



NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principal Conference

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Mrs Clarke and I attended a Principal Conference. These Conferences, held every two years, provide us with a valuable opportunity to look more broadly than our school and consider and reflect, from a system level, our area for future work.

The Conference was themed 'Making Common Practice Common: Towards more Precision in Teaching' and included the following highlights;

- Over the course of the Conference we had the opportunity to hear from Education Minister The Honorable James Merlino MP about current and future directions of education in Victoria, including the opportunity for a question and answer session, where he was posed quite a few curly questions.
- We worked with Tom Brunzell in a session titled The Work of a Leader where he shared his experiences in working with the Berry Street Childhood Institute as a Senior Adviser, Teaching and Learning on the topics of transforming school cultures, high expectations for differentiated instruction, trauma informed practice, wellbeing and the application of positive psychology, and effective school leadership.
- Glen Pearsall who works throughout Australia as an education consultant in the areas of engagement and assessment facilitated two sessions on Thursday.
- Dr Lawrie Drysdale, who has published extensively in international and local journals, facilitated a session on The Work of High Performing Principals, providing prompts for collegiate conversations and future work.

The teaching profession is today more demanding than ever before and the demands on schools are increasing every day. Healesville Primary School staff is continuously striving to improve best teaching practice in order to allow students to achieve best outcomes. While reading an article on the weekend I was surprised to read that the number of children in Victorian primary schools is likely to increase by about 2.1 per cent per year for the next decade. This is compared with a growth of 0.2 per cent per year in previous decades. In 2001, there were 454 126 children in Victorian Primary Schools, in 2010 that number has raised to 461 732 and it is predicted that by 2020 there will be a staggering 569 406 children enrolled in Victorian Primary Schools. This translates to an additional 449 classes of 24 students per year for ten years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers for planning and delivering the amazing engaging learning experiences catering for all the learning needs of our students at HPS, with the thought that the teaching profession is becoming more demanding but even more rewarding. Thank you HPS Staff!

40 Hour Famine

Congratulations to the School Captains and House Captains for their outstanding leadership and organisations skills. Tomorrow is a Footy Colours day, with students to bring a gold coin donation, to raise money for World Vision and the amazing work they do around the globe.

Today students rattled tins, plastic containers, in the drop off zone to raise money. Thank you to all who donated.

Parent Opinion Survey

If you received a Parent Opinion Survey, distributed via random computer generated family selection, can you please return the sealed envelope with your responses to the Office by this Friday please.

Rotary Club of Healesville Speech Night

Congratulations to Aimee, Jacinta and Lily who participated in the annual Rotary Club of Healesville Speech contest on Wednesday night at Healesville High School. It was fantastic to see the girls with the ability to be confident to deliver speeches in front of an audience. Well done, Aimee for placing 2nd in the competition. A specially thank you to Marlene Williams who spent many hours preparing the girls.

Canteen

We are in the second week of our canteen running and by all reports the food is great. A reminder to all that we are in a period of feeling out what students like and wish to purchase so the menu will change every two weeks. Erica and I will be meeting with Raini from the Council to ensure that we are following the Department guidelines in regards to Green, Amber and Red foods that are and will be available at the school canteen. It is important that families support the canteen to ensure it remains open. Thank you for your support.

Cameron Heath, Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS

AUGUST

Thursday 6th

Bridges to Prep 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Collection of donations from drop off zone for 40 Hour Famine

Friday 7th

Footy Day Free Dress – 40 Hour Famine
Grade 6 camp instalment due

Monday 10th

School Council Meeting

Wednesday 12th

Book Fair week begins

Bike Education

Thursday 13th

Song Writing Workshop

Friday 14th

Concert with Levi McGrath (12.30 start)

Parents welcome

Jingle Jangle Recital – Grades 1/2A & 2R

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Monday 17th – Friday 28th

Swimming

Grades 2-4

Wednesday 19th

Bike Education

Thursday 20th

Bridges to Prep 2.45pm – 3.15pm

OUT OF UNIFORM TOMORROW

Come in your footy colours with a gold coin donation to raise money for the 40 hour famine.

STUDENT AWARDS

PC: Zaine D **PP:** Olivia W

1K: Emily A, Libi W

1/2A: Ina H

2R: Jack C

3A: Ally C, Maddison C

3B: Liam C

3/4L: Tyson K

4C: Corey A

6S: Dylan S

6W: Noah H

Performing Arts: Sienna H – 2R

P.E.: Joshua S – 1K

ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2016

Parents & Friends Club

Coming up in early September is Father's Day, and as usual, we will be running a Father's Day stall where all students get to come and have a look at a selection of gifts we've purchased and choose something to buy for their Dad. Lots of help would be greatly appreciated in manning the stall on Thursday September 3rd from 11:30am-1pm and/or Friday 4th afternoon from 2:30pm-3:45pm.

We would also like to run a Father's Day raffle but at this stage we have no donations. If you can help with the stall or the raffle, please make contact via the office or email healesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

As always, if you have any ideas, questions or suggestions, please get in touch or come along to our next get-together which will be on the last Wednesday in August.

Thanks for your support,
Maidi Mitchell and Kylie Short

TEACHERS V STUDENTS NETBALL GAME

Teachers played the girls' champion netball teams at lunchtime on Wednesday. A great time was had by all. Teachers used their height to their advantage but the girls counteracted by outmanoeuvring them. It was neck and neck up and down the court. The final score – a draw - 8 all. We're all looking forward to a rematch.

Marlene Williams

Literacy and numeracy at home- TOP IDEA

Practice your describing skills (these will be useful in writing and in conversation). Try lying on the ground and describing the clouds in detail or describe what it's like to eat your favourite food.



I really don't know where the children get their energy from but it is great to see and hear them running around the gym and not stopping. They love ship, shark, shore and also line tiggly. In the craft area they have been undertaking using some of the craft material to make their names which we are currently hanging up from our netting.

We have also had donated some new games – marble, run, trouble and bingo which they are thoroughly enjoying.

This week our theme is Winter, (hoping it will end soon) and making some create designs so have a look when you pick up your child.

We are having fun.

Have a great week.

Thanks
Bob, Stacey and Abbey from Camp Australia



EARN AND LEARN

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is collect stickers if you shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From 15th July - 8th September, you will get one Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto a sticker sheet and when it's complete, drop it in the Collection Box here at the school. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

CANTEEN NEWS

At E.V. Cuisine we understand that parents enjoy volunteering at their child's school. We are happy to have parents help out in the canteen. If you would like to leave your name and number at the office or canteen, we would be most grateful. Also we would like to let you know we have lots of goodies available at the canteen window that is not on the menu and in the upcoming weeks, we will have a new larger menu for you.

Thank You

Healesville Primary School is turning 150!

Healesville Primary School will celebrate its 150 year anniversary in 2016. This is a significant milestone that needs to be recognised and celebrated! School Council is calling for members of the community (eg. current and/or past parent, staff and students) who would be interested in forming a "HPS 150th Committee". The purpose of the committee would be to decide upon how our school should celebrate its 150th birthday, and then work together with the school community, School Council and others to bring those ideas to fruition in 2016. This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of something very special and create a memorable legacy for the years to come. Please speak with Bek Clarke to register your interest in joining the committee.

Rebekah Clarke

40 HOUR FAMINE

40 Hour Famine Workshops – August 2015

We are extremely fortunate to have some exciting 40 Hour Famine workshops happening in our school – both an Art Workshop and a Songwriting Workshop.

Yesterday (Wednesday the 5th of August) we had local artist Christine Cafarella-Pearce come to our school to run an Art Workshop called 'Show What You Stand For'. Christine helped selected grade 5 and 6 students to engage with issues of injustice around them and assisted the students to develop pieces of artwork that in some way reflected on themes of injustice. Two students who produced particularly outstanding work will be awarded with an Art Justice Award by Tim Costello (CEO World Vision Australia) and will be given free tickets to attend the 40 Hour Famine Concert at the Memorial Hall in Healesville on August 15 (see the flyer included in this newsletter for more information).

On Thursday the 13th of August, Golden Guitar winning musicians Carter & Carter will be coming to Healesville PS to lead some selected grade 5 and 6 students in a Songwriting Workshop. The students will get the opportunity to learn from award winning musicians and songwriters, whilst creating a song that will be able to be performed at future school events. Carter & Carter will be recording the song as a backing track to ensure that the song continues to live on and can be used in future performances/special events at Healesville PS.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Liberty Family Church for applying for a community grant to organise these fantastic workshops for our students. I am sure that children in our school will be greatly impacted as they participate in these workshops and think deeply about how they can make the world a better place.

Joel Hawting, Chaplain



40 Hour Famine – Money Collection & Free Dress Day

The grade 6 captains have come up with a few key ways to raise funds for World Vision's 40 Hour Famine appeal.

On Thursday the 6th of August, the captains along with some other grade 5 and 6 students will be collecting money from the drop-off and pick-up zone. The students will be supervised by teachers at all times and encourage you to have some change ready to donate to this great cause.

On Friday the 7th of August, students can wear their footy colours to school to also raise funds for this year's appeal. If you could please send your child/children to school with a gold coin donation that would be much appreciated.

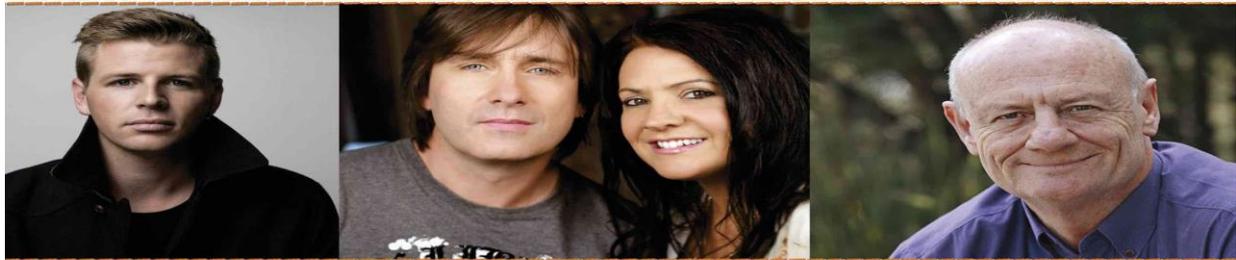
The captains hope to raise \$2,000 this year through their own personal 40 Hour Famine fundraising efforts, as well as through the school's money collection and free dress day. They want me to ask you (very nicely!) to help them achieve their goal by giving generously to this great cause! Thanks in advance for your support – together we can make a difference for those less fortunate in our world.

Joel Hawting, Chaplain

40 Hour Famine CONCERT

Featuring World Vision Australia Artists and Guests

Carter & Carter
Levi McGrath
Tim Costello



Saturday 15th August, 7:30pm

The Memo, Healesville

General Admission \$30 / VIP \$60

Book now: 1300 368 333

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Performing Arts News

The children have made a great start to the term showing lots of energy and enthusiasm.

Preps – 2's

We have been using puppets and working on developing a voice for a character thinking about things such as voice projection, expression and volume. Some children have been digitally recorded for the purposes of watching themselves perform. This has enabled them to reflect on and improve their own performance. We will also be doing some singing and dancing to call and response songs.

3 & 4's

We have been looking at form in music, recognising verse and chorus sequences and singing in tune to call and response songs. Being able to pitch correctly and maintain a tune to familiar songs has been lots of fun as we have added our own actions and movements.

5's & 6's

Discovering non-verbal communications using mimed movements has been a challenge and also lots of fun. Developing sequences of snapshot pictures using dramatic actions has been essential in cementing team-work. Group improvisations will be further explored and developed.

It is wonderful to see the children's confidence develop!

Tanya Dale and Fenna Hogg

HEALESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
PRODUCTION OF

Disney's
**Alice in
Wonderland**
JR.



Music and Lyrics by Sammy Fain and Bob Hilliard, Oliver Wallace and
Cy Coban, Allie Wrubel and Ray Gilbert, Mack David, Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional
Music and Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by David Simpatico

Based on the 1951 Disney film "Alice in Wonderland" and the novels "The Adventures of
Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, exclusive agent for Music Theatre
International, NY

DON'T BE LATE FOR A VERY IMPORTANT DATE

Thursday 27th August (Preschool matinee) - 11:15am

Thursday 27th August - 7:30pm

Friday 28th August - 7:30pm

Saturday 29th August - 2pm & 7:30pm

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You're invited to our

BOOK FAIR!

purchases
benefit our school!

Date **Wed Aug 12th → 18th** Place **HPS Library**
 Time **3.30 - 4.15 pm**

books light up our world
 Celebrating Children's Book Week 2015!

Canberra Camp for our Year 6

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital excursions

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital.

Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards the travel expenses incurred.

The rebate will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined elsewhere in the newsletter.

We hope the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

Canberra Camp 23rd – 27th Nov. 2015

Some places we'll visit and activities we'll do on our Canberra trip

Parliament House – tour of the House of Representatives and Senate & education program.

National War Memorial – tour and 'Discovery Zone'.

Electoral Education Centre – Education program.

Old Parliament House – guided tour and educational activities.

Questacon – National Science and Technology Centre. Hands-on activities.

National Gallery – child appropriate guided tour of artwork in gallery.

AIS – Australian Institute of Sport. Guided tour and Sportex activity zone.

High Court of Australia – Student friendly guided tour.

National Museum – Self-guided tour and interactive sessions.

National Film and Sound Archives – presentation and exhibit room.

National Dinosaur Museum – 'Dinosaurs at Night' program.

Telstra Tower, Embassy drive tour, Mt. Ainslie lookout

Marlene Williams