



Healesville

PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Cake Stall

Well done to Ms Grundy and her Grade 3 team of students for their successful Cake stall this week. The students raised \$363.15.

Survey Results

Thank you for the tremendous Parent response to our Student Reporting survey. We had responses from 63 families giving us great feedback to now discuss with School Council. As you are aware the Survey was to gain community opinion on how to provide a better reporting system (Report format, Interviews etc.). A Working party (our Education Committee) will provide further feedback as we wish to adopt recommendations in readiness for the end of Term 4.

Staffing Update

In Term 4, I will be taking Long Service leave for the duration of the term. In that time I will be tendering my retirement with the Department. I have been 44 years in the teaching service; a Principal for 22 years and worked in 11 schools across Victoria. I have had a great time – the career has been great for myself and family.

The school was recently complimented by our Department Regional Adviser on the range and variety of our programs. “We have a lot going on!” was his comment. This is very true!

At Healesville Primary we aim to provide every child - every opportunity to be the best they can be. Every opportunity to find a hook to make learning meaningful and purposeful for our children. We have introduced a number of very successful initiatives in the last 3 years eg. Science, Satellite Program. Levelled literacy intervention, Jolly Phonics. Performing Arts to name a few.

We have a much switched on leadership and coordinator team at our school. We have enthusiastic and innovative staff who have an attitude of “Nothing is too much trouble!” So these very successful programs should be well supported in the near future.

In my replacement the Department has given Bek Clarke approval to be Acting Principal for Term 4. This role will continue into early Term 1 2014 when the position will be advertised externally.

Bek’s temporary replacement of Assistant Principal will be an internal process. The position would be higher duties for Term 4.

Speech Night

Next Wednesday 28th August at 6pm, 2 of our students (Sophie Smith and Zach Kennedy) will be competing in the Rotary Club Speech night over at the Healesville High School. They have been busily practising their speeches. Zach will be talking on “My Happiest Experience” and Sophie’s topic is “Someone I Admire”.

We wish them every success and to really enjoy this new experience for local students offered by Rotary.

Peter Leonard, Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS 2013

AUGUST

Tuesday 27th

CANstruction build-off at Government House

Thursday 29th

Literacy/Numeracy/Science Week Celebration
afternoon. Parents invited 2:30-3:30pm

Father’s Day Stall

Friday 30th

Father’s Day stall

Aussie Sports Day Gr 5 & 6

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 5th

Grade 3 & 4 Tabloid Sports @ UYSC

Monday 9th

School Council meeting

Thursday 12th

Grade 3 poetry recital 9-11am in Hall

Friday 20th

End of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 7th

Start of Term 4

Monday 21st to Friday 1st November

Junior School Swimming

STUDENT AWARDS

PA: Zoe V, Declan S	P/1B: Riley F
1C: Pat M, Phebe R	1D: Ethan H
2A: Joey W, Holly C	2B: April H, Liana L
4A: Connor D	4C: Johanna B
5B: Zach H	5/6A: Jye V
6C: Leila W	

CANTEEN

Aug 26 th	Isla Clements	Paula Dover
Aug 27 th	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Aug 28 th	Cathryn Cosson	Zoe Caldicott
Aug 29 th	Marilyn Caldicott	
Aug 30 th	Susan Ferguson	Lyn Brendish

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.



Healesville High School has a curriculum catering to the varied skills and interests of its students, and reflected in the events below:



- Eight year ten students with an aptitude for science were selected to attend a three week science program held at the John Monash Science School.
- Our students studying Japanese participated in the Language Perfect World Championships held last month and we are extremely proud of their result. They ranked 277th overall globally out of 1054 schools and 192nd overall in Australia out of 705 schools which included many private and independent schools.
- Our students participated in the **2013 Victorian State Schools Spectacular –There's No Place Like Home** at Hisense Arena. This was a huge concert-style extravaganza of high-energy dance routines, vocals and circus tricks featuring Victoria's most talented young performers. Students were involved in dance and choreography, backstage and lighting.
- Our winter outdoor ed programs include ski camps at Mt Buller, cross country skiing at Lake Mountain, as well as hiking through the Mt Bogong high plains.

Our VCE students spent an afternoon with Glenn Manton, an inspirational speaker who spoke of the evolving knowledge of self, thoughtful communication and healthy relationships.

At Healesville High School, your child will be given the chance to host a student from Osaka, Japan, and to experience Osaka as an exchange student in 2014.



September Holiday Club

Camp Australia will again be running a Holiday Club during the September school holidays. This will be the third Holiday Club run by Camp Australia but it may well be the last. The numbers of children attending our Holiday Clubs have been very disappointing and Camp Australia will assess the viability of running further Holiday Clubs after these September school holidays. We understand that there are other options available for vacation care during the school holidays. However, if you would like us to run a vacation care program during future holidays you just need to enrol in a couple of days and if everyone does this we'll have enough numbers to justify providing future vacation care to Healesville.

This weeks 'Stars of the Week' award winners are Nick, Pat and Tom Millman who even though they are at after school care most nights, still leave with a smile on their faces. Congratulations Nick, Pat and Tom!

Cheers from the Healesville Camp Australia team.

Parents' & Friends' Club

Father's Day is September 1st!!

Father's Day raffle tickets were sent home this week. Be in the running for some fabulous prizes by buying some tickets (6 for \$2.00). Make sure to write a name & grade or contact on **each ticket** and return to school with payment by next Thursday August 29th. Extra tickets are available from the school office.

Thanks, Maida Mitchell

Yarra Ranges Athletics season 2013/2014 is ready to start on Saturday the 5th October 2013 at the new Regional Athletics Facility in Mount Evelyn-Morrison Reserve (off Hereford Road)

Registration Day Saturday 14th September 2013.

See www.yarrarangesathletics.org.au for more information

Grade 3 and 4 Tabloid Sports Day at Upper Yarra Secondary College Thursday September 5th.

Cost is \$10.00 which includes a seat-belted bus and all the activities. This is a great opportunity for the students to learn new skills, team sportsmanship and overall have a fun day. If parents could help on this day please see **Mrs Lakeland (Room 11)**

BOOK FAIR

School Library 21st August → 27th August : 3:30 → 4:00pm



There will be a Book Fair run through Scholastic which has lots of great resources. There will be an opportunity for kids to look at the books in their Library session in that week. Sales will be after school in the Library.

Payment can be made with cash, cheque (made out to Healesville P.S) or credit card. Forms are available at the Book Fair or the school office.