



NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Another busy week at Healesville Primary School. There is always something going on and there is a lot of great learning happening. The term focus of 'inspiration' has led to students studying some amazing stories of people who have overcome difficult circumstances, or have achieved highly in their field. I would encourage you to talk to your child about people that have inspired them, and to discuss their future goals and aspirations.

Most of our reptiles are back in the lizard lounge, being cared for by our team of zoo keepers, and hardworking teachers. The vegie patch has been rejuvenated and we are looking forward to the next lot of planting.

Our school is embarking on a healthy eating project in conjunction with Eastern Health. Throughout the year there will be events for students and parents to promote healthy eating. Keep a lookout for these, as there will be some yummy treats on offer.

It has been wonderful to see students upholding our school values, through actions such as including others in a game, caring for someone who is upset and being respectful to those around them. I have heard many reports of these great actions, so keep up the good work.

Our district swimmers are heading off on Friday to compete at the next level of competition. Hard work and determination are great qualities, and have allowed these students to excel in this field.

Next week is a short week, and I trust you all enjoy a safe and relaxing long weekend..

Rebekah Clarke, Acting Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS

MARCH

Monday 10th

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 17th

School Council Meeting

Wednesday 19th

Footy's Back Lunch Day

Wednesday 26th

Hot Cross Buns orders due

Monday 31st

Delivery of Hot Cross Bun orders

APRIL

Tuesday 1st

School Photos

Friday 4th

End of Term

SCHOOL BANKING

Commonwealth Bank - Every Tuesday

Bendigo Banking - Tuesdays fortnightly

(commenced Feb 25th)

SCHOOL BANKING

Please leave your tokens in your Commonwealth bank deposit wallets so we can tally up your tokens each week for your rewards.

FOUND

Child's blue rimmed reading glasses and a puffer & spacer. All unnamed items found on St. Brigid's side of the road. All items are held at St. Brigid's school office.

STUDENT AWARDS

Prep M: Alex L, Denzel P

Prep P: Archie K, Ina H

Prep C: Jack K

10: Amber L, Jack C

1/2A: Caitlyn B, Ella K

2R: Blake G, Flynn L

3B: Elimelech A **3G:** Ettie McC

4L: Eden D **4K:** Adele B

5G: Jordyn A **5/6S:** Jacob S

6N: Nick S, Bailey **6W:** Jess C

CANTEEN

MARCH 2014

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
CANTEEN CLOSED		
Mon 10th		
Tues 11th		
Wed 12th	Cathryn Cosson	
Thur 13th	Rebecca Church	
Fri 14th	Mary Tomic Susan Crossland	Samantha Stribbling

Children should have received an order form for the **Special Footy's Back lunch day** to be held on **Wednesday 19th March**. Please get your order forms and money back to the Canteen **before Thursday 13th March** if you wish to participate.

Hot Cross bun order forms have been attached to last week's newsletter. **Forms and money need to be back by Wednesday 26th March**. These delicious buns are to be **delivered on Monday 31st March**, just in time for the school holidays. Please send forms and money to the Canteen. Spare forms for both the Special lunch day and the Hot Cross bun drive are available at the Canteen or the Office.

Thank you, Vikki Chandler

Parents & Friends Club

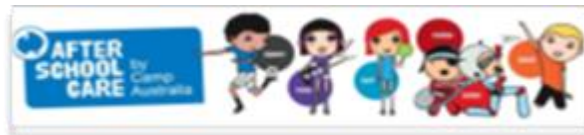
Honey orders are due in TODAY! Please leave orders with payment at the office. Take part in supporting your school and a great local business- Cathedral Valley Honey based in Taggerty.

The Parents and Friends Club will be getting together on the **last Wednesday of each month from 2pm in The Bristol (next date is March 26th)**. New faces are always welcome and encouraged. Please like us on facebook "Healesville Primary Parents and Friends club" and get regular updates on all sorts of things.

Thanks, Maida Mitchell

Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS

When cooking dinner, involve the family, talking about the ingredients, including the quantities required and the order to add them.



Lots of Action at Before School Care

**** Important Information for Parents ****
Camp Australia **will not be running a before or after school care program on Monday 10th of March**. We wish everyone a great weekend and we will see you next Tuesday.

Holiday Club for Autumn will run at Healesville for more information on costing and activities please feel free to enquire or book online <http://www.campastralia.com.au/> or call customer service on 1300 105 343.

We are so busy these days and thoroughly enjoying the weather! Last week we had fun with Old Fashioned games and toys, nature walking with magnifying glasses and this week is shaping up to be just as fun!
Thanks for coming to play with us

Cheers from the Camp Australia team

Sports Report Inter School Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday the **Division School Swimming** Carnival was held at the Nunawading Pool. The following 8 students qualified to swim at this carnival as a result of their efforts at the Inter School Carnival held at the Healesville Outdoor Pool the previous week, **Verity Hore, Lily Clements, Olivia Marshall, Adele Bruder, Ella Cameron, Phoebe Cosson, Holly Estcourt and James Brown**.

On the day all the students tried their best and represented the school well. The following students finished in the top 2 in their event and qualified for the **Eastern Region Swimming Carnival** which will be held once again at the Nunawading Pool tomorrow, Friday March 7th. Students who win their events at this level qualify for the **State Championships**.

The girls 11YO freestyle relay team won their event- Verity Hore, Olivia Marshall, Ella Cameron and Phoebe Cosson. Verity also qualified by placing 2nd in the 10YO girls freestyle, Olivia by placing 1st in both the 11YO girls freestyle and backstroke and Phoebe by placing 2nd in the 11YO girls butterfly and breaststroke. Results will be in next week's newsletter. Congratulations to all students involved.

A special mention to Lily Clements who swam brilliantly in her 10 YO breaststroke race and came second and thought that she had qualified for the next round. However she was disqualified on a technicality by the head judge, she accepted this with great sportsmanship and I am sure she will learn from this and do very well in her swimming in the future. She should be proud of her efforts.

Chris Kent

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

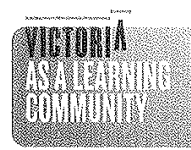
Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx



Healesville Autumnfest - Saturday 22nd March, 2014
9am to 3pm Coronation Park, River St (behind Memorial Hall)
A Free Day featuring:

Talks:

- propagation, permaculture, climate change, edible weeds & nutrition and wellbeing.

Local organically grown produce:

- Organically grown fruit, vegetables & fruit juice
- Olive oil, honey, eggs
- Locally baked sourdough breads
- Pickles, jams & sauces

Local organically grown plants & seeds:

- Cut and potted flowers
- Heritage apple & other fruit trees by Pete the Permie
- Herbs, seedlings & seeds

Other stalls & entertainment:

- Sustainable living information
- Music & entertainment by various local artists
- Gourmet food and coffee stalls
- Handmade wooden toys & traditional carved rocking horses
- Handcrafted gift cards and gifts
- Natural body products and organic soaps
- Clothing and children's dress up costumes
- Local Community groups promoting their activities

Children's activities for all ages:

- Propagation workshops
- Interactive children's dance & art activities
- Farm animals
- **& so much more...!**

For further information please email: autumnfest2014@gmail.com

Or go to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/healesvilleorganicfarmersmarket>

LIBERTY FAMILY CHURCH PRESENTS
EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY!
SATURDAY 29TH MARCH
10:00AM - 2:00PM
EASTER EGG HUNT
FACE-PAINTING
JUMPING CASTLE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
DEVONSHIRE TEA
FUN GAMES
PLUS MUCH MORE...
FOR MORE INFORMATION HEAD TO:
LIBERTYFAMILYCHURCH.NET.AU/EVENTS



CAR PARKING AVAILABLE ADJACENT
TO LIBERTY FAMILY CHURCH
IN LILYDALE ROAD, HEALESVILLE
(CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A PARENT/CARER)



YARRA VALLEY GIRLS COMPETITION FOR GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 8 & 14

The Yarra Valley Cricket Association is bringing a brand new cricket competition to the valley that is entirely for girls aged between 9 and 14. Join up and be a member of your clubs first ever all girls' side.

The competition allows girls to play in a safe and fun environment and to enjoy cricket where everyone bats, bowls and wicket keeps. No experience required, the game only takes 1 hour, all equipment is supplied, and best of all it is FREE!

Date: Friday March 14th, 2014

Time: Be there at 4.30pm for a 5.00 start

Location: Round 6 at Healesville CC, Healesville Recreation Reserve, Don Road, Healesville

Register: Go to <http://bit.ly/girlscomp> and fill in your details

Contact: Cricket Victoria, Female Development Officer, Rob Boxell on 0416 964 353 or Robert.Boxwell@sdp.sedagroup.com