

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Enrolments

Prep tours and enrolments for 2016 have gotten off to a flyer. Tours have been occurring each day of this week and last week with several booked in over the coming weeks. If you require a tour or know a family looking for a school in 2016 please pass this information to those families. Also if you have a sibling starting school next year – enrolments are open.

Staffing

Penny McLaren will be leaving Healesville Primary School on Friday this week to begin her family leave. Penny will be missed as a member of staff and we wish her the best with motherhood and look forward to her returning in the future.

Fenna Hogg will be taking up a 6 week Acting Principal position at Christmas Hills PS starting Friday this week. We wish Fenna all the very best and hope she enjoys sitting in the big chair at Christmas Hills PS. We already miss her and we are looking forward to Fenna returning at the start of term 3. Anne Pierpoint will be replacing Fenna while she is Acting Principal.

Pupil Free Day – Friday 22 May

A reminder that Friday 22 May will be our 2nd pupil free day for 2015. We will be working with Tracey Ezard, Education consultant, on our Vision and values.

Cross Country

Friday last week all students participated in the House Cross Country around our school. It was fantastic to see so many parents watching, cheering and helping. Thank you to Mrs Lakeland and Mr Kent for all the organisation of this event, without them it would not have run so smoothly. Full results are in the following pages of this newsletter.

Congratulations

- 1st – Myer
- 2nd Yarra
- 3rd Chum
- 4th Watts

Good luck to all the students who qualified for the District Cross Country tomorrow.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing was conducted this week with children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 around the country sitting the Writing test followed by the Spelling and Grammar tests. Reading and Numeracy followed on Wednesday and Thursday. Congratulations to all students who participated.

Working Bee – Saturday 30 May

A reminder to all parents and care givers that we are conducting a Working Bee on Saturday 30 May. A note will be going home tomorrow explaining the areas we are going to target for this particular working bee and equipment needed. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help, we are looking for at least 40 parents on the day.

Cameron Heath, Principal

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SCHOOL EVENTS

MAY

Friday 15th

District Cross Country 1pm
Canberra Camp Instalment Due

Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th

Grade 4 Sovereign Hill Camp

Thursday 21st

Canteen Special Lunch Day

Friday 22nd

Curriculum Day

Monday 25th

Grade 5/6 Band to play at assembly

Tuesday 26th – Wednesday 3rd June

Life Education Van visiting

Saturday 30th

Working Bee 9am-12

JUNE

Monday 1st

Alpha Shows – Hercules - Incursion

EMAILS

Please remember if you wish to receive the Newsletter by email, leave your email address at the office. Thanks

CURRICULUM DAY

Our Next Curriculum Day is scheduled for

Friday May 22nd

STUDENT AWARDS

PC: Kate B, Monique W	PP: Kyah V
1K: Imogen H	1D: Mia O
1/2A: Hamish Mc	2R: Noah W
3A: Olivia F	3B: Kayla D
3/4L: Emily S	4C: Nicholas F
5/6G: Holly W	6W: Ella B

PE: Phoenix G, Kaitlyn H 1/2A

CANTEEN

MAY 2015

Mon & Tues	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 20th	Tash Bassett	
Thurs 21st	Donna Kennedy	Sharee Anderson
Friday 22nd	CURRICULUM DAY	

CANTEEN NEWS

Don't forget to get your orders in for the special lunch day "Jam Packed with Fun". Orders must be handed in with payment by tomorrow Friday 15th May. (No late orders please). Also a reminder that **no other lunch orders** will be available on Thursday 21st May.

Thanks, Vikki Chandler

Parents & Friends Club

We hope all our Mother's enjoyed their special day on Sunday. Congratulations to our lucky Mother's Day raffle winners: Angus A, Issy S, Jackie L, Darcey V, Ishie, Kobe S, Senna D, Scarlett T, Liam K, Asha M, Jack C, Jennifer W, Ettie Mc, Zane A-H and Katie D. It's only with generous donations from the following businesses that we were able to hold a raffle and have so many winners. Please support those that support our school.

The Sweet Olive
Wild Grains Bakery
The Old Bullock Dray Cafe Bar and Grill
Crumbz Craft
Healesville Jewellers
Barrique Wine Store
Decked
The Shop of New Beginnings
Grandma's Gift Shoppe
Glenda's Candle Scents
Healesville Pharmacy
Healesville Walk Pharmacy
Beechworth Bakery
gelAperia
Essential Essence
Supersoil Garden and Landscape Supplies

A mid-year disco is next on our list for this term, so stay tuned for more details.

Thanks for your support,
Maidi Mitchell and Kylie Short

Literacy and numeracy at home

TOP IDEAS

After reading, talk about these kinds of questions:
What do you think is the main message of the story?
Is it like something else you've read?
Do you agree with the author?
What is your opinion about the story?



I hope that all the Mothers had a great day on Sunday and enjoyed the little items that the kids made during the week especially the finger painting flower sheet.

This week we are looking at "Better Buddies" and encouraging sharing, caring and leadership and we will be unveiling our colourful "Welcome Banner" which the children have thoroughly enjoyed filling in.

Camp Australia in partnership with The Alannah and Madeline Foundation created our exclusive Better Buddies Leadership program to help children connect by learning from each other and build self-confidence through our Leadership Program.

Thanks
Bob, Michelle, Stacey, Nicola and Abbey from Camp Australia

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If anyone has any second hand uniforms that they no longer require, please remember you can always donate them to the school for other students especially track pants and jumpers for the coming winter months.

Thank you

Maternity Leave

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a great pleasure to teach and become part of the community at Healesville Primary School. I am not exaggerating when I say that the community feels like family. You have all been very caring and welcoming. It has been wonderful to work with your children and see them all grow and develop in many ways – there are so many exciting times and opportunities ahead for them all. It has also been wonderful to work in partnership with so many families to ensure that the children maximise their learning and development.

Although I am very excited about the times ahead, I am also sad to have to say 'goodbye' to you all. My last day of teaching will be Friday the 15th of May as my maternity leave begins on Monday 18th May. I will miss you all very much but know you are all on an exciting learning journey and are in great hands with the Healesville Primary School staff. I will definitely be back to visit and see how the children and their families are going.

Once again I thank you for both supporting the children and the teachers throughout their time at Healesville Primary School and I hope to be back working again in the not too distant future.

Thanks, Penny McLaren

Andy Griffiths' Secret Stuff

If you want to see that psychobum, or see the inspiration for the line "What's brown and looks out a window?", or check out his very own school notebook with his scrawlings and inspirations, then come along to this entertaining exhibition!

Enjoy the first ever exhibition of Andy Griffiths' Secret Stuff, and find out what motivated Andy to write his totally disgusting but utterly entertaining books. Andy Griffiths is one of Australia's most popular children's authors. He is best known for The Treehouse series, the JUST! books and The Day My Bum Went Psycho. Over the last 20 years Andy's books have been *New York Times* bestsellers, adapted for the stage and television and won more than 50 Australian children's choice awards. Andy, a passionate advocate for literacy, is an ambassador for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation and The Pyjama Foundation.

This exhibition is part of [Stories Up High, Yarra Ranges Writers Festival.](#)

The Memo, Healesville

Dates: Fri 08 May - Sun 24 May, 2015

Gallery Hours

TUE - SUN 11am - 4pm

Free Entry

Phone: 1300 368 333

House Cross Country 2015

Last Friday the House Cross Country was held here at school. It was great to see all the students from Prep to Year 6 involved for the first time ever. The first 3 place getters in the Junior races were as follows.

<u>Prep Boys</u> Zaine William Riley	<u>Prep Girls</u> Senna Stella Kate	<u>Grade 1 Boys</u> Ashton Matty Jake	<u>Grade 1 Girls</u> Paisley Charli Lyndsay
<u>Grade 2 Boys</u> Luke Oscar Declan	<u>Grade 2 Girls</u> Amelia Scarlett Caitlyn	<u>8yo Boys</u> Kaleb Kai Chris	<u>8yo girls</u> Skye Mia Imogen

In the 9/10YO, 11YO and 12YO age groups I have listed the top 10 placegetters as they qualified to represent the school at the Healesville District Cross Country Carnival this Friday May 15. We wish all of these students good luck on Friday and results will follow next week.

<u>9/10yo Girls</u> Jayde Bella Ally Emily Kiah Sienna Sienna Grace Honey Ishka	<u>11yo Girls</u> Sophie Charlotte Jordyn Mia Kaela Johanna Georgia Lily Alannah Stella	<u>12yo Girls</u> Olivia Ella Eden Emma Chelsea Cassie Erin Niamh Aimee Arabella Ella
<u>9/10yo Boys</u> Darcy Kieran Thomas Robert Flynn Reece Blake Xavier Alex Alex Riley	<u>11yo Boys</u> John Kallan Rhys Liam James Kye Oakley Zac Bradley Kobe	<u>12yo</u> Branny Angus Callum Josh Luca Damien Jack Hamish Kayne Jacob

School Council Meeting Update

School Council met on Monday 11th May. Cameron Heath and Bek Clarke updated Councillors on recent professional learning activities for all teachers, as well as the progress that is being made by the School Improvement Team. Four senior members of staff are currently developing their capabilities to build and lead a culture of excellence and effective professional learning at our school. In addition, the whole staff will soon start work on re-crafting our school vision and values. Overall, these initiatives appear to be well targeted, and Council is looking forward to seeing the benefits flow into day-to-day operations at the school and in the classrooms.

Councillors discussed the outcomes of the 'Crunch & Munch an Awesome Lunch' program, concluding that the school-wide initiative did indeed help to promote healthy and nutritious food choices through education and awareness raising strategies. There is now an identified need to develop a 'Healthy Eating Policy' that will help our school to provide an environment that has a positive impact on eating habits, nutrition and healthy lifestyles in our students, staff and parents. The Education Sub-Committee will follow up on this.

Councillors were delighted to receive a detailed update from our Junior School Council, who met earlier in May. They focused on the topic of 'maths', and provided a number of fresh ideas on how to make maths teaching more accessible and enjoyable for students. It is terrific to see our young student leaders from across a number of year levels coming together in this way, and Council hopes that the initiative will continue to grow and strengthen over time.

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 15th June 2015. If you have any issues that you wish to raise with School Council, please don't hesitate to speak with one of the Councillors. Photos and names of all Councillors should be on display in the office very soon.

Naomi Wilson, School Council Vice President



HEALESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Surrey Clothing

- SAVE TIME AND PURCHASE YOUR QUALITY SCHOOLWEAR ONLINE; www.surreyonline.com.au
When you first register you must use [Activation key: hsp14]
- Remember purchasing from Surrey Clothing is directly supporting your school.
- End of the month clearance on Full Elastic Primary Shorts - 20% DISCOUNT.

Life Education Reminder

Life Education reminder:

As part of our drug and health education, this term we are having the Life Education mobile classroom visit our school from Tuesday, 26th May to Wednesday, 3rd June.

The cost for this incursion is \$6.00 per child.

Please send payment in a named envelope by Friday, 22nd May

Life Education Parent Information Session:

If you are attending this session in the mobile classroom at school on Tuesday, 26th May at 9:10am please let the office know so they can book you in.

Thanks, Anne Hunter

School Prayer Meeting

Would you like to pray for our school?

Join us at 3:00pm this coming Monday, 18th May, in room 9.

Any questions or prayer concerns to add please contact

Cherida on 59626620