

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Third week of third term is nearly ready to begin and more sleepless nights are ahead watching the best athletes in the Commonwealth going against each other at the Commonwealth Games. Good luck to all of the Australian athletes as we watch them perform at their best. I hope that all the hard work and long training hours pay off.

Parent Opinion Survey

Each year the Department conducts a survey of the parent community in relation to our school. The feedback provided through this survey opportunity provides a valuable insight to us as we set future directions and priorities for the school and reflect on what we do well and what we could improve. The Parent Opinion Survey information is combined with the Student Attitudes to School data, the Staff Survey data as well as data about student outcomes, achievement and attendance which are referred to in our Annual Report to the Community which is presented at School Council each year and available at the office for anyone to collect.

If you receive a Parent Opinion Survey as part of the sample group for our school please complete and return it by due date. Responses are anonymous and the selection of who receives them is randomised.

Year 6 Sports Round robin

Yesterday the Year 6 students participated in the Upper Yarra Valley Round Robin Sports Day. Congratulations to all the students who participated. Full reports of each sport will be in next week's newsletter.

School Review

Last year school staff reflected upon the school's Strategic Plan 2010–2013, with the school's leadership team recently completing HPS Self Evaluation documentation; analysing goals included in our school's Strategic Plan to determine which were met, exceeded and in some cases perhaps not met. We have evaluated many areas including:

- Student, Parent and Staff Opinion (Attitudes To School survey/s)
- National Literacy and Numeracy Comparisons (NAPLAN results)
- Victorian Essential Learnings (VELS)/National Curriculum Standards (AusVELS)
- Professional learning opportunities offered to staff and general growth in staff expertise
- Levels of student attendance
- Degrees of success in wellbeing programs and the level of engagement of children in their schooling
- Curriculum programs introduced and extra-curricula opportunities offered

A School Self Evaluation is a written summary of a school's performance over the past 4 year period in various areas of operations, and I found this opportunity to reflect on what has happened most rewarding.

HPS will be having our review starting 12 August. This will give us the chance to intensely look at school practices, policies and programs in order to write the direction for our next School Strategic Plan.

Should you have any further questions regarding School Strategic Plans, please drop past for a chat or access the following address on the Department Of Education and Early Childhood Development's website:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/Pages/accountability.aspx>

Running around the buildings

I have noticed students running and playing ball games in front of the classrooms before school and afterschool. Due to safety issues we have asked students to walk during these times. Teachers will be discussing this matter with their class.

Calling All Carpenters

The preps are in need of a wooden gate made for the science area at the back of their building. We are hoping to create a functional and friendly looking gate to close off the area. If you are able to help out with some expertise to either give suggestions on how to make the gate or to make the gate for us please speak to Mr Heath. All materials will be paid for by the school..

Cameron Heath, Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS

JULY

Friday 25th

Ski Trip to Marysville Grds 3 & 4

Book Club Due

Wednesday 30th

Canteen Hot Diggerty Dog Day

Thursday 31st

Bridges to Prep 2015 – Art
2.45-3.15pm

AUGUST

Friday 1st

Ski Trip to Marysville Grds 5 & 6

Monday 11th

School Council Meeting

Thursday 14th

Bridges to Prep 2015 – Music & PE
2.45pm -3.15pm

Friday 15th

Grade 3-4 Footy Clinic

Friday 22nd

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Wednesday 27th

Grade 3 - Kew Traffic Excursion
Grade 6 -Production at Memorial Hall

Thursday 28th

Bridges to Prep 2015 – Computers &
Library 2.45pm -3.15pm

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is due back on

TOMORROW

No late orders thank you. Please
send correct money.

STUDENT AWARDS

Prep M: Abbey K

Prep P: Finlay M, Charli L

Prep C: Tanisha M, Jyzak C **10:** Mia S

1/2A: Oscar M

2R: Blake G

3B: Kiah G

3G: Tom P

5K: Emma G

5/6S: Connor L

6N: Jye V

6W: Carmen H

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CANTEEN

JULY / AUGUST 2014

Mon 28th & Tues 29th	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 30th	HOT DIGGETTY DOG DAY Cathryn Cosson	
Thurs 31st	Marilyn Caldicott	Rebecca Church
Fri 1st	Susan Crossland	Samantha Stribbling

All orders for the Hot Diggetty dog day should have been returned to the canteen by today. Please remember that on Wednesday 30th there will be no other lunch orders available.

Thank you, Vikki Chandler

Parents & Friends Club

Next week is our regular monthly get-together and everyone is welcome to join us for a coffee and chat on Wednesday July 30th from 2pm in the Bristol. New faces and children always welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

On Wednesday August 20th Eastern Health is sending us a dietician to talk to interested parents in relation to the school's awesome lunchbox program. Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see lots of HPS parents come along with any type of lunchbox food questions and take advantage of this free expert advice.

In the first week of September we will be holding a Father's Day Stall. We always need parents to come and man the stall, so contact me via the office if you are able to help on Thursday 4th or Friday 5th September.

Stay up-to-date with lots of school information by liking us on facebook "Healesville Primary parents and friends club".

Thanks, Maidi Mitchell

Emailing the Newsletter

To cut down on paper and to be an environmentally friendly school we are offering families the opportunity to have the newsletter emailed. If you would like your weekly newsletter emailed please contact the school office in person or by email healesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and this can be arranged.

ABSENCES

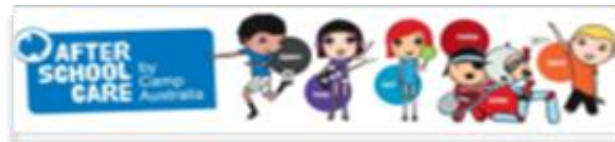
PLEASE let the school know if your child is absent. A phone call, a note to the teacher on your child's return or you can email us on healesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Prayer for school

We have a prayer meeting in order to pray *specifically for school concerns.* Please feel free to join us if you can. Our next meeting is on **Monday 28th July straight after assembly, in the end portable.** Any questions phone Cherida 59626620.

Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS

Get everyone in your family to learn a tongue twister and see who can say it the fastest. You could start with: 'Can you can a can as a canner can can a can?'



We are happy to welcome back Bob as our new co-ordinator. We are looking forward to starting a new term with fresh ideas and smiling faces.

Cheers from the team at Camp Australia

PLAYGROUP TERM 3

Playgroup meets every Monday morning from 9:30 am until 11:00 am (straight after assembly). A casual yet fun group – bring a piece of fruit to share.

PARENTZONE

Attention Parents:

There are two sessions that may be of interest to some of our community. We have had good feedback from families that have accessed sessions run through Parentzone in the past. Flyers can be obtained at the office, from Anne Hocking, our new chaplain Joel Hawting, or by contacting Parentzone direct.

The topics are at Yarra Junction:

- Discipline vs Punishment
Mondays from Aug 4th for 5 weeks 1pm-3 pm
- Understanding Self Injury in your teenager
Thurs 7th Aug 7 pm - 9.00 pm

Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year and received the first instalment **do not** need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA Payment (unless your circumstances have changed).

If you did not submit an application for the first instalment, and you are now eligible, then you will need to submit an EMA application form **before Friday 1st August 2014.** Application forms are available from the school office.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

