A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Crunch and Munch an Awesome Lunch - Healthy Lunch Box
Raini from Eastern Health has been talking to each class over the past few weeks about what a healthy lunch box should look like and the benefits of good healthy food choices. Healthy lunches and snacks are important for active children. It is important to offer healthy lunch box choices. Tips include fresh fruit, crunchy vegetables and a combination of protein, dairy and carbohydrate foods. Children who help choose and prepare their own lunch are more likely to eat it. Eating healthy food helps children concentrate and learn. However, healthy eating changes are not always easy to make. Encourage children to help choose and prepare their own lunch. They might like to make a list of the foods they enjoy and don’t forget to praise your child when they choose healthy foods for their lunch box.

School Review 12.14.15 and 22 August
As part of the many changes underway within the Education Department, in terms of school accountability and performance, is a changing process for School Reviews. All schools are involved in a Review every four years where their performance and future direction is mapped with input and assistance from external consultancy companies and peers from the education sector. As you may be aware our review will be starting on Tuesday 12 August concluding on Friday 22 August. Throughout this process we will aim to connect with all sections of the school community to gauge their response to our work, their suggestions for improvement and the areas where they feel we have been a success.

If you would like to be a part of the parent group please notify the office by Monday 11 August. Times are yet to be confirmed as it really depends on the interest we receive.

Building Teacher Capacity
Whilst I think we have a terrific team here at Healesville Primary, that doesn’t mean that we don’t continually strive to get better. We are investing heavily in the professional development of all staff, as research tells us that the higher the capacity of the teacher, the better the student outcomes will be. Within our staffing structure, all teachers have responsibilities outside their classroom and they are encouraged to develop their leadership skills; including planning, initiating and delivering projects and reviewing data to inform teaching practice. Behind the scenes, a number of projects are being undertaken, some with a view to roll out this year and some in the coming years.

Last year, our school, in conjunction with a broad group of schools, applied for and secured funding to develop our literacy and numeracy practices. Three of our staff attended a “Building Leadership Capacity” professional development opportunity facilitated by leading educational consultant Tony Ross and funded by our successful grant application. Tony worked through some “big picture” concepts with our staff and those from twelve other schools, all of whom have now been tasked to lead the implementation of a major school initiative which fits into our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). Bek Clarke, Jo Lakeland and Kathryn Mellody have been working towards developing a plan to improve literacy across the school.

This is an exciting opportunity for the school, as we will effectively be providing our staff with the opportunity to drive whole school improvement. This allows our teachers to take ownership of the processes that they will be implementing and it ensures that we increase the capacity of all staff in the process, the end result of which will be improved results for our students.

Year 6 Production
A massive amount of work is going into the Year 6 Production and we are all looking forward to the final product. Stay tuned for more details.

Cameron Heath, Principal
**Parents & Friends Club**

_“Munch & Crunch an Awesome Lunch”._
Don’t forget that the dietician from Eastern Health is coming to visit the school on Wednesday August 20th 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 calling the office to add your name to the list (this is for catering purposes only.). All welcome and feel free to bring friends/grandparents/prospective parents, etc.

**Father’s Day is September 7th**
We are hoping to run a father’s day raffle but we do rely on donations from the school community & local businesses. Please consider buying a little something that we could include in the raffle prizes. 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 3 weeks.

Thanks, Maidi Mitchell

**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.

**BIKE EDUCATION**
The Grade 3’s are busy learning bike skills every Tuesday this term. Half the lesson is inside activities and half the lesson is spent on bikes. We have been practicing skills such as braking, speeding up and slowing down and learning facts such as why you should wear a helmet. We are excited for the bike hike which will be held on Friday 12th September on the Warburton Trail!

**FACEBOOK**
The Healesville Primary School Parents and Friends Facebook page has now changed names to ‘Healesville Primary School’. It will still provide the same communication along with other information about what is happening around the school. To join, search for Healesville Primary School and ‘like’ the page to be involved.

Nicki Smith

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**ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2015**

**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.

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**CRAZY HAIR DAY!!**

_**Wednesday August 13th**_
We are having a crazy hair day, and you can all join in.
Prizes will be given out to a boy and girl 1st 2nd 3rd.
To participate we ask if you can give a gold coin donation to go towards purchasing cans for Canstruction. The cans will then be donated to charity to help feed people in need.

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**UNIFORM**
Starting tomorrow, everything is 10% off in the uniform shop.

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**CANEEN**

I am always looking for new helpers in the Canteen. At the moment I have some gaps in the roster on Thursdays, so if you can spare a few hours once a month, please come and see me.

Thank you Vikki Chandler
**Congratualtions**
Last weekend, some of our students competed in the “Flip of Fun Acrobatics” competition. The students who competed were Chloe, who placed second in level 1 pairs, Lily and Verity, who placed 2nd in level 3 trio, Holly who placed 1st in level 5 pairs and Jacob who placed 1st in level 5 male pairs. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and good luck in the Victorian Championships and the State Pennant competitions which are on in the next few weeks.

**GRADE 3/4 SKI TRIP**
The Grade 3/4s had a brilliant day at the snow last Friday. We were lucky enough to have quite a bit of snow. Faces were pressed against the windows as we saw the first glimpses of snow driving up the mountain. We were taught how to cross country ski and we went up and down trails with instructors. Every time the children fell down they bounced up again with a smile on their face. Some of them were real daredevils; I think we have some professional skiers on our hands!

Sarah Grundy

**THE 5/6 SKI TRIP**
On Friday the Grade 5 and 6’s went on the ski trip to Lake Mountain. We had a lot of fun. When we got there we had a little snack and put on our snow gear. Once we had done this we got into our groups and got ready for our skiing lesson. When we were doing our skiing lesson, Josh fell over about 10 times and tripped over 2 people. We did some downhill skiing without the poles and we all fell over at least once. When our lesson was finished we went and had some lunch and tried to warm up. Then we were back out and did some tobogganing, snow fighting and tried then failed to build a snowman. Everyone fell over heaps and got cold but it was still heaps of fun!!!!

Bailey Miller & Sinead Long

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Come and celebrate the opening of trout season in rivers and the great freshwater fishing opportunities around Eildon.

Based at the Eildon Community Centre, there will be free activities for the whole family.

**Friday 5 September (5.30 pm-9 pm)**
- Trade expo - check out what’s new in fishing tackle
- Food tastings - from local trout farms and other producers
- Fireworks - over the Eildon Pondage from 9 pm.

**Saturday 6 September (9 am-2 pm)**
- Snobs Creek hatchery tours - see where more than a million fish are grown annually. Tours depart the Eildon Community Centre hourly from 9.30 am
- Guided fishing on Eildon Pondage - bait and tackle provided.

**Both days**
- Workshops – talk to fishing experts about fishing for trout, redfin and native species
- Cooking demonstrations
- Children’s activities - jumping castle, face painting and colouring
- Prize draws.

The trout fishing season in Victorian rivers opens at midnight on Friday 5 September, 2014.

For more information about the event, which is supported by the State Government’s $16 million Recreational Fishing Initiative, visit www.depi.vic.gov.au/fishfest