am and will end at Healesville Sanctuary. You don't have to ride a bike. You can come along or volunteer to direct riders.

For further information please call Holly on 0438 434 301.

Thank you,
Nick I, 6W



Managing your Asthma and Allergy: An Expert Panel Q&A

An opportunity for you to ask your asthma and allergy questions to Victoria's top physicians.

Panellists include:

A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan *Director of Respiratory Medicine, Royal Children's Hospital*

Dr Jo Harrison *Respiratory Physician, Royal Children's Hospital*

Prof Jo Douglass *Head, Immunology and Allergy Department, Royal Melbourne Hospital*

Dr Joanne Smart *Clinical Allergist & Immunologist, Royal Children's Hospital*

Date: Sunday 28 June 2015

Time: 4pm - 6pm

**Venue: Ella Latham Auditorium,
Royal Children's Hospital**

To register visit asthma-and-allergy.eventbrite.com.au or contact the Asthma Foundation Victoria on advice@asthma.vic.gov.au or 03 9326 7088



Landcare Australia **Trees for Mum**

**Plant a Tree for Mum
this Mother's Day**

Celebrate your mum this Mother's Day by planting a tree in her honour.

Register your interest today!

When: Sunday 10 May 2015
9am - 12 noon

Where: Cnr Badger Ck Rd & Bluegum Dve, Badger Creek 3777

To register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T4MRegistration>

What to bring: Gloves if you have them

Contact: Karen 5962 5115 toolebewonglandcare@gmail.com
<http://mttoolebewonganddistrictlandcare.weebly.com>

PMP

Please note that PMP begins for Grades Prep-2 next week. Notes have been sent home asking for parent helpers. We still need some help on Tuesdays so see your class teacher if you are able to spare some time.

It is recommended that you have a working with children check which is free when volunteering your time at school. More information and an application form can be obtained at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Thanks,
Tanya Dale (Phys Ed teacher)

Life Education reminder

As part of our drug and health education, this term we are having the Life Education mobile classroom visit our school from Tuesday, 26th May to Wednesday, 3rd June.

Life Education has been visiting our school for many years and is always a highlight of the children's year, and helps to facilitate the development of the life skills in students to prevent and minimise the harm of drug misuse.

We will be further broadening these topics in class both prior to and after the Life Education visit with the student workbook which is included in the cost of the visit. It is important that your child attend this session.

The cost for this incursion is \$6.00 per child.
Please send payment in a named envelope by Friday, 22nd May

Life Education Parent Information Session

If you are attending this session in the mobile classroom at school on Tuesday, 26th May at 9:10am please let the office know so they can book you in

Thanks, Anne Hunter