



NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Leaders

Our school leaders have been elected for 2014. Congratulations to all students who applied for the roles. Students made excellent speeches and the voting was very close. We look forward to the great job they will do.

School Captains : Ellie, Ruby L
House Captains : Chum -Dylan, Ruby S
Myer – Bailey K. Conner
Yarra – Mikayla, Phoebe
Watts – Taylah, Jacob

School Council Elections

We are calling for nominations for the School Council election. School Council has an important role within our school, if you would like to know more about the roles and responsibilities of School Council there is an information sheet available at the office. Nominations are open for parents and staff categories. There are 5 parent positions open and 4 staff positions open. If you would like to nominate, please collect a form from the office. Nominations must be lodged by 4pm, Thursday Feb 20th, we will then conduct a ballot if required.

Evacuation Drill

Last week we had an evacuation drill, students and staff did a great job at following the plan. It has helped us identify areas for improvement: we ask that all parents who are coming to the school to assist in the classroom or canteen sign in at the office.

Attendance

At the beginning of the year we would like to reinforce the importance of being on time to school. Make sure that the morning routine allows for enough time to be at the classroom when the bell rings. It is also very important to be at school every school day, as this maximizes learning and engagement.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week we are holding our beginning of the year Parent Teacher Interviews. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's new teacher and share information that will help your child have a successful year ahead.

Rebekah Clarke, Acting Principal

The Healesville Indoor Pool has reduced its hours due to a lack of funding from the Council. If you would like the pool to be re-opened for extended hours, email your support for the pool to Fiona McAllister, Mayor of the Yarra Ranges, crfionamcallister@yarraranges.vic.gov.au. If you would like more information about this, contact Helen on 59 62 25 90.

SCHOOL EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2014

Friday 14th

Senior Swimming finishes

Wednesday 19th

House Swimming Sports

Friday 21st

District Swimming Sports

Wednesday 26th

5/6 Kayaking – 24 children

MARCH

Monday 10th

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 17th

School Council Meeting

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

EMA applications are now being accepted.

Closing date is 28th February 2014

NO late submissions can be accepted.

New parents - if you have a Health Care Card, please enquire at the school office.

STUDENT AWARDS

Prep P: Felicity D

Prep M: Viola H

Prep C: Hamish M

10: Josh B, Ashton P

1/2A: Kai S, Oscar M

2R: Tayah S, Flynn L

2S: Evie M, Frankie G

3B: Xavier G

3G: Reece S

4L: Caitlyn K

5K: Callum S

5/6S: Jack H

6N: Phoenix E

6W: Dylan S

CANTEEN

FEBRUARY 2014

Mon 17th	Fiona Tate	
Tues 18th	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 19th	Dannielle Mullens	
Thurs 20th	Jade Dempsey	Holly Lowe
Fri 21st	Rachelle Potter	Lisa Clemments

Look out for "**Sweet Bix**", available over the counter for .50c – These tasty treats are a Weetbix, buttered with honey or jam.
Thanks, Vikki Chandler

Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS

Play a board game with your family.
Talk about the chance you have of winning. Have FUN!



Swimming

House Swimming Carnival-Wednesday February 19

On Wednesday 19th February we will be holding our annual House Swimming Carnival at the Healesville Outdoor Pool. All children from Y4-Y6 will be involved. Students are encouraged to wear house colours. Children need to bring a towel, hat, bathers and sunscreen. Children may need to be dressed appropriately for a warm or cold day depending on the weather.

Parent assistance is required to successfully run the day, please let Marlene Williams or myself know if you are able to help out.

Interschool Swimming Carnival- Friday February 21

The annual Interschool Swimming Carnival for the Healesville District, will be held on Friday February 21 at the Healesville Outdoor Pool. Children have been selected to compete at the carnival on the basis of the swimming lessons taking place. Due to the tight timeline, 1 day between the House and Interschool carnivals, House Carnival results cannot be taken into account when selecting the school team. If you have any queries regarding this process, please feel free to contact me at school.

Permission notes have been handed out for this event and should have already been returned. Final entries need to be submitted to the district by **Friday February 14**.

Congratulations and good luck to all children selected to compete.

Chris Kent

ABSENCES

PLEASE let the school know if your child is away. A phone call is the easiest (5962 4053) or a note on your child's return.

Parents & Friends Club

Got a fabulous idea for fundraising? Got a question about a school issue? Want to meet new people in town? Want to have a free cuppa and a biscuit? Then come along to a Parents & Friends get-together and join in the conversation and have your say or ask your questions.

This year we will be gathering regularly from 2pm on the last Wednesday of each month (ie: dates for Term 1 are February 26th and March 26th). With Camp Australia now running their program in the portables where we used to meet, our gatherings will be held in The Bristol (aka science/tech room).

If you wish to have a reminder sent via text message or email, please leave your name & details at the school office so I can put you on the contact list. New faces are always welcome and encouraged.

Keep up-to-date by liking us on facebook "Healesville Primary Parents and Friends Club".

Thanks, Maidi Mitchell



Science Day: A Formula for Fun

Another busy week of crafts, riddles, science and games! Science was so much fun that we have planned to make our own Volcano this week. For more information about themed days please feel free to ask.

Term 1 & 4 are "No Hat No Play", please help to remind your child to have a hat for after school. We can't keep spare hats and discourage hat sharing. We supply sunscreen before outdoor play but if you prefer your child wears their own please make sure they remember that too!

We are still updating enrolment details to ensure that we have current contacts, it doesn't take much time, and you can speak to either Daniel or Ellen. We welcome your input into your child's interests and favourite activities as we work hard to make sure everyone is smiling and busy doing something fun.

Cheers from the Camp Australia team

SCHOOL BANKING

Commonwealth Bank - Every Tuesday

Bendigo Banking - Tuesdays Fortnightly
(starts Tuesday 25th February)

Healesville Tennis Club

Mums' Program

**Only \$35 for five weeks of group tennis coaching*
Term 1: 24th February – 28th March 2014**

Tennis Victoria's Mums' Program is run by a Tennis Australia qualified coach which means that you will be in good hands to develop your tennis skills. In addition, save time and money on childcare by enrolling your child(ren) in the Tiny Tots program** for just \$15 for the same five weeks. Open to beginners and those who would like to resume playing tennis, the Mum's Program allows you to take some time out for yourself and get fit and active whilst socialising with other mums in your area.

Benefits of the Mums' Program:

- Improve your health, have fun and get fit
- No need to find or pay for childcare to participate
- Receive expert tennis coaching
- Save money as you don't have to purchase any equipment to participate
- Get a great taste of Cardio Tennis and get involved with your local tennis club for a minimal cost

Tiny Tots Program

Enrol your child in our Tiny Tots Program**

The Tiny Tots Program is targeted at children aged 3–5 and helps them develop fundamental motor skills whilst allowing you to participate in tennis, without the burden of having to find childcare.

Program Registration

To register for the Mums' Program (and the Tiny Tots Program**), please contact your nearest venue. Places are limited so please register early.

For further information please contact Tennis Victoria on (03) 8420 8420 or visit: tennis.com.au/vic/play-tennis/getting-started.

Healesville Tennis Club

Queens Park, Maroondah Hwy, Healesville

Wayne Broom 0437 008 788

healesvilletennis@live.com.au

The Arts Program

Our Art room needs the following items which we hope families can provide for us: 12 hole egg cartons, empty cardboard food boxes, ice-cream containers with lids, large yoghurt containers and lids, cardboard tubes, Christmas cards, Christmas wrapping paper, Women's Weekly magazines, last year's calendars, ribbons, well washed meat trays and newspapers.

Our Performing Arts room needs – interesting hats for character performances, character costumes, handbags and lace material.

Thanks for your help. **Fenna Hogg**
Creative Arts Teacher

If there are any families that travel down Myers Creek Road to school and could pick up 3 children, please contact the office.

GUITAR LESSONS AT HEALESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that guitar lessons are available on **Wednesday during the day with Bob Johnson.**

Lessons are half an hour at a cost of \$23.00 for one student or \$18.00 each for 2 students. (Drum lessons are available with us in Healesville after school).

For further information please contact
Bob ☎ 5962 3142.

HEALESVILLE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2014 FOOTBALL SEASON

BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME

REGISTRATION DAY

16 February 2014, 11 am - 1 pm @ Queens Park

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Under 12 - Tues & Thurs - 4:30 - 6:00pm - Badger Creek Primary School , Commences Feb 13th, Thurs only in Feb

Under 11 - Wednesday - 4:30 pm – 6. pm - Badger Creek Primary School, Commences February 26th

Under 10 - Thursdays - 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm – Old Soccer Ground, Queens Park,
Commences March 6, Wednesdays from April 9

Under 9 - Wednesday - 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Old Soccer Ground, Queens Park, Commences March 12

FOR ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ANNE-MARIE - 0400 604 164

SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An Election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of HEALESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on 20th February 2014.

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on 6th March, 2014.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows :

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016	5
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the pool in 2016	4

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posited in a prominent position at the school.

Rebekah Clarke, Acting Principal

Ensuring our school is fire ready

Our school has an emergency management plan.

Healesville Primary School is listed on the Bushfire At Risk Register, which means that we will be CLOSED on days when the fire danger rating is determined by fire authorities as being Code Red.

Where possible you will be advised up to 3 days in advance of a planned closure, including warnings about cancelling excursions, or camps.

You will be advised by a letter or email sent home from school. You can also check for updates at

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/emergencies.aspx>

In some instances less than 3 days notice will be given. The final decision to close will be confirmed no later than 1pm the day before the planned closure.

Once the decision is made to close, this will not change, to avoid confusion.

If there was threat to the school, other than on a planned day of closure, the emergency management plan will be used to ensure we respond in a planned, timely and appropriate manner.

What can you do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up to date, including how your child will be cared for if the school is closed due to threat of fire. Your child should not be left unattended.
- Make sure we have your current contact details, including mobile phone number.
- Keep in touch, read the newsletter, website and any notices sent home.
- If age appropriate, talk to your child about your families bushfire survival plan.
- Talk to us at school if you have concerns.

Additional resources are available:

www.cfa.gov.au

Victorian Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 240 667

ABC local radio