

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parental involvement in children's learning

One of the key factors to improving student learning is reading; and more importantly, parents reading to children. The research is unequivocal in that children whose parents read to them on a regular basis are better prepared for school and are more likely to do well. A huge part of this is exposing children to a broad vocabulary. Children who are read to are not only exposed to a wider range of words, they are also exposed to how words are used in different contexts (e.g. Homonyms like "bank" - river bank or financial bank). Every child is expected to read for homework every school day. If your child says they don't have any homework, rest assured they have opted to ignore the daily expectation of reading. Ideally, each student will be reading for enjoyment. The older and more independent each student gets, the more the onus is on the student to choose their reading material. The language we use at school is 'Good Fit Book'. The flip side to this is that teachers rightly expect that parents will be involved in their child's reading development. Reading to your child, and hearing them read to you, is crucial to their improvement. The role modelling done by parents is incredibly powerful and leads to good lifelong habits. The education of children is a partnership between the school, the child and their parents. Reading is the cornerstone of this partnership. If we, as a school community are to continually seek improvement, we all have a role to play.

School Year 3 to Year 6 Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students in Year 3-6 for their amazing efforts in the School Cross Country. The top 10 in the Year 4, 5 and 6 races will now train for the District event held on **Thursday 29th May**.



Traffic safety concerns

We have lots of students waiting to be picked up at the front of the school each night. To ensure the safety of all students it is important that parents pick their child/children up in the correct area.

We have a sign at the end of the pickup zone stating "Queue here" if your child is not waiting for you, please circle around the school until they are ready. I thank you for your cooperation on this matter as the safety of all students is paramount.

Prep Enrolments for 2015 – Now Open

We have now opened our enrolment process for Prep students starting in 2015. If you are enrolling your child in Prep next year or know of somebody who is please drop into the office for an enrolment pack. It is important that we have enrolment forms lodged at the school office as soon as possible, enabling us to begin planning for next year.

Walk To School Day Friday

This Friday we celebrate the annual 'Walk to School Day' which encourages students to use an active mode of transport to come to school. Our staff will meet students and families at various points in the local area to accompany them on their walk. A list of the locations and times follow in this newsletter.

Cameron Heath, Principal

Lizard Lounge News

We are sad to announce one of our original and longest serving lizards "Freckle" passed away on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Thomas & Mrs Lakeland

22nd May, 2014

SCHOOL EVENTS

MAY

Friday 23rd

'Walk Safely To School Day'

Wednesday 28th

Parents and Friends Club Meeting 2pm

Thursday 29th

Cross Country – Healesville Showgrounds
Prep 2015 Open Afternoon

JUNE

Monday 2nd – 13th

Middle School Swimming Grades 2 – 3

Thursday 5th

Prep 2015 Open Afternoon

Friday 6th

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

Monday 9th

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th

Division Cross Country – Yarra Glen
Racecourse

Thursday 12th

Prep 2015 Open Afternoon

Monday 16th

School Council Meeting

Tuesday 17th

Regional Cross Country

Thursday 19th

Prep 2015 Open Afternoon

STUDENT AWARDS

Prep M: Alex L	Prep P: Archie K
Prep C: Millie W	10: Madison M
1/2A: Brea M	2R: Riley C
2S: Kieran M	3G: Lilly H
3B: Tessa A	4L: Oakley M
5K: Keegan L	5G: Ben J
5/6S: Isabelle H	6N: Holly E
6W: Ruby L	

Prayer for school

We have a prayer meeting in order to pray specifically for school concerns. Please feel free to join us if you can. Our next meeting is on Monday 26th May straight after assembly, in the end portable. Any questions phone Cherida 5962 6620.

**CANTEEN
MAY 2014**

Mon 26	Vanessa Clothier	Debbie Watson
Tues 27	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 28	Tash Bassett	Jenny Daniels
Thurs 29	Donna Kennedy	Sharee Anderson
Fri 30	Susan Ferguson	Lyn Brendish

**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?



Sports

To keep the cost down for families we have made the decision that the \$15.00 for cross country paid will cover the cost of the District and Division Cross Country events. The students that do not qualify for the Division will be reimbursed \$7.50.

Also the \$15.00 paid for the Interschool Sports, will cover this Friday's sports and the next away Interschool Sports day, therefore the cost for one day is \$7.50.

Cross Country

Last Friday, May 16 we held our House Cross Country for Year 3-6. Most of the students had a go and represented their houses fantastically. As a result of this event the top 10 students in the 10 YO, 11YO and 12 YO races and the top 3 Grade 3 students have been selected to represent the school at the Healesville District Cross Country at the Complex on **Thursday 29 May** (Please return permission notes A.S.A.P.) From this event the top 10 in each race will progress to the Division Cross Country at Yarra Glen on Tuesday June 10.

Results

Year 3 Boys: 1-Reece, 2-Darcy, 3-Blake
 Year 3 Girls: 1-Davey, 2-Jayde, 3-Kiah
 10YO Boys: 1-Riley, 2-Kallan, 3-John
 10YO Girls: 1-Charlotte, 2-Sophie, 3-Mia
 11YO Boys: 1-Brandon, 2-Angus, 3-Jack
 11YO Girls: 1-Olivia, 2-Eden, 3-Imogen
 12YO Boys: 1-Bailey, 2-Dylan, 3-Connor
 12YO Girls: 1-Gabby, 2-Rosie, 3-Ellie

Interschool Sport

This Friday the Grade 6 students will be playing their first winter interschool sport fixture away at Yarra Junction PS. Matches begin at 1PM and parents are welcome to attend. All matches will be held at Yarra Junction PS with the exception of football which will be held at the Yarra Junction Junior Football Club.

Worowa Auskick Football Game

Next Tuesday our football team will play in the annual match at Worowa College, could all students involved please ensure that the permission slip and payment is returned A.S.A.P.

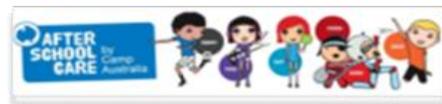
State Team Trials

Dylan in football and Alfie in Soccer participated in the Yarra Division trials last week, for selection in the State Teams, unfortunately they were both unsuccessful at this level, but congratulations for making it to this stage

Aussie Sports Day

On Friday May 30, the Year 5 and Year 6 students will be participating in the Aussie Sports Day, please ensure payment and note are returned, as these are now **overdue**.

Christopher Kent



Winter Holiday Club Program

It is already that time again and Camp Australia customer service are taking bookings now! Whether you are already enrolled or a first time enrolment, Holiday Club is available to all schools in the community. So if you are someone or know someone that requires school holiday care; bookings and enrolments are easy.

For further enquiries please call 1300 105 343 to speak to customer service or visit <http://www.campastralia.com.au/>.

Many thanks to the families that have donated books for our 'reading corner' book shelf, It was lovely to see the kids investigating new additions to our collection.

And lastly, we have had some families request that we support children to get their homework knocked over before going home for the busy dinner/bath/ bed routine. We welcome this type of input and have created a quiet space and materials to meet this need. Already the feedback has been positive and the kids that wish to get involved are pretty proud of what they can get through too!

Thanks for coming to play with us.

Cheers from the team at Camp Australia

Parents & Friends Club

Coming up on Friday June 20th is our school mid-year disco. Preps, Grade 1's & grade 2's will be invited for the early junior session followed by the senior disco for grades 3-6. This is usually a really fun night and is for Healesville Primary School students only. We need plenty of helpers on the night so please mark the date down in your diary so you'll be free to come along or consider helping someone else out so that they can come. Unfortunately, due to safety reasons, younger siblings are not permitted on the night. Keep an eye out for a separate notice which will come home early next month.

Our next get-together is **Wednesday May 28th from 2pm in The Bristol**. This is not a "meeting", it is a "sharing of ideas and thoughts" in a very informal atmosphere. Come along & meet some other parents, enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Pre-schoolers welcome.

You can like us on facebook "Healesville Primary parents and friends club" to keep up to date with all sorts of school news.

Thanks, Maidi Mitchell

**Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 23rd May 2014**

Healesville Primary will be taking part in the **Annual National Walk Safely to School day**- When all primary school children around Australia are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. We would love to see lots of parents, grandparents, teachers and children walking to school to help promote and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour, health and well being, reduction of pollution caused by motor vehicles and a reduction of traffic congestion, to only name a few benefits of walking. In a beautiful environment such as Healesville, it should always be a pleasure to walk. So every one put on those walking shoes and have fun!

To assist with the walking there will be teachers commencing the walk at the following times and places around Healesville.

- **Black Spur Nursery (8.00am- Kerry Thomas)**
- **Airlie Rd -(8.00am Bek Clarke, Jo LakeInd, Sarah Grundy)**
- **BP Petrol Station (8.15am Ms House)**
- **Lowes Rd (7.45am Mrs Sheaffe)**