

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Robin Williams - a Challenging Student

The terribly sad passing of Robin Williams last week has caused many people to pause and reflect on the challenges of mental illness and addiction. His energy, personality and flair would have certainly been a challenging combination in a classroom as his teachers worked to try and harness, direct and mould his exuberance.

Schools offer many things for many different types of people and although it was not for example the Maths or the Science that he learned whilst at school that led to his overwhelming success in life, the complex and complicated environment of a school did allow him access to learn valuable lessons that contributed to his success.

Schools provide students with a miniature version of society, full of different personalities and social constructs that give students an opportunity to make sense of the world and their place in it with the fall-back safety of teachers who will help guide them and provide support.

It was within this context that Robin Williams would have begun learning about people and what made them happy and how he could receive positive feedback from them in response to his behaviour; what worked and didn't work in terms of eliciting the response he was after. I imagine that school for him provided the opportunity to 'study people' as an added extra to being able to study the more traditional subject areas like learning to read, write and be numerate that are all important for everyday life.

The opportunity and importance of schools providing this context for learning is formalised at Healesville PS through our numerous extra curricula programs, formalised programs, the daily interactions between students, our staff and families as we work together to create the next generation of leaders for the Healesville community.

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to all the randomly selected parents who have returned their survey, your opinion is very important to us in order for us to provide the best education the school can provide.

We have drawn the winner of the \$50 Coles Gift Card – Congratulations - Indi and Kai Stillman. Please come and see Mr Heath to pick up your Gift Card.

Using the School Crossing

The School Crossing Supervisor program is a state-wide program that contributes to the safety of school students. Healesville Primary School provides four crossing supervisors on High Street, View Street, Crowley Road X2. Our supervisors have an important job to increase mobility and safety around our school by enhancing additional measures for the safe and efficient movement of Healesville Primary School students before and after school. While on yard duty each night I have notice on numerous occasions that parents and students are not using the crossing that has been provided. Please use the crossing that has been provided to ensure the safety of your children and yourself.

School Review

Tomorrow is the fourth and final day of our school reviewers visiting our school. The process from here involves the reviewers writing their report and Phillip White (Senior Adviser) spending time with Bek, Tom, staff and myself setting a new vision for the school. It is an exciting time for Healesville Primary School and the educational journey of all students. I would like to thank all the staff, students, parents and community members for their valuable input and look forward to strengthening the relationships with all stakeholders to positively affect the education of not only Healesville Primary School students but the Healesville community.

Uniform

At present the School Council Education Sub Committee is revising our Uniform Policy. It is important that school uniform is worn every day, if your child is out of uniform on any particular day please provide a note to your child's teacher. When the policy is finalised and ratified by School Council it will be communicated to all parents.

SCHOOL EVENTS

AUGUST

Friday 22nd

Grades 3 & 4 - Footy Clinic

Monday 25th

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

Tuesday 26th

Grade 6 Play Practice – Memorial Hall

Grade 5 – Cricket Clinic

Wednesday 27th

Grade 3 - Kew Traffic Excursion

Grade 6 - Production at Memorial Hall 7pm

(Grades 1, 2, 4 & 5 to view Matinee at 12-1pm)

Thursday 28th

Bridges to Prep 2015 –

Computers & Library 2.45-3.15pm

Friday 29th

Grades 3 & 4 – Footy Clinic

Interschool Sport Launching Place

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2nd

Grades 5 & 6 – Cricket Clinic

Prep Excursion – Healesville Sanctuary

Wednesday 3rd

Chess Tournament at HPS

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th

Fathers' Day Stall

ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2015

CANTEEN

AUGUST 2014

Mon 25th	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Tues 26th	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 27th	Cathryn Cosson	
Thurs 28th	Heather Condello	Rebecca Church
Fri 29th	Susan Crossland	

REMINDER

BENDIGO BANK will be collecting bank books fortnightly starting 27th August

Parents & Friends Club

Father's Day is September 7th : Please consider buying a little something that we could include in the prizes for our raffle- gift cards, chocolates, coffee, Bunnings vouchers, car wash goodies, etc. Are there any local businesses out there that would like to donate a voucher to promote themselves to our school community? Donations can be left at the school office over the next 2 weeks.

Our Father's day stall will be held on **Thursday Sept 4th & Friday 5th** - this is a chance for all children to purchase a gift for their Dad from our selection. As well as being an opportunity for all children to spend money on something they choose, all profits that we make go towards our fundraising goal of new seating for outside the junior building and new sand for the school's sandpits. If you would like to help at the Father's Day stall on Sept 4th and/or 5th please leave me a message at the office.

Thanks for your support, Maidi Mitchell

STUDENT AWARDS

Prep M: Cameron W	PP: Oscar S
10: Tyler B	1/2A: Pat M
2B: Skye R	3G: Liana L
5K: Archer L	5G: Erin G
5/6S: James B	6W: Mikayla S
P/6J: Ben J, Leah K, Daniel C	

PRAYER FOR SCHOOL

We have a prayer meeting in order to pray specifically for school concerns.

Please feel free to join us if you can.

Our next meeting is on Monday 25th August straight after assembly, in the end portable.

Any questions phone Cherida 5962 6620.

Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS

Set yourself a target to read one book every day this week (or a chapter of a book). Read and enjoy books together with your family. Record it in your home reading diary.



This week our theme is "Medieval Times" where we will be making some helmets and shields and there is always some colouring and castles to make.

Each week I would like to introduce our staff and their philosophy to the service:

Bob Waddell - Healesville Coordinator

My philosophy is - *"I believe that every child has the right to feel secure in a caring and stimulating place. That they feel the atmosphere within the service promotes fun and excitement and respect for all things and all people."*

I have been with Camp Australia since January 2013 and thoroughly enjoy the time that I spend with the children. Prior to working with Camp Australia I worked with the National Bank for 42 years.

We would love to hear feedback from you, whether your child is enjoying our program, food and staff and whether you have any suggestions/complaints about our service. We have a feedback form available at our service at the sign-in table.

Cheers from Bob and the team at Camp Australia

UNIFORM SALE

10% discount on ALL items - Be Quick!

Shop Open at HPS : Mondays 2:45 to 3:45 pm & Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 am

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.

"A Super Wedding"

Grade 6 Production - 27th August 2014
Tickets on sale now!

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 Note from our Chaplain Words of Encouragement

Who knows how good it feels when someone tells you that you are doing a great job? When someone acknowledges the effort and time that you've put into something? When someone gives you specific feedback about a certain task you completed or something you did well? Every adult enjoys receiving clear, positive feedback and our children are no different.

It is really important as parents that we think about how we can best give feedback to our children. One way we can do this is by being specific with the words that we use to let our children know exactly what it is, or why it is, that we are so pleased with their effort or behaviour.

Telling our children things like: "You are such a good boy!" "Well done!" "You're great!" are all nice things to say, however they are not specific and can leave children thinking: "Why am I a good boy? What did I do well? Why does Mum think I'm so great?" On the other hand, encouraging our children with the following specific statements makes it really clear to our children why it is that we are particularly proud of their efforts or behaviour:

"John, I'm so proud of the way that you helped your sister pick up those toys. That was a very generous thing to do."

"Well done with your Mathletics Amy! We are really proud of the way that you are putting in so much effort to learn your times tables!"

"You made a really good decision to go outside and cool down when you were angry before Mark. That was a great choice that took a lot of strength to make."

Providing feedback and encouragement to our children in this way affirms their positive behaviour and choices and makes it clear why it is that we are particularly proud of their efforts. Children love to hear from their parents' clear feedback about the things that they are doing really well! Why don't you give it a try with your children this week?

Joel Hawting, Chaplain

HEALESVILLE SWIMMING CLUB

My favourite place to go is the Healesville Swimming Club, friendly people and lovely coaches. Recently every Friday we've been going down to the Melbourne Olympic pool, MSAC, where we have won lots of races against different Victorian swimming clubs. It has been really fun and inspiring for young swimmers like me, but would love to see new faces around!

Olivia M

I like going to the Healesville swimming club because I enjoy seeing all my friends, and I love doing competitions. This month we were in MSAC, it was really fun!

Phoebe C

My favourite thing about the swimming club is training for competitions and the coaches are a great example.

Ellie W

I really enjoy the Healesville swimming club because the coaches are really nice and they're always giving you handy tips on your butterfly, freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. I also enjoy aggregates because you can win ribbons and at the end of the year you can get trophies. And sometimes in summer we train at the outdoor pool.

Ella C

I love doing carnivals which you would do if you joined. We train for 2 hours a week and the coaches are brilliant but I hope more people can join!

Sophie

HEALESVILLE Cricket Club

Junior & Senior

REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 6th September

1.00pm till 3.00pm

at Queens Park Club rooms

- Boys and girls from ages 8 and over are invited to join our Junior Teams.
- Free playing top for NEW registrants to the club.
- EFT available in the clubrooms on the day
- Club clothing will be available on the day.

www.healesvillecricketclub.com.au

healesvillecc@iprimus.com.au

Natalie: 0488 315 680 Tracey: 0429 009 910

Healesville Hornets Basketball Club

We are now looking for players who are looking to play in the Summer Season 2014 for Monday and Wednesday.

Monday: Juniors Mixed 10U, 12U, 14U & 16U, Over 30 Woman's, Open Men's

Wednesday: Micro Mini, Healesville Hoopers, Mini Ball 8/U & 9 to 11U, Open Woman's & Open Mixed

Registration is now due and will be closing on 25th August 2014 for Juniors and Open Teams 10th September 2014

This will allow us time to have teams up and ready before school holidays.

Cost: Registration \$25.00, Shirt Hire \$ 25.00

For more information we are on the web www.healesvillebasketball.net.au or contact Peter Bartlett 5962 2223 or email healesvillehornets@gmail.com





COMMUNITY 3777
Healesville District
Township Group



HEALESVILLE 150TH PARADE BUNTING & FLAG MAKING WORKSHOP

Help to decorate our town!!!!

When: Two dates - Saturday 23rd August & Sunday 31st August

Time 12- 3pm

Where: Healesville Memo Hall – upstairs meeting room

What to Bring:

- Pieces of bright colourful fabric . Old sheets, pillowcases, shirts etc can be cut up and used. No smaller than an A4 piece of paper
- Scissors if you have them – CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR NAME
- A sewing machine if you're a competent sewer and would like to use your own.
- Any thread, tape or bias binding you would like to donate
- A plate to share for afternoon tea?

How:

- There will be skilled people available on the day to supervise and assist, they will also be the main "sewing" people
- If you don't have sewing skills but can iron, cut out, use a hot glue gun or make cups of tea, we would still love to have you
- If you can't do any of the above, but can donate fabric, or some afternoon tea – yay for you, we still love you! Come and keep us company – tell us jokes, join in the fun!!

What we're aiming for:

- To produce enough bunting to decorate the facades of the Main St Shops
- Produce enough "pieces" for people to take home and continue

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT PLEASE PASS THIS FLYER ON TO OTHERS.

Need more details? contact Karen Meuleman 0409 410 907

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