

# NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Whole School Mixed Age Activity

Tomorrow the whole school will participate in an activity in mixed age groups. This exciting initiative allows students to meet others from different year levels and grades promoting the sense of community and belonging. Good luck to all the students and we hope you enjoy meeting students from your school community. A report will be in next week's newsletter.

### Head lice

At present we have several cases of head lice at HPS. Could you please ensure you regularly check your child's hair and treat accordingly. The following is the Department of Education and Training's blurb on the issue of head lice.

"Head lice infection can be a sensitive issue for parents and your children and can be difficult to manage. The responsibility of treating and detecting head lice rests primarily with you, as parents. Your child's school should always be sensitive about head lice and should maintain student confidentiality if a case of head lice is detected. Your child's school will work with you and can offer support and advice on preventing and minimising the impact of head lice outbreaks. There is no way to prevent head lice so it's important to check your child's hair regularly even when you don't think they have head lice. Using conditioner is a cheap and effective way to help **find head lice** in your child's hair. **Conditioner doesn't kill head lice**, but it stuns them for about 20 minutes, so they cannot move around or hang onto the hair. This method gives you time to comb through the hair with a lice comb and determine if your child has head lice and begin a treatment method as soon as possible if they are detected."

The Department of Health website includes information for parents about head lice, including a fact sheet about treating and controlling infections.

### School Council

The School Council nomination process for 2015 has concluded. Thank you to all members of the school community who have offered their time through accepting a nomination to one of the vacant positions on School Council. At the close of nominations we had received notification from interested community members that matched the number of vacancies we advertised, which means that there was no need to hold a ballot. I wish to congratulate the school community members for their successful nomination onto School Council for 2015/2016, and look forward to working with you to make our school even better for the children:

Parent Members	Community Member	DET Members	Principal
Nicole Street	Elissa Stillman	Rebekah Clarke	Cameron Heath
Sandra Stevenson-Newell	Vanessa Clothier	Michelle McIlvena	
Kylie Britt		Maidi Mitchell	
Deb Cameron		Marlene Williams	
Naomi Wilson			
Kylie Short			
Amanda Bruder			
Louise Charlotte-Jane			

I wish to express appreciation to the outgoing councillor, Tim Anderson, for his invaluable contribution to the Healesville Primary School community and the School Council, offering balanced opinions, generosity of time, and significant expertise which has been greatly appreciated.

The first meeting with our newly formed School Council will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 16th March, following our AGM at 7:30pm. During the first meeting of our newly formulated Council, we will elect the School Council Executive and also confirm Coordinators and membership of the various sub-committees: Education, Finance, Facilities and Marketing & Communication. These sub-committees are open to all members of the school community and are not limited to elected School Councillors. Following the first meeting of our new Council there will be a call for expressions of interest to join these sub-committees so please consider your interest and availability in joining a committee.

### Nuts and Egg Products at School

Rather than ban nut and egg products from Healesville Primary School, our preferred option which is in line with current research, is to educate staff, students and the school community and to discourage students from bringing nut and egg products to school. A severe reaction can be triggered through swallowing and to a lesser degree touch. We ask you to support the health of these students by limiting the nut and egg products in your child's lunch box. If your child has peanut butter, nut products or eggs for breakfast please ensure that they wash their hands with soap before coming to school. Teachers will also get students to wash hands after eating any nut or egg product at school. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

*Cameron Heath, Principal*

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### MARCH

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

**Grade 6 Canberra camp deposit due \$150**

Book Club Orders Due

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

School Council Meeting

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

**CURRICULUM DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Hot Cross Buns Order Due

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Information Night 6.30pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

District Athletics – Don Road

Parents & Friends Get Together – 1.30pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

HEWI Excursion to Grace Burn 3/4L & 4C

Last day of Term 1

### APRIL

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Term 2 starts

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

Grades 4, 5 & 6 – Swimming

## BOOKCLUB NEWS

**Orders are due back at school TOMORROW**

## FINAL WEEK

2<sup>nd</sup>hand uniforms on sale.

All items only \$1.00 each.

See the rack at the front office.

## HEALESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

**Where:** Healesville Primary School Library

**When:** Every Monday during school term

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:00am

**Cost:** FREE, please bring a piece of fruit to share.

Come along to our casual yet fun group! Arts/crafts/painting, open ended play (sand, water, playdough etc.), outside fun, group times, books, music, and a chance to get together with other parents for a coffee and chat.

**Ages - newborn to preschool.**

## CANTEEN

**MARCH 2015**

<b>Mon &amp; Tues</b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>	
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Joanne Brayne	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Rachelle Potter	Lisa Clements

### CANTEEN

Order forms were sent home last week for Baker's Delight Hot Cross Buns. This fundraiser is to raise much needed funds for your school canteen. **Forms and money are due back to the canteen by Friday 20th March. Delivery will be on Thursday 26th**, just in time for school holidays. If you did not receive a form there are spare forms at the Canteen or the Office.

Stock will begin to run low over the next few weeks. If your child orders something that is not available, we will do our best to give them something similar, and of equal value, or they will receive their money back. Please encourage your child to come up to the canteen if they have any problems with their order. We can normally fix things up quite easily on the day.

Thank you, Vikki Chandler

### SPORTS REPORT Division Swimming

Last Thursday March 5, 9 Healesville Primary School students went to the Nunawading Pool to compete in the **Yarra Division Swimming Championships**. In a great result all 9 swam really well and have qualified for the **Eastern Region Championships** at Nunawading Pool to be held **tomorrow, Friday March 13**. Competitors who placed 1st or 2nd at the Yarra Division meeting qualified for the Eastern Region Championships. These students are now 1 level away from the Victorian Championships. Congratulations to all of these children and good luck tomorrow. The following students came 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Results

- 1st - Girls            Open Medley Relay  
(Lily C, Olivia M, Brooke E, Ella C)
- 1st - Girls            11 YO Freestyle Relay  
(Verity H, Meagan G, Lily C, Sophie M)
- 1st - Girls            12/13 YO Freestyle Relay  
(Olivia M, Aimee Mc, Ella C, Brooke E)
- 1st - Girls            11YO Backstroke- Lily C
- 1st - Girls            11YO Breaststroke- Lily C
- 1st - Girls            12/13YO Backstroke- Olivia M
- 1st - Girls            12/13YO Butterfly- Olivia M
- 2nd – Girls            9/10YO Breaststroke- Davey W

**Chris Kent**

### Monster Garage Sale Sat 21 March 8am to 1pm

The Support Healesville Indoor Pool (SHIP) group are holding a monster garage sale at the Healesville High School to raise funds for improvements to the pool.

Donations of treasured items needed.

We will be having a cake stall and cooking bacon and egg rolls for breakfast.

Put the date in your diary and get out of bed early to pick up a bargain.

Call Helen Campbell-Drury on 5962 2590 or Carol Hart on 5962 1996 to donate goods.

### Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS



Create a map of your house and talk about the measurement of rooms in informal measurement units (eg. how many steps) or formal measurement units (eg. metres).

### Parents & Friends Club



#### Call for Easter raffle donations!!

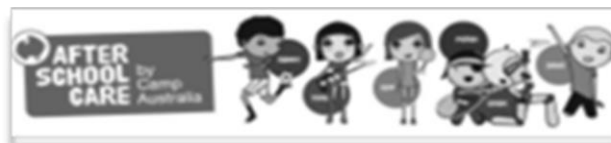
P&F club is requesting that each family donate a little something for our fantastic Easter raffle prizes. Suggestions include-Easter eggs, stickers, craft sets, books, bags/baskets and vouchers. **Donations can be left at the school office before March 25<sup>th</sup> with the raffle being drawn on the last day of term 1 (March 27<sup>th</sup>)**. Tickets for the raffle will be coming home next week.

Thanks for everyone who ordered berries through our "The Big Berry" fundraiser. We have the opportunity to make ongoing orders if the demand is enough. Please get in contact with the office via phone 5962 4053 or email [healesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:healesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) if you are interested.

Our next get-together will be **Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30pm. We would love some help putting together the raffle prizes on this day. All welcome.

Thanks for your support,

Maidi Mitchell and Kylie Short



What a week, moving from one room to two, we are now settling into the Lizard Room. With discussion from the children we will retaining the art & craft activities and the cooking & afternoon snacks in the Bristol Room. We also have our administration area, quiet homework area, construction area and a spot for imaginary play in the Lizard room. Everyone seems to have settled in very quickly.

This week we are finishing off our origami projects of which the children appear to really like paper planes the most.

Again we are sorry to say that we will not be holding a vacation care program here at Healesville but Camp Australia does have a holiday program at Chirnside Park Primary School, Ruskin Park Primary School or Dorset Primary School. Either go to <http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs> or ring our customer service on 1300 105 343. We have copies of their program available in the Lizard room.

Thanks,

Bob, Michelle, Stacey, Nicola & Melissa from Camp Australia.

### YEAR 6 INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday 24th March

6:30pm – 7:15pm

It is important that you attend this session so you can gather all information about your child's year 6 program for the year.