

# NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we have been participating in our School Review with Jill Jackson and Warren St Clair from Ed Solutions. The review has given us an opportunity to reflect as a school on the areas we have done well over the past four years and to look at the areas we need to improve on. Thank you to all the staff at HPS for the open and frank conversations. We are all looking forward to improving the educational, emotional and social outcomes for all students across all year levels.

### **EVERY DAY COUNTS**

I have recently been noticing that many students are turning up to school late and the rate of student absences is getting higher. During the discussion with our school reviewer the amount of days students are absent from school is a concern. It is important for students and families to understand the importance in attending school each day and being punctual in arriving each morning.

A recent article "No safe level of missing school, study finds" in The Age about school attendance in the lead up to the annual Australian Council for Educational Research's conference highlighted:

- missing just one day of school has negative consequences for a student's academic achievement, the first major study linking poor attendance to lower NAPLAN results has found; and
- school attendance patterns established as early as year 1 can predict how often a student will show up to class right throughout high school, according to the research.

"We were able to show that actually every day counts and days that you're missing in year 3 and year 5, we can detect that all the way through to year 9," the report's co-author Professor Stephen Zubrick from the University of Western Australia said. "A 10 day period of unauthorised absence in a year is sufficient to drop a child about a band in the NAPLAN testing."

The most startling finding, he said, was that students arrive in year 1 "with their school attendance careers already in their pockets". "For most children, year 1 sets the pattern for what school attendance will look like in the future," Dr Zubrick said. "You're learning more than reading and writing. You're learning to show up."

To read the full article, go to: <http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/no-safe-level-of-missing-school-study-finds-20140802-zzq00.html#ixzz39ObP25FU>

### **Classroom Visit – Prep A**

With the Preps now well and truly settled in to Term 3, it was great to pay them a visit and see just how far they have come. Late last week I was able to watch a room full of prep students working independently on their writing. It is amazing to see the changes that have occurred in 6 months! As I made my way around the room, every child was able to explain to me what they were doing and why they were doing it. They clearly understood that they were writing for an audience other than themselves and that is a wonderful ability for such young students.

Congratulations to all the prep students, I am excited about your progress so far in your learning journey. The Prep teachers have worked extremely hard to plan and deliver a curriculum that benefits every student. Well done!

### **Crazy Hair Day**

Yesterday I walked around at recess and saw some amazing hair, I spoke to one particular year 5 student who explained that her aunty had been teasing her hair since 5am, now that's impressive. Congratulations to all the students who had crazy hair. The money raised is going towards Construction. Many photos of students crazy hair can be seen on the TV in the foyer of the school.

### **Parent Opinion Survey**

A reminder to all families who received a Parent Opinion Survey that it needs to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

*Cameron Heath, Principal*

## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

### **AUGUST**

#### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 3 & 4 Footy Clinic  
Interschool sport at Home v Badger creek

#### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 5 & 6 – Cricket Clinic

#### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Eastern Health Dietician – Parents and Friends  
Question & Answer Session 2:30pm

#### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Grades 3 & 4 - Footy Clinic

#### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Grades Preps & 3's to view Gr 6 Production in  
school hall.

#### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 6 Play Practice – Memorial Hall  
Grade 5 – Cricket Clinic

#### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 3 - Kew Traffic Excursion  
Grade 6 - Production at Memorial Hall  
(Grades 1 2 4 5 to view at Memo Hall)

#### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Bridges to Prep 2015 –  
Computers & Library 2.45-3.15pm  
Grade 3 Poetry Recital in Hall – 2.30pm

#### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 3 & 4 – Footy Clinic

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Grades 5 & 6 – Cricket Clinic  
Prep Excursion – Healesville Sanctuary

#### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Fathers' Day Stall

**You are invited to be part of our  
Parent Focus Group for our School  
Review.**

**Your input and discussion on how  
the school is going is valued and  
encouraged.**

**Meet with our School Reviewers  
Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> (TOMORROW)  
9:00 am – 9:45 am**

# ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2015

## CANTEEN

AUGUST 2014

<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Tash Bassett	
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Donna Kennedy	Sharee Anderson
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Susan Ferguson	Lyn Brendish

### REMINDER

**BENDIGO BANK** will be collecting bank books fortnightly starting 27<sup>th</sup> August

## Parents & Friends Club

**“Munch & Crunch an Awesome Lunch”**: The dietician from Eastern Health is coming to visit us next Wednesday (August 20<sup>th</sup>) at 2pm to answer questions about nutrition in your child's lunchbox. This is a great opportunity to ask a professional all your questions about lunchbox food. This is a **FREE** session but please register your interest by contacting the school office (this is for catering purposes only). All welcome and feel free to bring friends/grandparents/prospective parents, etc.

**Father's Day is September 7<sup>th</sup>**. We would like to hold a father's day raffle but we can't without your support! Please consider buying a little something that we could include in the raffle prizes-gift cards, chocolates, coffee, Bunnings vouchers, etc. If you know of a local business that would like to donate a voucher to promote themselves please get in touch. Donations can be left at the school office over the next 2 weeks. If you would like to help at the Father's Day stall on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> and/or 5<sup>th</sup> please leave me a message at the office.

*Thanks for your support, Maida Mitchell*

## UNIFORM SALE

**10% discount on ALL items**

*Be Quick!*

## STUDENT AWARDS

**Prep M:** Hayden G, Alex L

**Prep C:** Hamish Mc

**1O:** Kaitlyn H

**2R:** Alex B

**3G:** Darcey V, Bella H

**3B:** Joel D, Nikita M, Joey W

**4L:** Whole Class

**4K:** Heidi G, Aaron Mc, Sienna M

**5G:** Nicholas I

**6N:** Madison C

**Quick Smart:**

Eden M, Lillian M, Jacob B, Kobe S, Jesse P, Shanade K, Corey S, Layla S, Bailey M, Jack W

**PP:** Finlay Mc

**1/2A:** Isabelle W

**2B:** Lara W

**5K:** Jade S

**5/6S:** Jacob S

**6W:** Gabby B

## Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS



Create a map of your house and talk about the measurement of rooms in informal measurement units (eg. how many steps) or formal measurement units (eg. metres).



We have had a busy week this week. With the weather against us the children had plenty of time to play and run around in the gym, playing dodge-ball, line tiggly and octopus together with just having fun. In our room the colouring pages look great, they really love the “Frozen” pictures. This week we have a theme “Under the Sea” so we hope that there will be many fish painted and we will also have a fishing competition.

For all our parents, don't forget if for any reason your child is unable to attend aftercare for whatever reason, please let us know either via **text or phone on 0405 440 885**. A lot of time is wasted contacting the main office and teachers, and is frustrating for the children in attendance when they could be going out to play or down to have their snacks.

Cheers from Bob and the team at Camp Australia

## “A Super Wedding”

There will be a performance of the Grade 6 play, ‘A Super Wedding’, at school for the Preps and Grade 3's on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of August.

The Grade 1's, 2's, 4's and 5's will walk down to the Memorial Hall to see the Grade 6 play on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August.

We will leave school at 11:30 am ready for a 12:00 – 1:00 pm performance.

We will return to school in time for lunch.

## PLAYGROUP TERM 3

Playgroup meets every Monday morning from 9:30 am until 11:00 am (straight after assembly). A casual yet fun group – bring a piece of fruit to share.

## BUS TRAVELLERS

Healesville High School will **no longer be running a Wet Day Timetable**. Therefore the bus will leave at **3.12pm EVERY** school day.

## “A Super Wedding”

Grade 6 Production - 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
Tickets on sale now!

Which is better for children: low fat or full cream milk?      ? ?  
 ?      Are Muesli bars a healthy option for a lunchbox?  
 Does fruit juice provide the same nutrition as a piece of fruit?  
 ?      Is gluten free a healthier option?

## Do you have questions...?

We have answers. Come and join in the

Fruit and vegies help your teeth!



# Parents and Friends- Question & Answer Session

At Healesville Primary School 2:30pm 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Ask an experienced Eastern  
Health Dietician  
your lunchbox and  
general food  
questions



Come and try  
some  
interesting,  
cost effective  
lunchbox treats

All welcome. Bring a friend.

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Please register  
at Reception  
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## Do you have a child who loves swimming?

The Healesville Swimming Club provides swimmers of all ages with the opportunity to develop their swimming skills, learn about and participate in competitive events, and improve their health and physical fitness. It also fosters good sportsmanship and camaraderie within a friendly community environment. Squad training sessions are held on weekday evenings at the Jack Hort Memorial Indoor Pool in Healesville. Club members also compete at local and interclub meets, and attend social events and awards nights.

If your child can competently swim all strokes (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly) and is keen to further develop their competitive swimming skills and general fitness, then please consider joining the Healesville Swimming Club.

To find out more please email the Club Secretary or Club President. You are also welcome to come along and watch a squad training session in action.

Club President: Stuart Marshall  
 stuartmarshall8@bigpond.net  
 Club Secretary: Carolynne Hart  
 carolynnehart@gmail.com

## Coopy Bly in concert



JYM – St John's Youth  
Friday 12 September 6.30pm– 8.30pm

Coopy Bly is a Ugandan Gospel / Afro pop artist. He was Ugandan male artist of the year 2012/2013. He will be sharing his songs, what they're about and his story with us.

Listen to some of his songs here:  
<http://www.reverbnation.com/coopybly>

For more details call: Tim - 59626620

## RSL SHOPPING TOUR

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



12 OUTLETS

\$45 PP BOOKINGS & DETAILS CALL 5962 5017



Saturday 13<sup>TH</sup> September 9am- 4pm  
@ THE HEALESVILLE RSL



- MARKET STALLS
- JUMPING CASTLE
- ANIMAL FARM
- KIDS CRAFT
- FACE PAINTING
- JUMBLE SALE
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- GIANT RAFFLE
- FAIRY FLOSS
- HOT RODS



Please feed our piggy banks...



& help families of children with life-threatening illnesses.

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