

NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 1 is over and the holidays are upon us. Enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to everyone returning refreshed after the break.

Year 4 Camp

The Year 4 students experienced a fantastic few days at Alexandra Adventure Camp this week. I was lucky to spend a day and night with the campers where I enjoyed rock climbing, archery, swimming, walking and tennis. These are only a few of the activities our students experienced. Congratulations on a wonderful week. Thank you to the teachers for all the organisation and background work they put in to ensure the camp was successful. Also, thank you to the parents who attended the camp, the students really appreciate it.

Dress as my Hero Day

Today is dress up as your Hero Day. It is great to see many great outfits and a wide range of Heroes.

School Council

We had the first meeting of the new School Council last week and elected the Executive positions for 2016. My thanks and congratulations to the following Councilors who have accepted nominations to the positions of:

President – Nicole Street

Vice President – Naomi Wilson

Secretary – Sandra Stevenson - Newell

At this meeting we also nominated Conveners for the School Council Sub-committees for 2016. The Sub-committees are a very important part of the School Council process and I have included a short explanation below for your information

School Council Sub Committees. What do sub-committees do?

Sub-committees:

- Assist Council in the work that needs to be done. They report regularly at School Council meetings, provide advice and make recommendations to School Council which has the final responsibility for decisions. **Sub-committees cannot make decisions for School Council; rather they make recommendations to Council**
- Are open to non School Council members and therefore provide opportunities to involve people in the school who are not members of School Council
- The Council sub-committees sometimes have working parties that are set up for a specific task for a set period of time. An example of a working party might be related to the development of a policy – for example a “healthy eating” working party or a “sun smart” working party. Working parties are covered by the same rules as sub-committees. They cannot make decisions but instead make recommendations to either a sub-committee or School Council.

I would like to invite any interested community members to become involved in one of the Council Sub-committees listed below. The meetings will generally be on the same night as school council. If you would like to discuss the possibility of contributing to Healesville PS in this way, please feel free to give me a call, or contact the Conveners as listed below.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

MARCH

Thursday 24th

Easter Raffle Drawn at Assembly
My Hero Day – gold coin donation
End of Term 1 finish at 2.30pm

Friday 25th

Parents & Friends Craft Night –
7.30pm

APRIL

Monday 11th

First Day of Term 2

Wednesday 13th

Parents & Friends Meeting

Friday 15th

Canberra Camp Instalment due (\$60)

Monday 18th - Wednesday 27th

Senior Swimming

Wednesday 20th

School Photos

UNIFORM SHOP

All online or phone orders placed over the school holidays can be picked up from the uniform shop on Monday 11th April from 9.00am – 10am.

STUDENT AWARDS

PV: Ella K, Jesse K **PL:** Mia S
1M: Madalen W **1/2D:** Georgia W
2G: Paisley S, Ashton C
5/6S: Ettie McC **5/6W:** Nick M
P6J: Zack H

Dojo: Toby B – 3L

Mathletics: Lily H – 3L

LLI: Hayden G – 2H

Parents and Friends Club

Thank you to all the businesses and parents that have donated items for our Easter raffle.

We hope you all have a great holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Kind Regards,
Parents & Friends Committee

10 Ways to Promote Good Mental Health & Wellbeing in Kids

We subscribe to a parenting resource provided through 'Parenting Ideas' by Michael Grose. From time to time through Contact I will include resources that may be of interest to families.

I found this list recently and include it a good guide or checklist for families.

10 Ways to Promote Good Mental Health & Wellbeing in Kids

1. Model good mental health
2. Make sure they get enough sleep
3. Encourage kids to exercise
4. Give them creative outlets
5. Provide a space of their own
6. Talk about their troubles
7. Help them to relax
8. Have two routines – weekday & weekend
9. Foster volunteering and helpfulness

Bring fun and playfulness into their lives

Cameron Heath, Principal

Interschool Athletics Sports

On Wednesday the Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in the Healesville District Athletics Sports at the Don Road Sports Complex. We were lucky to get a great day weather wise and the students seemed to really enjoy their day, whilst their behaviour was outstanding. Healesville were successful on the day winning the trophy for the overall large school champion. A great effort !!!

In the champion athlete awards for the Year 6 students Riley D won the overall Champions award for the boys. In the girls, Eden D was the overall champion with Sienna M coming third. Congratulations to these students on a great effort. A big thankyou to the parents who helped out on the day, particularly our group leaders David Duncan, JoAnne Marcon, Allan Agnew and Andrew Crossman. Also to Kerri Hodgson and Jamie Parker who helped out at the sprints all day.

Students will find out whether they have progressed to the Division Athletics later in the year, as this is not held until early in term 4.

I hope that everyone enjoys a happy and safe Easter.

Chris Kent

Literacy and Numeracy at home TOP IDEAS

Plan some family activities for the holidays. You could research on the internet, then look up a map to see where you are going to go.



Last week Abbey and the children made some Banana Bread and the children had it for Afternoon tea, the children enjoyed making the Banana Bread.

Well it has come to the end of Term one. I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful Easter with their family and friends.

We are doing Easter activities all this week as well as some cooking.

Please stay safe on the roads over the Holidays try and not eat too much Chocolate.

Abbey and I will see you in Term 2 on the 11th of April.

Thanks,
Stacey and Abbey from Camp Australia

CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder that the Canteen will be **closed MONDAYS, TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS.** They will open on Thursdays and Fridays only.

Please note that our main menu has had some slight price changes for Term 2 – 2016 and that our summer menu of sushi has now ended. We have added the fried rice and quiches to the menu. You can pick up a paper copy of the menu from the canteen. We will be bringing out a winter special menu at the start of Term 2, so keep a look out. Thank you for your support.

Thanks Rhonda & EV Cuisine

CSEF

If you have a current health care card, please see the office staff and complete a CSEF form. You could be eligible for \$125.00 per student to help cover camps, sports and excursions.

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School Council Sub-committees & Convenors 2016

Finance – Convener – Louise George

Finance monitors school budgets, income and expenditure, as well as making recommendations regarding financial policies.

Education – Convener – Rebekah Clarke

Policy & Planning is involved with writing new policies covering any aspects of the school program that need that type of documentation. They also conduct a cyclic review and update all existing policies.

Buildings and Grounds – Convener – Clare Hunt

Grounds look after the external environment of the school, gardens and playground areas. They organize working bees for routine maintenance and also grounds improvement projects.

District Athletics

Congratulations to all the year 3, 5 and 6 students on a fantastic day at the District Athletics yesterday. It was amazing to see the sportsmanship and determination shown by all HPS students. Congratulations to Riley D and Eden D on winning their age group champion. Thank you to all the teachers and parents that attended yesterday and made the day a success.

Cameron Heath, Principal

School Council Meeting Update

School Council met on Monday 21st March. At this meeting the new Council Executive was selected and membership of the various sub-committees finalised. Nicole Street was re-elected as President, and all Councillors are looking forward to another great year under her committed stewardship. It was terrific to welcome three new members to the table. Thank you to all Councillors for your commitment to our school. Councillors volunteer their time to help Healesville Primary School achieve the best possible outcomes for our students and the broader school community, and we are grateful for their ongoing support and dedication.

Cameron Heath shared the 2016 Annual Implementation Plan, which is based on our 2015-2018 Strategic Plan. The key priority for 2016 is 'Excellence in teaching and learning', with a number of improvement strategies that will be implemented across the year. Councillors were shown data from a number of sources which consistently highlighted upward trends from 2014 to 2015 (eg. on measures such as engagement, productivity). Targets for 2016 were also presented, and we are looking forward to seeing continued improvements in all areas by this time next year. Bek Clarke updated us on a number of initiatives that are happening at the moment. Teachers have been working closely with an education specialist to learn about the 'Reading Workshop Model'. This professional development activity ties in closely with our school's focus on literacy for 2016. The school is also aiming to attain eSmart status through the Alanna and Madeline Foundation. eSmart is a behaviour-change initiative designed to improve cybersafety and help deal with cyberbullying and bullying. Councillors were pleased to receive a detailed update from our Junior School Council, who met earlier in the month. We look forward to receiving future updates from this group of motivated student leaders.

Our Buildings and Grounds Sub-committee will be organising a number of working bees across 2016 (dates will be publicised soon). We encourage all families to attend and help make our school environment beautiful. Plans are also well underway for the 150th celebrations later this year. Keep an eye out for more information and ways that you can get involved!

In our school newsletter over the coming weeks we will include photos and names of all current Councillors. We hope this will help members of our school community know who to approach if they would like to find out more about what the school council does or if they have any issues they would like to raise with us.

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 9th May, 2016.

Naomi Wilson, School Council Vice President

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Healesville PRIMARY SCHOOL



PARENT & FRIENDS... CRAFTS & COFFEE NIGHT

\$5.00 ENTRY

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



2016 Dates:

26th February
25th March
29th April
27th May
24th June
29th July
26th August
30th September
28th October
25th November

Time:
7.30pm

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