



we show
Respect

we are part of a
Community

we are
Confident

we are always
Learning

NEWSLETTER

Edition 19

Friday June 17th, 2016

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

JUNE

Friday 24th

Craft Night

End of Term 2

Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm

Bus Travellers 2:05pm

JULY

Monday 11th

Start of Term 3

Wednesday 13th

Parents & Friends Meeting 10am

Friday 15th

Canberra camp instalment due (\$100)

Thursday 21st

Bridges to Prep – 2.45pm

REMINDER

Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on the last day of school Friday 24th June. Bus Travellers will finish at 2:05pm.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Readers Workshop

Each day Healesville Primary School students participate in carefully planned reading sessions called Readers Workshop. Reading workshop is a learning centred approach to reading using the Healesville Primary School Teaching and Learning Model. It begins with a whole class mini lesson where the teacher explicitly teaches a reading skill or comprehension strategy. The students have a short practice while the teacher monitors students' progress. Students are then given an extended period of time to read, while the teacher gives individual instruction to students. Depending on the need the teacher may also work with a small group for a short period of time. Each child chooses their own books, with guidance from the teacher to create their box of "Good Fit Books." If you would like to know more about Readers Workshop or Teaching and Learning Model please ask your child's teacher.

Region Cross Country

Congratulations to Riley C and Sophie M for showing confidence and running extremely well at the Region Cross Country on Tuesday.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Last Saturday 14 fantastic Healesville Primary School parents volunteered their time to turn hundreds of sausages in order to fundraise well needed money. Thank you to all parents who helped on the day. It was great to, once again, see our community spirit shining through. The funds will go towards cleaning up the Crowley Road side of the school.

Thank you to – Naomi W, Shelley B, Nicole S, Dave D, Isla F, Liz McC, Vanessa C, Paul E, Lisa C, Colette R, Tash B, Kay M and Mairi M, and of course Ettie, Darby and Ella.

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Parents and Friends Club



Hi everyone, I can't believe the end of term 2 is just around the corner....

A huge thank you to all the parents that have put their hands up to help out with the disco. I'm positive it's going to be a great night!

- The Sipahh straws are still available for order and for the remainder of the term will be sold at the canteen lunchtime **Monday to Wednesday ONLY**.
- The Parents and Friends Committee is a FANTASTIC and EASY way to get involved in the school community. We highly value new team members and value any help we receive. So please come along to the next meeting, bring a friend or two if you wish. Sit and have a cuppa and chat to fellow parents and community members.

Sam Stribbling
Parents & Friends Committee

150th Celebration Hampers

Our birthday is getting closer and closer and organisation has begun. We are collecting and organising all historical memorabilia as well as getting the final details organised for the 150th Celebration Day on 22nd October. In the next week teachers will be sending a Hamper letter out to their grades. Each class is in charge of a particular topic for their hamper. Members of the class are asked to bring something new related to that topic. Items will then be put together to form a hamper for the silent auctions on the day.

Prep –Pets
Year 1- Lollies
Year 2 – Gardening
Year 3 – Chocoholics
Year 4 – BBQ
Year 5/6 – Baking

All items are to be given to your child's teacher before 19th August.

SCHOOL DISCO TONIGHT – FRIDAY 17th JUNE

Junior Disco – 5.30pm → 6.30pm
Senior Disco – 7.00pm → 8.15pm

Literacy and numeracy at home- TOP IDEAS



Discuss the student led conferences, talking in depth about the areas that are successes and things that are challenges.



I hoped that everyone had a great long weekend last week.

Last week we made Goop and Cloud Dough with the children, hence why you may have seen the children with very pink hands.

It was a sensory activity for the children to feel different textures and feel the sensations through their hands. It was good for some of the younger children and the older children enjoyed playing with both sensory messes.

Ingredients for Cloud Dough

8 cups of all-purpose flour
1 to 1 ½ cups baby oil

Method

- Mix all ingredients into a large bowl with a pastry cutter or whisk
- You may need to add extra baby oil to make it the right consistency.
- To make it a different colour you can add food colouring.

Ingredients for Goop

1 pkt of Cornflour
And add water to make the right consistency
Add colouring of your choice.

Method

- Mix in all ingredients until you think it feels right. BUT PLEASE PUT DOWN A PLASTIC TABLECLOTH ON THE TABLE (AS THE COLOURING WILL STAIN THE TABLE)

Stacey , Abbey & Elise
Camp Australia
We make children smile

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Mid-Year Disco

A reminder that tonight we have our Mid-Year Disco.

Junior Disco – 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Senior Disco – 7.00pm – 8.15pm

Last Day of Term 2 – PJ / Onesie DAY

The last day of term, Friday 24 June, we are having Pyjama/Onesie Day. Each student can wear pyjamas or onesie and donate a gold coin to the Pyjama Day Foundation. The Pyjama Foundation helps children in foster care enjoy a brighter future through reading, education and encouragement. The National Pyjama Day event is a fun way to highlight the importance of reading and raising funds for children in foster care through a simple gold coin donation. Please give your gold coin donation to your child's teacher.

Note: This is not a free dress day. Students can wear pyjamas or onesie, if not school uniform is required.

Acting Assistant Principal - Barbara Darling

It is with pleasure that I announce that Barbara Darling from Emerald PS will be Acting Assistant Principal replacing Rebekah Clarke when she is on Family Leave. We welcome Barbara to our wonderful community. Please come in and say hello when she starts, officially 1st August.

As mentioned last week I started leave on Wednesday until the start of term 3 due to family reasons. In my absence Rebekah Clarke will be Acting Principal assisted by Barbara who will be Acting Assistant Principal.

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Cameron Heath, Principal

Story Hooks

This week grade 3/4 has been looking at different ways that we can start our stories.

Today we looked at using descriptive language at the beginning of the story and this is what some of the students wrote...

The postman looked up into the dark sky, he saw a light out in the distance that did not look much like a star. He looked away and then he looked at it again, but this time he noticed that it had moved an inch closer. At that very moment he realised it was not a star at all. In fact it was a spaceship! It came an inch closer every second and then it got so close that he thought that it couldn't get any closer. He started to slowly float up towards it. He tried to get back down, but it was no use. The suction power was too strong. As he continued to float, he wished he had never got out of bed. As the doors started to shut, he dropped down on to the metal floor. As he got up, he smelt the recognisable smell of smoke. His heart dropped straight down, there was something very wrong...

By Josh grade 3/4B

On one hot summer morning the postman had a day off, so he decided to go into his secret garage and there it was, the most beautiful spaceship he had ever seen. He chose to take it for a ride. So he got his gear on and off he went up into outer space, but when he got there his alarm went "Bip, bip, bip, bip, bippppppppppp!"

He looked behind him and the engine had broken down. No wonder he could smell smoke, so he went down back to earth. The spaceship crashed!

By Ishka 3/4B

'Bang' went the engine, the postman looked at the engine. He smelt smoke. He got scared. They had just taken off in the spaceship, his heart was beating. He told them to stop, but they didn't. They couldn't! So the postman got really scared, then "Bang" went the engine. They started to fall...

By Olivia

Parents & Friends Crafts & Coffee Night

7:30 pm - \$5.00 Entry
Healesville Primary School – Staffroom



Simply bring along your own project or equipment, and everything else is provided – including great company and refreshments.

2016 Dates

24th June

29th July

26th August

30th September

28th October

25th November

Samantha Stribbling 0467 629 991



Healesville Primary School In-School School Banking Competition 3 Prizes to be Won – Draw Next Week

All you need to do is just bank 5 times in Term 2 to go into a draw to win the following fabulous prizes.

1 x Dollarmite Prize pack for Junior School (Years Prep & 1)

1 x Dollarmite Stationary Prize Pack for Middle School (Years 2-4)

1 x \$25 Australian Geographic Voucher for Senior School (Year 5 & 6)

Winners will be announced Tuesday 21st June.
(Also check out the Australia Zoo competition)

Good luck

KITCHEN GARDEN CLASSES AT HEALESVILLE PRIMARY: GET INVOLVED



We believe young children should learn how to grow and eat good food every day of their lives.

This is already happening at hundreds of primary schools across Australia, and we would like to bring food education to our students.

Would you like to join the team?

We'd like to form a Kitchen Garden Team to look at planning and implementing a really great kitchen garden program for our school. It won't be onerous (but will be a lot of fun), and you'll be helping to establish a program that will have lasting benefits for our children as well as our community.

If you'd like to be a part of this, please contact Ms House in 4H or Mrs George in the front office on 5962 4053.

For more information about the Kitchen Garden Classroom visit
www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au



The Wellbeing Corner

with Penny and Cherida

Welcome to week 10, out of our 11 week series on "Children Learn What They Live", the poem by Dorothy Law Nolte.

"If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves."

I am sure that we all like to be *liked* and we all like *approval*. I know that I do, even in little things and especially from the people we really care about. For example - I sometimes ask my husband, "Do you *like* what I cooked tonight?", "Do you *like* this dress on me?", "Do you *like* my new haircut?"....

To approve of something means to agree with it.

The people we *like* and *enjoy being with* are people who we tend to *agree with*. We *agree* with their beliefs and *approve* of their behaviours. And it just so happens that *behaviours often stem from beliefs*.

When other people *agree* with what we think and do, we feel *liked* by them. That makes us feel that there are things about us that are *likeable*.

The flipside is, that if others *disapprove* of what we think and do then we wonder what we have done wrong and what is wrong with ourselves. We feel that there are things about ourselves *not to like*. This can ruin self-esteem if it is taken too far.

Really, all of us have things within us that need improvement but we also all have things within us that are likeable and should be approved of. It is great to be confident in ourselves knowing that there are things about us to be liked.

I encourage you to find as many things as you can about your child that you *approve of*. Write them down, remember them and tell your children about it. I am positive that it will be a great confidence boost for them.

Have a wonderfully likeable week!

Cherida

Healesville Primary Choir Visits Aurrum Centre and Kinders

Tuesday was an exciting day for 28 Healesville Primary students. They embarked on their first singing tour as the Healesville Primary Choir. The group comprised students from Grade 1/2 through to Grade 4. After practising a large repertoire of songs during the term, they were looking forward to the opportunity to perform for a captive audience. They sang beautifully at Aurrum Aged Care Centre where the residents showed their appreciation with great applause and smiles. Then the singers travelled by bus and car to Haig Ave Preschool and Robyn Jane Child Care Centre. The children sang along to their favourites and were mesmerised by the Choir's performance. The students of Healesville Primary conducted themselves admirably and sang their hearts out. It was a great excursion and a lovely community outreach. There will be further singing opportunities for the choir next term.



A huge thankyou to the parents (Cara, Kylie and Sarah) and staff (Mrs Clarke, Mr Heath and Miss Vermeltoort) who helped drive the students to the different venues and to Jody Hodson for the loan of the mini bus for the day!! This support of the children made all the difference and added to the overall success of the day.

Penny



Healesville DADS GROUP

A group for dads by dads in Healesville

Come along to the first Healesville Dads Group meet up - a new casual gathering for dads of newborns to pre-schoolers (0-5s).

Grab a coffee, get to know another sleep-deprived father, and weather permitting enjoy some time at the playground with other dads and their children.

Saturday 25 June 2016

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Healesville Railway Park & YV Refreshments



www.facebook.com/healesvilledads

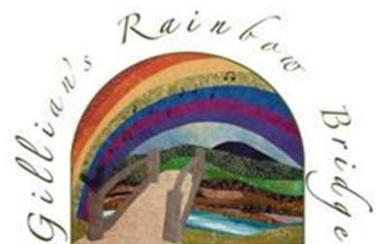


Gillian's Rainbow Bridge Winter School Holiday Programs

If life has been a little hectic of late and you would benefit from a fun, relaxing day please come to Gill's farm. You can help look after the animals, meet new friends, have fun being creative and delight in a healthy scrumptious lunch.

We will be holding two programs this school holiday.

- **Date-Wednesday 29th June. Time-9.30am till 2.30pm**
Make a Tie Dyed T Shirt-Clare will help you create a brilliant T shirt which you can proudly wear.
- **Date-Tuesday 5th July. Time- 9am till 2.30pm.**
Help build a wooden stool for the children who visit our farm. Dan will be by your side as a team of eager young carpenters make a few bespoke country stools.



Our aim is to assist disadvantaged children and abused animals to heal and support each other. We hope the inner strength and confidence gained will *inspire everyone for all life.*

To book in please phone Annette on 5962 5995 or email her- info@gilliansrainbowbridge.com.au
Please bring something small to add to our healthy delicious lunch. **No cost for the day.**

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me or feel free to email me.

Annette Conrad
President