



# Healesville

PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### **Swimming Sport**

Our first house event for the year!! Due to inclement weather unfortunately we had to cut the event short. Thank you to the parents who came along and supported the event, to the staff for organising it and to the students who were such great participators and very flexible in the conditions.

### **District swimming**

Tomorrow we have a number of our students competing in the district swimming carnival.

### **Drop Off Zone**

In the morning and afternoon if you use the drop off and pick up zone at the front of the school please be mindful of the following:

- it is not a parking area, if you need to leave your vehicle, please park in another area
- maintain a slow speed throughout the zone
- encourage your children to safely exit and enter the vehicle

We are now back into the swing of things at school, with good learning routines being established. It is a great opportunity to ensure you are also creating good routines at home to assist your child to be organised and including reading as a part of each day.

### **Parent teacher interviews**

This week we have had parent teacher interviews running. Thank you to all the parents and staff for your involvement, as we value building a partnership for your child's education.

*Rebekah Clarke, Acting Principal*

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

School council nominations close by 4pm today, forms available from office.

## **SPARE CLOTHES NEEDED**

We are looking for second hand school clothes in decent condition to be sent to the prep rooms. We are looking for sizes 5 – 7 and in particular dresses, skirts, shorts, t-shirts, underwear, socks and shoes.

**Thank You, Prep Teachers**

## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY 2014**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

District Swimming Sports

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

5/6 Kayaking

Parents & Friends Club

2pm Bristol – All Welcome

### **MARCH**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

'Honey' fundraiser

orders & money due back

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

School Council Meeting

### **APRIL**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

School Photos

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

End of Term

## **EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

**Closing date is 28<sup>th</sup> 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 M:** Abbey K

**Prep P:** Emma V, Ryan S

**Prep C:** Emily A

**10:** Rebecca J, Zack H

**1/2A:** Thomas M, Emma N

**2R:** Jade K, George L

**2S:** Ethan N, Robert C

**3B:** Jayde E      **3G:** Sienna C

**4L:** Talia McM    **5K:** James F

**5/6S:** Ruby S      **6W:** Josh W

**Special Award – Honesty – Oscar M**

## CANTEEN

FEBRUARY 2014

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cathryn Kershaw	Stacey Kinsmore
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lorraine Simcoe	
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kylie Mayor	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Shelley Buettner	Dianne Lowe

Please consider how much money you give your child to bring to school to spend at the Canteen. There are plenty of things to buy over the counter for 50c. Pikelets are in packs of 2 or 1, and are only 10c each. Popcorn is 10c per bag. Children can buy frozen oranges for 5c each. A frozen fruit tube is 50c, and there is always a selection of fresh baked goods, Anzac biscuits, rice bubble slice, etc for only 50c. For younger children that may not be sure, it is a good idea to discuss with them at home what they can buy for their money, and maybe even put their money in an envelope with what they want written on the outside. Then all they need to do is line up and hand over their envelope. *Thank you, Vikki Chandler*

### Parents & Friends Club

After a positive response last year we are running another honey drive. With this newsletter you will find an order form for Cathedral Valley Honey which you can buy in 4 different flavours and 2 different sizes. This is a great way for you to stock up on a quality product, support a great local business and help our school fundraising effort all at the same time. **Order forms with payment are required by March 6<sup>th</sup> and delivery will be after the March Labour Day long weekend.**

Don't forget our next get-together will be **Wednesday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> from 2pm in The Bristol.** Come along with ideas and/or curiosity for a cuppa and a chat. All welcome. Keep up-to-date by liking us on facebook "Healesville Primary parents and friends club".

*Thanks, Maidi Mitchell*

### MISSING BINOCULARS

The binoculars are black, quite solid and a brand called Gerbers. They were 'borrowed' from a library display last week. Please check bags in case they have been picked up by mistake. They have sentimental value. **Thanks**

### KAYAKING

A reminder that kayaking is on Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at Lilydale Lake. Kids will receive a note prior to the day with more details. **Thanks, Chris Kent**

### SCHOOL BANKING

**Commonwealth Bank - Every Tuesday**  
**Bendigo Banking - Tuesdays Fortnightly**  
**(starts Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February)**

## Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS



Have a 'Counting Day' at home.

Find 5 things to count, estimate first (guess) then count (check). See who can guess closest to the correct number.

Some things you could count: *how many tiles in your bathroom, how many peas on your dinner plate, how many books on the bookshelf, how many pieces of lego you have.* Be creative.



### Bright Smiles are the Focus at Before School Care

Camp Australia's motto is about making children smile; this is why we are focusing on oral health and taking the opportunity to encourage children to begin their day with a bright and minty smile after breakfast. Please include, in a plastic bag, a brush and toothpaste.

Our week has been busy yet again with all sorts of fun and engaging activities. We extend thanks to the families that have updated their contact details, and always welcome input into your child's interests and preferences. *Cheers from the Camp Australia team*

### Interschool Swimming Carnival

**Friday February 21**

The annual Interschool Swimming Carnival for the Healesville District, will be held tomorrow at the Healesville Outdoor Pool. Children have been selected to compete at the carnival on the basis of the swimming lessons that have taken place. Due to the tight timeline (2 days 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.

Congratulations and good luck to all children selected to compete. *Chris Kent*

### HEALESVILLE TENNIS CLUB

Healesville Tennis Club will be celebrating World Tennis Day on **Sunday 3rd March** by, hosting an **Open Day from 1.00 pm -4.00pm.** Come down and join in the fun. For more information on World Tennis Day celebrations around Australia visit [tennis.com.au/worldtennisday](http://tennis.com.au/worldtennisday).

## SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS



The swimming sports were, as you expect a wet affair, unfortunately not just from the pool – the weather gods chose the day to break our drought. Before the thunder and lightning we did manage to complete all the 50m and 20m swimming events. We had some spectacular performances from many students - with many very deserving and determined swimmers earning ribbons and all competing students earning the cheers of their houses. The organisation and support from our newly-elected house captains was awesome and they're going to be the best we've had, I'm sure. The weather did force us to 'pull up stumps' before all events, including the famous 'cross the pool', but the organisers all agreed that we will still award the trophy.

A big thank you to all who assisted in the running especially those parents who scored and judged – we really value your contribution to the school. And of course, Mrs Lockwood for her incomparable organisation and efficiency in the scoring.

The winning house will be announced at assembly this Monday!

Tom Gamble

## 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](http://www.cfa.gov.au)

Victorian Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 240 667

ABC local radio



# Cathedral Valley Honey Drive



Healesville Primary School is running a sweet fundraising drive. On offer are 1 kg tubs or 500gm tubs of Yellowbox, Stringybark, Red Gum or Ti Tree honey from Cathedral Valley Honey based in Taggerty.

**Please fill in this order form &  
return with payment (cash preferred) to school  
by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Room no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order:

**Yellowbox:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) 1kg tub @\$10 each.      \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) 500g tub @\$6.50 each.

**Stringybark:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) 1kg tub @\$10 each.      \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) 500g tub @\$6.50 each.

**Red Gum:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) 1kg tub @\$10 each.      \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) 500g tub @\$6.50 each.

**Ti Tree:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) 1kg tub @\$11each.      \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) 500g tub @\$7.50each.

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_