

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On the weekend I was reading a magazine article about how important parents are in the education of their children. Parent's involvement in schools is a vital part of the education puzzle. The article explains how parents are precious resources who are energetic and enthusiastic in many different areas across the school. On any given day, all over Victoria, parents can be found helping students one-to-one with reading, spelling, writing, gardening, coaching teams. They organise sausage sizzles, disco's, help on excursions and incursions, etc., etc.

I would like to congratulate and thank Healesville Primary School's amazing parent body and encourage all parents to invest time into our fantastic school and to be involved in some way.

Moving Forward together

As a school and staff we are constantly learning and building our capacity to increase the educational outcomes for each student at Healesville Primary School. Tom Gamble our Teaching and Learning Leader – Numeracy has been talking to staff about differentiation and teaching to the point of learning for each student. Staff are reflecting this in their planning to engage students in a stimulating, purposeful and challenging curriculum.

Learning in numeracy I have observed occurring across the school this week includes:

- Prep** Counting to and from 10, addition strategies with dot cards
- Year 1** Identifying number patterns when counting by 10
- Year 2** Quick counting - counting of groups of objects by 2's, 5's and 10's. Estimating the number of objects then rechecking,
- Year 3** Working on number patterns, basic number addition and introduce the correlation between addition and subtraction
- Year 4** Recall addition and subtraction facts for single digit numbers up to 10 (friendly numbers) and 20.
- Year 5** Multiplication – Times tables
- Year 6** Area and Perimeter

Above are examples of some of the learning happening in each year level in number and algebra. If you would like to discuss what your child is learning in any area please make a time to chat with your child's teacher.

SWIMMING

Congratulations to all the Year 3-6 students who qualified for the Division Swimming to be held tomorrow. Good luck.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

We all want our students to enjoy a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school!

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses it puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind. So if your family needs assistance in this regard, please contact the Office and we will arrange for someone to talk to.

Cameron Heath, Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS

MARCH

Friday 6th

Berry Orders Due

Monday 9th

Labour Day, - Public Holiday

Wednesday 11th

Preps start today full time

Thursday 12th

School/House Captains Leadership Conference

Friday 13th

Grade 6 Canberra camp deposit due \$150

Book Club Orders Due

Monday 16th

School Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th

CURRICULUM DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 25th

District Athletics – Don Road

Friday 27th

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

Last day of Term 1

APRIL

Monday 13th

Term 2 starts

REMINDER

Year 4 camp deposit of \$50 due **TOMORROW**

BOOKCLUB NEWS

Scholastic Bookclub Issue 2 went home last week.

Orders are due back at school by March 13th.

Please make sure your child's **name and grade** are included on the order form. Payment should be included (**cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia or correct cash as no change is given**).

Thanks, Tanya Dale and Mairi Mitchell

STUDENT AWARDS

PC:	Abi R	PP:	Ruby K
1K:	Kiah R	1D:	Jayson F
1/2A:	Olive L	2R:	Tyler L
3A:	Ishie S	3B:	Kyan B
34L:	Alex B	4C:	Ava W
5K:	Verity H	5/6G:	Stella A
6W:	Johanna B	PE:	Chloe B 1K
		Performing Arts:	Ivy C - 1D

CANTEEN

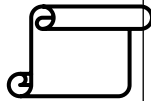
MARCH 2015

Mon & Tues	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 11th	Danielle Mullens	
Thurs 12th	Marilyn Caldicott	Heather Condello Kersten Newman
Friday 13th	Charlot Dekkers	Sarah Nuqent

Thank you to Raini from Eastern Health for the fabulous afternoon on Friday. Lots of kids got to ride the Smoothie Bike and make their own smoothies. There was lots to taste test, Muesli & Yogurt tubs, and the fabulous berries from The Big Berry. I was there handing out the fantastic new price list for 2015. If you did not come along and would like one of these great new price lists, please come along to the canteen to pick one up. Vikki Chandler

Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS

Write a supermarket shopping list and tick off items as you buy them, or as you unpack them.



SPORTS REPORT

Healesville District Swimming Sports

Last Friday 28 children represented our school at the Healesville District Swimming Championships. All of these children represented our school to the best of their ability and were a credit to both themselves and to their school. These children should be proud of their efforts and well done for representing the school so well.

As a result of their efforts on the day, the following 9 students have qualified for the **Yarra Division Swimming Championships** at Nunawading this Thursday afternoon.

Davey W	Verity H	Meagan G	Sophie M
Lily C	Olivia M	Ella C	Aimee Mc
Brooke E			

Good Luck to all students this Thursday and the results will follow in next week's newsletter.

Chris Kent

TEAM VIC TRIALS

AFL, FOOTBALL(SOCCER), NETBALL AND BASKETBALL

This is just a reminder that if your child is considering trialling for state team selection they will now need to do so online via the SSV website (<http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au>).

It is **absolutely crucial** you confirm with the sports teacher at your school that they will get your support. They have been sent guidelines re the process and will be able to offer the best advice. Once you have registered online and paid the \$25 fee (which covers all trials they get through) the sports teacher at your school can choose not to endorse your application meaning your \$25 is lost before you get to the first trial. This is not a scenario anyone wants to be placed in.

There are no longer district trials meaning anyone nominating must be playing or have played in a high level of competition, this will often be of representative level for their local area.

Please go to the respective sports - Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) & Netball – via the Team Vic page of the SSV website to register. **Applications Close on the 25th March. 2015.**



Last week's theme – the three R's - Reuse, Recycle and Reissue. (Not Read, wRite and aRithmetic) and it was interesting when we took away all our new cardboard and paper from the children and directed them to the recycle boxes. Recycled paper planes and very interesting imaginative cardboard models. We also discussed the recycling of our food waste and the reuse of boxes and paper.

We have been handing our service camera around for the children to take interesting shots and have produced a booklet of some of their expert shots. This is available for all to see at our sign in desk. Please have a look, the children can be very creative.

We are now using the Lizard room (thanks to Cameron Heath, for arranging the installation of our air conditioner and we are now in the process of moving some of our activities into this room. Thanks to the Grade 5 and 6 children in helping Michelle cleanup and set-up the room. Don't hesitate to drop in and have a look.

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

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

Primary School Nursing Program 2015

Barb Hill a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training, will be attending the school to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents' consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 471.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school 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.

Happy Families

Here are some more great ideas from Michael Grose's website *Parentingideas.com.au* about fostering happy families: ***If you have a small family then sibling rivalry will be a problem for you.*** In a family of two children, it can be hard to escape your brother or sister so the rivalry can be intense.

After the birth of the second child you may think you are bringing a playmate home for the first born but in his or her eyes you have brought someone into your home who is a rival for your affection and attention.

This is not how you see the situation, but then it's your child's private logic that matters. It seems that rivalry is most intense between children adjacent to each other in the family tree.

Kids don't grow out of their rivalry. It often gets worse as they get older unless parents put strategies in place to minimise it.

Competitive Kids

Parents need to contain the competitiveness within their kids. There is a time and a place for competition just as there is a time and place for cooperation. In many ways, it is the true test of family leadership where parents develop a sense of 'we' within their family while welcoming some of the competitive elements in their kids.

Here are some ways to reduce sibling rivalry in your family:

- **Accept children's individual differences.** Your acceptance of differences will determine the degree of competitiveness between children.
- **Focus on the deed not the dude.** High praise families usually experience more sibling fighting than high encouragement families. So focus your positive comments on the process rather than the results, the act not the actor, the performer rather than the performance.
- **Put them in the same boat when they misbehave.** Be willing for all children to experience the consequences of a child's misbehaviour. For instance, if one child is noisy in the car then they all miss an activity if you return home.
- **Focus on solutions not the fight.** When children fight and argue give ideas and strategies to resolve their problem rather than sorting out the fight.
- **Introduce family meetings at age five.** Through regular meetings teach children a conflict resolution process. You can also give children an opportunity to impact on family decision-making through meetings.

Joel Hawting, Chaplain

MOVIE NIGHT



FREE POPCORN!

DREAMWORKS
MR. PEABODY & SHERMAN

FREE CHOCTOPS!

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

6:30PM - 9:00PM

1 Lilydale Road, Healesville

All children must be accompanied by an adult



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EASTER

in the park 2015



SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

10AM - 2PM

Queen's Park, Healesville

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FACE PAINTING
BBQ & DRINKS
COFFEE VAN

EASTER EGG HUNT
JUMPING CASTLE
DEVONSHIRE TEA
FUN GAMES

Parents & Friends Club

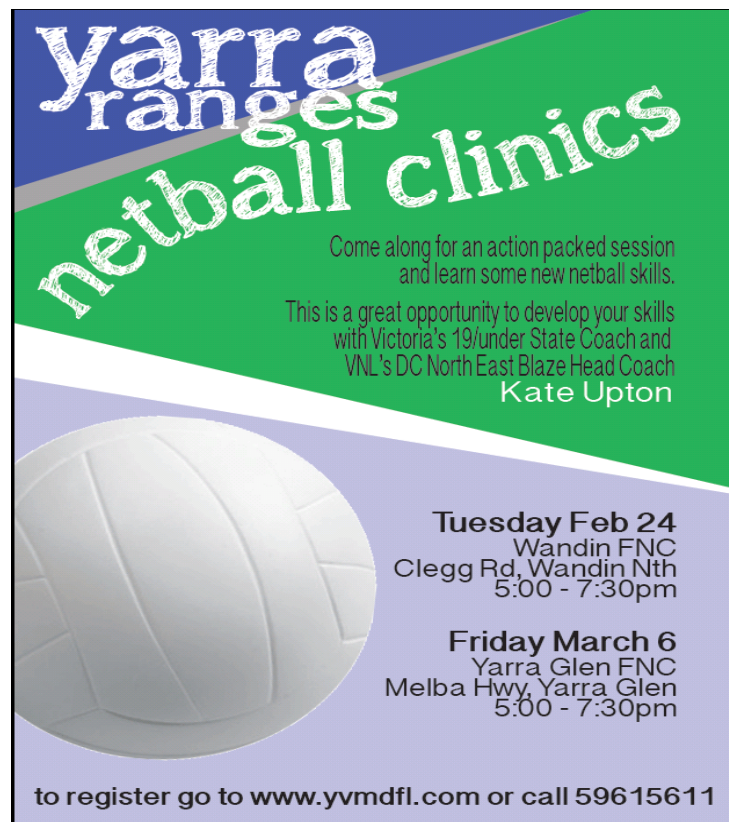
Thanks to everyone that hung around to have a turn on the smoothie bike last Friday afternoon- it was lots of fun and everyone was very patient! A really big, special thankyou to Raini from Eastern Health for organising it all. If you loved the blueberries, make sure to get your "The Big Berry" order form in by tomorrow. Delicious locally grown berries, delivered to us frozen for you to enjoy when you want.

All families should have received an "Awesome lunchbox recipe book" last week. Again with many thanks to Eastern Health and their lunchbox initiative we were able to provide a copy for every family free of charge. Happy cooking.

While you may think that Easter is still a long way off, we are getting to that time of the term where we make a request for each family to donate a little something for our Easter raffle. All the items that we receive will be bundled together to make awesome raffle prizes. Ideas include-Easter eggs, stickers, craft sets, books, bags/baskets and vouchers. Donations can be left at the school office before March 25th with the raffle drawn on the last day of term 1 (March 27th).

Thankyou for all the honey orders, delivery should be within the week

Thanks for your support,
Maidi Mitchell and Kylie Short



Yarra Ranges
netball clinics



Come along for an action packed session and learn some new netball skills.

This is a great opportunity to develop your skills with Victoria's 19/under State Coach and VNL's DC North East Blaze Head Coach
Kate Upton

Tuesday Feb 24
Wandin FNC
Clegg Rd, Wandin Nth
5:00 - 7:30pm

Friday March 6
Yarra Glen FNC
Melba Hwy, Yarra Glen
5:00 - 7:30pm

to register go to www.yvmdfl.com or call 59615611



New
Junior
Development
Program for
ages 4 - 12

Healesville Tennis Club invites all families with children from 3 - 12 years of age
to a new **FREE** ANZ Hot Shots Community Play

- utilising modified equipment provided - lightweight easy racquets lightweight low compression balls - portable nets that halve the size of court - ideal for beginners!

Kids & families/grandparents/carers - all join in together and have fun

Held at Queens Park tennis courts - enter via Don Road Melway Ref: 270 D12

6 week program - Every Thursday in March - April

Thursday 5th March	Thursday 12th March
Thursday 19th March	Thursday 26th March
Thursday 2nd April (School Hols)	Thursday 9th April (Final & Party)

After School - 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Volunteer Members of Healesville Tennis Club offer this program twice a year -
it'll be on again in 4th Term 2015

To Book Your Place: Phone Kathy 59 62 36 39

www.healesvilletc.org.au

Come & Try Tennis

Program designed for instant positive feedback to beginners

Mums & Dads & Grandparents & Carers learn tennis basics with your children



2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)*.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12; assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official sitting date)
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
 1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
 2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
 3. Credit to the next 25% of students
 4. Merit to the next 10% of students
 5. Participation to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to your school by 24/4/2015.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely

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2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to your child's school

I give permission for my child _____ of _____
Child's name *Class*

to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Years	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee, incl. GST	Fee Enclosed
Digital Technologies*	3-10	19 May 2015	\$8-80 (Yr 3-6)	
Science	2-12	3 June 2015	\$8-80 (Yr 2-6)	
Writing	3-12	15-19 June 2015**	\$18-70 (Yr 3-6)	
Spelling	3-7	16 June 2015	\$12-10 (Yr 3-6)	
English	2-12	28 July 2015	\$8-80 (Yr 2-6)	
Mathematics	2-12	11 August 2015	\$8-80 (Yr 2-6)	
			TOTAL	

Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

* Previously known as Computer Skills.

** Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 15 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Please find enclosed _____ total entry fee.

Amount

 Name of Parent/Guardian Date

 Signature of Parent/Guardian