A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Quicksmart/ Levelled Literacy Intervention

Our Swimming program has concluded and our Specialist and support /extension programs are under way. Quicksmart literacy and numeracy are operating again this year at our school even though Government funding has forced other schools to relinquish this program. We have had a lot of success in improving literacy and maths achievement through these programs. Our Levelled Literacy Intervention programs have expanded now to include children from Prep to Grade 5. This Term we have a literacy extension group for children in Grade 3 and Grade 4; ICT extension group in Grade 3 and 4; Dance Trials for State Schools Spectacular; Instrumental Band for Grade 4 and 5 students.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to our teachers and parents for making the opportunity for interview at this early part of the school year. These informal interviews are a great way to get to know our students, and an opportunity for the Class teacher to inform you of curriculum content for the year.

In June we will hold a Pupil Free Day for Parent Teacher “Mid Year Interviews” and in December we would also like to hold Parent teacher Interviews to conclude the School year. We held these for the first time last December and teachers and parents found them to be extremely beneficial especially for student transition.

Captains Day

Our Official tally for our Captains Day fundraiser – an event organised by our Grade 6 children in December 2012 – is $3054. This was an outstanding effort for a one day event and really shows the generosity of our community. It was a great exercise in leadership for our Grade 6 Captains.

Half of the money has already gone in to purchasing and installing the Basketball Backboards which arrived yesterday and should be well used today. The other $1500 goes to Breast Cancer Research. These were the wishes of our 2012 School and House Captains.

After school Sport

Unfortunately our Thursday program Bike Skills has had to be withdrawn until next Term. We will continue with Circus Skills on Tuesdays though.

Peter Leonard
## Canteen

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**Literacy and numeracy at home - Top Ideas**

Look through photo albums (you can even use your computer albums) and create captions to go with the events. Or tell the stories that you remember from those events.

## Jindi Woraback Youth Mentoring Program

Youth Services at Yarra Ranges Council currently coordinates a youth mentoring program targeting young people aged 15-25 who are in need of additional support, friendship and positive role modelling. The Jindi Woraback youth mentoring program is based on a young person being matched with a suitable mentor. Common interests, hobbies and personalities are taken into account during the matching process.

We are in need of Learner Driver mentors (L2P) to work one on one with learner drivers aged 16-21 years who face significant barriers with obtaining their probationary drivers licence. The primary function of the role is to supervise learner driving practice sessions to assist the young person to become a safe and lawful driver.

The L2P program includes training, a safe vehicle and ongoing support for the mentor. All volunteers must satisfactorily complete a screening, induction and training process. Mentors are required to commit to a minimum of 1 hour a week, for a 12 month period.

**Mentor Information Night to be held at Montrose Town Centre (Hall) on Wednesday 13th March at 6:30pm**

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**Easter Raffle**

Easter raffle donations can be left at the school office up to March 25th. Please think of the school when you’re out buying for your family & add that extra little thing for our raffle prize. Anything Easter-related will be much appreciated.

A reminder to everyone that our next get-together will be next Thursday March 7th from 9am. Join us in the end portable for a cuppa & a chat. Have your say and share your ideas about fundraising for 2013. It would be great to see lots of new faces. If you’d like to be on our contact list for emails about get-togethers, please leave your details at the office.

Thanks Maidi Mitchell

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**No Hat, No Play**

Healesville Primary is a SunSmart school. During Terms 1 and 4 children not wearing hats will not be allowed to play outside at lunch time and morning recess. Wide brim hats and bucket hats are acceptable.

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**Camp Australia Healesville Holiday Club Program**

**Is Now Open For Bookings**

This Easter Holiday sees Camp Australia Healesville open its doors during the school holidays for the first time. Bookings are now open for this program so hurry as places are already filling up fast!

Please visit [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au) and follow the “Holiday Club” links for bookings and further details.

**CHARLIES ZUCCHINI VINAIGRETTE**

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Wash zucchini and cut into thin rings. Peel onion and slice thinly. Place zucchini and onion in bowl, add salt and cover with water. Allow to stand for 1 hour. Drain well, place remaining ingredients in a saucepan and bring to boil. Pour over zucchini and onion and allow to stand for a further 1 hour. Enjoy.
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
"Celebrating 50 Fantastic Years"

**MARCH 22ND - 24TH 2013**

**FRIDAY** - Evening Catch Up @ Healesville Hotel from 6pm
**SATURDAY** - HHS Open Day 10am - 3pm
**SATURDAY EVENING** - Formal Dinner @ Rochford Winery starting at 7pm
**SUNDAY** - BBQ @ Queens Park starting at 12pm

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**looking to the FUTURE**

More information available at www.healesvillehs.vic.edu.au or (03) 5962 4088