

# NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week the school placed 20 cricket bats at the front of the school in honour of Phil Hughes who tragically past away last week while playing cricket. Phil was the 408th Australian to play Test cricket for his country and his commitment to hard work, his integrity and his attitude towards life is a perfect example for all no matter their age. The death of a 25 year old cricketer prodigy has been an opportunity to remember the amazing accomplishments of a very talented cricketer who worked extremely hard and never let any setback derail him or have a negative experience get to him - something that all of us, cricketers or not, can learn from and hope to apply in our own lives.

After hearing the news I was very quick to get home and cuddle Alex and Ben as life can be cut short and it is important we make the most of every minute of every day. This sparked a conversation at home around the dinner table about that fact that people do die in all walks of life every day. A website I found helpful as a parent was <http://www.kidspot.com.au/Preschool-Development-Grannys-gone-to-heaven-How-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-death+7115+32+article.htm>;

Please remember to enjoy every waking hour of your life and choose to be happy, picking the positives out of all situations you face.

### 2015 School Captains

4 boys and 4 girls have been short listed for interviews with myself, Mrs Clarke and Nicole Street. (School Council President) These interviews will take place on Friday during the day and the 2015 School Captains will be announced next week. Good luck to the short listed students.

### Transition

During term 4 teachers have organised a variety of transition activities to ensure smooth progression between levels in our school. Activities have included children working within the classroom spaces they will be in next year, games and sessions designed around our school values. These activities familiarise children with the layout, the expectations and the routines ahead.

Our current Year 6 students will attend the state-wide transition day on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. We wish them all the best for the next step in their transition to High School.

### Parent Helpers Morning Tea

As a public government school we rely heavily on volunteers to support us across many areas of the school. The roles include classroom helpers, helpers on camps and excursions, canteen helpers, uniform shop and so much more. We would like to thank each and every volunteer for your hard work and we look forward to increasing the parental help in all aspects of the school.

### Great Victorian Bike Ride

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December Healesville Primary School is running a sausage sizzle at the Don Road Complex for the hungry Great Victorian Bike riders. Thank you to Nicole Street for organising the sizzle. If you are able to assist on the day please contact the school office.

### Last day of Term

The last school day for students is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19 December.**

### Bush Fire Season

The Bush Fire season is upon us and it is important we are prepared as a school. Wednesday this week the whole school participated in an evacuation to our shelter in place to ensure staff and students are aware of the procedures. To test our lines of communication the school will be sending a test SMS message to all families in the coming weeks.

*Cameron Heath, Principal*

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### DECEMBER

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Rookie Band playing at Assembly  
School Council Meeting

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Healesville High School Orientation Day  
(for 3 days Tues, Wed, Thurs – all day)

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Phillip Island Grade 4 Camp

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Grade 5 Sovereign Hill  
Junior School Sports 9 – 11am ~~CANCELLED~~

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Grade 1 & 2 Xmas Party at Queens Park

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Captains Day

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Grade 6 Graduation – RSL & Memo Hall

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**Finish 1:30pm**

## Final Day is

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015

# STILL TIME TO ENROL FOR 2015

## CANTEEN

### DECEMBER 2014

<b>Mon &amp; Tues</b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Tash Bassett	
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Donna Kennedy	Sharee Anderson
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Susan Crossland	Samantha Stribbling

Thanks to all those that ordered Okka Pies. Your pies will be available for pick up from the Canteen from 2.00pm on Wednesday 10th December.

As the year is quickly coming to an end, stock in the Canteen is beginning to run low. If your child orders something that is not available, please rest assured that they will be given a suitable replacement or their money back. Please encourage your children to come up to the canteen and let me know if there is something wrong with their order. It is much easier to fix these things on the day.

Rosters for 2015 are now being drawn up. If you would like to be included in helping out in the Canteen, please come and see me. Help is always welcome.

Thank you, Vikki Chandler

### Parents & Friends Club

Thanks to everyone who attended and everyone who helped at the Blue Light disco last Friday night. We've had some very positive feedback and the police officers were even talking about "next time" so I think they had fun too. Our best dancers on the night were Matthew and Olive from the juniors, and Bradley and Tessa in the seniors. A special thankyou to the Healesville Police members who attended and to Coles Healesville for their donation that paid for the prizes & goodies that everyone got on their way out.

Thanks for your support, **Maidi Mitchell**

### Captains Day - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Captain's Day is going to be a fun day with face painting, a sausage sizzle, icy-poles, fun activities, competitions and lots more!! If you want to join in with this great day start saving up your pocket money now! Half the money raised will go to the school and the other half will go to a charity. If you are able to please donate old, good-condition toys, books, empty (clean) jars, stationary or anything in good condition you don't want or need anymore, it will be used for prizes for many of the stalls. This day will be an awesome day and we look forward to you joining in!!

**Thank you, Healesville Primary School Captains**

### Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS



Find a Christmas recipe and have a go at making it (you could use it as a gift). Remember to have an adult helping you. You could make white Christmas, plum pudding, a gingerbread house or another treat.

### STUDENT AWARDS

<b>PC:</b> Tanisha M, Jyzak C	<b>PP:</b> Charli L
<b>10:</b> Tyler B	<b>1/2A:</b> Ally C, Kane
<b>3G:</b> Bella H	<b>5K:</b> Kye T, Blake G
<b>5/6S:</b> Hugh R	<b>6N:</b> Imogen R
<b>P.E:</b> Dylan S 6W & Chloe P 5K	



On Tuesday morning it was sad to see our rooms 15/16 slowly being taken away and talking to a few of the children watching this, they were sad as they had memories of good times in the rooms.

Looking forward we have now organised, (thanks to the children) the "Bristol" room and are awaiting when we can also move into the "Lizard Lounge" for a quiet and homework area.

Now that we have hit December our theme this week is Summer with a touch of Christmas and we will slowly decorate our rooms with all the children's craft works and decorations. We will also be starting to send some of the children's colouring, knitting etc work home ready to have a clean start to 2015.

Just a reminder that we will NOT be holding any holiday program at Healesville Primary but Camp Australia does have a number of schools that do run a program, just go online to [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) and click on Holiday Clubs then enter in Healesville to find one that is suitable for you.

**Thanks, Bob, Michelle, Regan, Angelina, Nicola & Melissa from  
Camp Australia.**

### Class Placements for 2015

When configuring the grades for 2015 the teachers took a number of things into consideration. It is never an easy job and we as educators take class placements extremely seriously.

I have listed the process we have used this year to ensure each student is given the best opportunity to be successful in their education.

1. Students wrote down 3-5 kids they thought they would work well with.
2. All students spent time in their next year grade levels allowing teachers to observe and take notes of positive and negative dynamics.
3. Principal passed on any considerations they believe have to be taken into account. (could include placement of students with additional needs, clash between students, parent considerations, etc.)
4. Teachers put together draft grades.
5. Leadership looked at draft grades and made recommendations.
6. Specialist teachers looked at draft grades and made recommendations.
7. Students had a 40 minute session as in point 2. Any concerns are observed and then documented and changes made if required.
8. During a staff meeting all teachers shared any information that would assist in continuing students learning experience. Teachers took time to share strategies and any particular teacher methods that have been effective in the past.
9. Week 9, 10 and 11 students have a 40 minute session in their 2015 grade, room and teacher.

## Healesville Primary School Giving Tree.

**Friendly Reminder – Gifts for the Giving Tree  
need to be returned by TOMORROW  
wrapped and labelled.**

On behalf of Healesville Primary School and the wider community, we would like to thank all the parents and community members who participated.

**We thank you for your thoughtfulness.**

## Playgroup

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



## '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.

## Black Saturday Remembrance Cruise

This is an event to remember and reflect on all that suffered and to all that is still suffering from those devastating Fires.

**Date - February 7th 2015**

Participate in the remembrance Cruise which leaves Lilydale Industrial Park Car Park at 3pm- all vehicles welcomed. \$10 per vehicle entrance fee which is donated to the local CFA's. Cruise leaves Lilydale - Yarra Glen - Steels Creek-Toolangi - Healesville (45mins)

or join us at the Healesville Railway precinct as the cars arrive, 4pm onwards. There will be drinks and food and the band Exploded View playing from 4.30pm.

We will also be holding a Remembrance Ceremony at 5pm.

If the Day is declared Code Red the event will be postponed, if a Total Fire Ban the Route will change.

Follow us on Facebook - Black Saturday Remembrance Cruise, Group

**For more information please contact  
Stacey Kinsmore [smbrocky@yahoo.com.au](mailto:smbrocky@yahoo.com.au) 0421**



**The Great Victorian Bike Ride is  
stopping overnight in Healesville  
Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**



### HEALESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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- When you first register you must use [Activation key: hsp14]

## ORDER NOW FOR BACK TO SCHOOL 2015.

- 20% off Secondary College Grey Trousers
- Remember purchasing from Surrey Clothing is directly supporting your school

**The Uniform Shop at Healesville PS**  
Fridays 9am - 10am during the Term.

**A: 2/36 Koornang Road, Scoresby 3179**  
**P: (03) 9763 1101**  
**E: [info@surreyclothing.com.au](mailto:info@surreyclothing.com.au)**  
**Trading Hours: MON - FRI 9am - 5pm**

## Children & Exercise – Part 2

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 or 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](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) and talks about how setting a good example in the way that we exercise as parents, is crucial if we want to see our children engaging in exercise regularly.

### Set a good example

Children learn by example. Research shows that the involvement of parents in physical activity can increase a child's participation.

Set a good example for your child in the following ways:

- Regularly participate in physical activity yourself.
- Allow your child to choose the type of activity they are interested in.
- Promote acceptance of different body shapes and ability levels.
- Reinforce the social benefits as well as the physical.
- Help your child develop skills and strategies for coping with different physical activity environments.
- Involve your child in physical activities around the home such as gardening, washing the car or house cleaning.
- Walk short distances instead of taking the car. Encourage and support walking and cycling to school.
- Take your child for regular walks around the neighbourhood. Babies and young children can be pushed along in prams – once they get older, encourage them to walk part of the way.
- Restrict television watching, surfing the net and playing computer games to less than two hours per day. Limit viewing to programs that family members specifically want to watch. When the program is finished, turn the television off.

### Start early

Good habits are best started early. A young child is naturally active, so build on their inclinations to use their body.

Suggestions include:

- Whenever possible, indulge your child's interest in physical activity – for example, kick the ball with them when they ask.
- Show your child how to perform basic sporting skills, such as ball throwing, skipping and jumping. Research suggests that children whose basic skills are poor tend to avoid sports.
- Take them to the local playground and help them to use the equipment. Have a go yourself – slides and swings are fun, and you are likely to play for longer with your child if you are enjoying yourself too.
- Try out different sports in age-appropriate classes. Many activities have been adapted for toddlers, including gymnastics, football and dance.
- Make sure that some family outings are physically active. For example, you could go on bushwalks together.

Stay tuned for part three of this topic next week!

*Joel Hawting, Chaplain*



**CHRISTMAS  
IN THE Park**  
– SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER –  
**FREE ENTRY**

Pre Carols Festival with rides from 4:30pm  
Carols Begin at 8pm  
Food & Drinks available onsite

**Featuring:**  
Santa Claus  
Wilbur Wilde  
Maria Mercedes  
& The Salvation Army Band!

Levi McGrath  
Peter Brocklehurst  
Exploded View

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This is a drug & alcohol free event  
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Located at Queens Park, Healesville

## More Than Christmas

Monday 22nd of December -  
Light a Candle  
@ Liberty Family Church,  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Come and remember a loved  
one by lighting a candle for  
them this Christmas Season

Thursday 25th of December -  
Christmas Day Service  
@ Liberty Family Church,  
10:00am - 11:00am

Take time out on Christmas  
Day to remember the true  
significance of Christmas

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