A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week has been a very busy week with the Year 4 students going to camp, Year 5 students attending the Sovereign Hill excursion, the Year 6 students participating in transition days and of course the moving of classrooms. Next week is just as busy but the light is getting bigger at the end of the tunnel and holidays are getting closer and closer.

Last day of Term
The last school day for students is Friday 19th December and the dismissal time will be 1:30pm following a final assembly. Sadly we farewell our wonderful Year 6 students at this assembly!

Please note: No Bus service will be available on the 19th December

School start dates for 2015
The first day of school for students at Healesville Primary School for 2015 will be Thursday 29th January. Teachers will participate in professional learning and a planning day on Wednesday 28th.

School Return & 2015 Term Dates
School will resume for all students on Thursday 29th Jan 2015.

TERM 1: Thursday 29 January to Friday 29 March (8 Weeks & 2 days)
TERM 2: Monday 13 April to Friday 26 June (12 Weeks)
TERM 3: Monday 13 July to Friday 18 September (11 Weeks)
TERM 4: Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December (11 Weeks)

School Captains
Over the past few weeks Year 6 students have had the opportunity to make School Captain speeches in front of the Year 2-5 students and teachers. Each student was given the responsibility to vote on who they thought would represent them as their school captain. Once the votes were counted and discussion had between teachers, a short list of students was formed. The short listed students were invited to an interview with myself, Bek Clarke and Nicole Street where we asked them questions about the role and what are the qualities they would bring to the role. We were very impressed with each of the candidates and the quality of their responses to our questions.

The final decision has been made and the announcement of the 2015 school captains will be made at a special assembly on Tuesday 16th December to be held at 9.00am.

Great Vic Bike Ride
The Great Victorian Bike Ride rolled into Healesville on Saturday with over 4000 riders and support staff taking over the Don Road Complex. We saw this as an opportunity for a fundraiser through a sausage sizzle. After an extremely successful day selling 1000 sausages and loads of drinks the school made a massive profit of $2,500. A special thank you to Nicole Street for her organising and running around, as without her and the band of helpers the school would have not made the best of this opportunity. Kerry Thomas began to plan this event months ago and through numerous emails and phone calls with Bicycle Victoria the sizzle went without a hitch. Thank you Kerry for your hard work. Also thank you to Main Street Butchers for their support of the school.

I would like to thank the following parents and teachers for all the hard work they did on the day many of which stayed several more hours than rostered for.
- Tom Gamble, Rebekah Clarke, Viv Neil, Naomi Marshall, Tim Kirby, Dayne Hunt, Marlene Williams, Eleanor Bruce, Tash Bassett, Cherida Anderson & family, Deb Cameron & family, Lisa O’Connor, Nicole Street, Azza Cameron, Anne Hunter and Rosie House.

Cameron Heath, Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS

DECEMBER

Friday 12th
Phillip Island Grade 4 Camp Return

Monday 15th
Grade 1 & 2 Xmas Party at Queens Park

Tuesday 16th
Captains Day

Wednesday 17th
Grade 3 Xmas Party at Queens Park

Thursday 18th
Grade 6 Graduation – RSL & Memo Hall

Grade 5 & 6 to Outdoor Pool 11 am
(all students dismissed from pool)

Friday 19th
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Finish 1:30pm

JANUARY 2015

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th
* Book Packs to be collected from school
* Uniform shop opening times will be advised in next week’s newsletter

Thursday 29th
Students return to School

Final Day is
Friday 19th December 2014

We will Break up at 1.30pm after a final assembly.
There Will Be No Bus On The Last Day Of School.
All Bus Travellers Will Have To Make Alternative Arrangements To Get Home.

Children return to school
Thursday 29th January 2015

STILL TIME TO ENROL FOR 2015
Well I really don't know how it got to be the end of the year already! Rosters are still being organised for next year, and I have a shortage of helpers for Friday's. (mainly due to loosing 3 long standing helpers - with 11, 9 and 8 years' service to the canteen) Thank you to Cathryn Cosson, Susan Ferguson and Susan Crossland. It is the help and support of these volunteers that keeps the Canteen running so smoothly. If you would like to help out in the Canteen for 2015, please come and see me so your name can be added to the roster. Volunteering for Canteen involves on day a month, and the times can be flexible, so come and see me.

Please remember that stock is running low and some items may not be available. We will do our best to provide a suitable replacement. An example of this - I am out of Lasagna, so that would be replaced with Spaghetti.

Please also remember that there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on the last day of term Friday 19th December. This day is used for Stock take and cleaning up for the Christmas break. The window will be open at recess to sell off any remaining stock, but lunch items will not be available. Thank you, Vikki Chandler

Parents & Friends Club
With this year quickly drawing to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who've helped during 2014 with everything from sausage sizzles to raffles, gift stalls and discos. We've had a very successful fundraising year which has seen new seating installed outside the BER building, fresh sand for the sandpits is ordered for the new year and a new portable gazebo will be purchased for providing shelter at interschool sports days

Our first event for 2015 will be to host a morning tea for parents of our new Preps. This will take place from 9am on Jan 29th & Jan 30th as half of them start each of these days. Helpers would be appreciated on these two days. Please let the office know if you are able to come.
Also contact the office if you would like to be on a contact list and notified by text of upcoming get-togethers and parents' club news. You can also get an alert sent to your mobile via the tiqbiz app.

Thanks for your support, Maidi Mitchell

School Prayer Meeting
Would like to pray specifically for our school? Join us to pray on this coming Monday, 15th December at 3pm. Any questions call Cherida on 5962 6620

Playgroup
Monday mornings straight after Assembly in school library. A fun yet casual group would love to see some new faces.
Staff for 2015

Please find below our class structure and staffing for 2015.

Principal – Cameron Heath
Assistant Principal – Rebekah Clarke
Business Manager – Sandra Rowe
Administration – Simone King & Sue Bleumink

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From this detailed list you will have noticed a number of new staff members, as Nicola Smith and Sarah Grundy will be leaving us and Susi Sheaffe and Barb O’Gorman are taking leave. We wish Sarah, Nicola, Susi and Barb all the very best in the next stage of their lives.

Camp Australia
I have spoken to Bob and Camp Australia will run from 1.30pm to 6.30pm on Friday 19th December. If you would like to take advantage of this service please contact Camp Australia on 0405 440 885 before Tuesday 16th December.

Removal of Portable
At present we have a big ugly space where the portable was removed from. I have been in correspondence with the department and they are going to restate that area with retaining walls, top soil and fencing to ensure it is safe and to make it a usable space. At the moment I thought we could have a big Veggie Patch there but we will have to see the end result of the work planned.

Tuesday 16 December is Captains days. Not having seen one before I am very excited to participate.
Children & Exercise – Part 3

We all know how important it is to be active don’t we? We hear about the benefits of exercise every day on the radio and on TV shows. We see advertisements for fitness products or government ads that encourage us to be active or that highlight the dangers of leading a sedentary lifestyle. We all know – whether we exercise of not! – that exercise is crucial if we want to live a long and healthy life.

Children are no different to us in this area and need to be given opportunities to be active. The following information is taken from www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au and outlines some alternative activities that we can do with our children in order to encourage them to exercise regularly.

Alternatives to structured exercise

Any physical activity, not just structured exercise classes, is beneficial to health and wellbeing.

Some fun activities for the family that don’t feel like exercise include:

- Fly a kite in the park or at the beach
- Dance to favourite music
- Ride bicycles along the river or use bike paths
- Play a family game of table tennis
- Swim and splash about at the local pool
- Walk the dog
- Throw a frisbee
- Rollerskate, rollerblade or skateboard (insist that everyone wears appropriate safety equipment)
- Jump on a trampoline.

Things to remember

- Set a good example for your children by being physically active yourself.
- Incorporate fun physical activities into family outings, such as frisbee throwing, bushwalking or flying a kite.
- Expose your child to as many different types of sports and physical activities as you can.

Make the time to exercise with your children... they will love you for it and you might just find yourself having some serious fun whilst exercising with them!

Joel Hawting, Chaplain

‘Dough-Raiser’

When you buy your bread from Baker’s Delight Healesville, please nominate Healesville Primary School to receive ‘dough-raiser’ points. For each purchase made, Baker’s Delight will donate a percentage to our school.