A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prep – Year 6 House Cross Country
Unfortunately due to the inclement weather our House Cross Country was cancelled on Tuesday. We have rescheduled the event for tomorrow (Friday 8 May). We apologise for any inconvenience.
A reminder that students can wear House colours or school uniform on the day.

The times will be:
- Year 3-Year 6
  - 9.30am-11.00am
- Prep-Year 2
  - 11.30am-1.00pm

Road safety
The safety of students walking to and from school can be an issue for all schools and their communities. I encourage all families to talk about road safety with their children. If you would like any more information regarding road safety please visit the RACV website and follow the links to Primary School road safety.

SHHH - Mothers’ Day Stall Thursday & Friday
Hey kids and dads make sure you remember that this coming Sunday is Mothers’ Day!! Our Parents and Friends Association will be holding a Mothers’ Day stall on Thursday 7th May and Friday 8th May where students can make purchases for their mums. Gifts are all $5. Choose something nice for our special mums!!

Working Bee
We have scheduled a Working Bee for Saturday 30 May from 9.00am-12.00pm. Please place it in your diaries. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

Play Group
Over the past few years HPS has been fortunate to have Mel Mullens run a play group in the school library each week. I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mel for all the hard work she has put into this program. Unfortunately due to very low numbers we have to discontinue these sessions.

Naplan
NAPLAN begins next week on Tuesday May 12 as children in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 around the country sit the Writing, Spelling and Grammar tests of the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Reading and Numeracy will follow on Wednesday and Thursday.

For further information regarding NAPLAN please refer to the Parents Information brochure which will be coming home with all Year 3 and 5 students.

An article received this week entitled: “Why You Can’t ‘Prepare’ Kids For NAPLAN” may provide some perspective on NAPLAN for families.

“IT is a general assessment of literacy and numeracy proficiency, providing a snapshot of how kids around the country answer a particular set of Maths and English test questions one day in May. How your children perform will be the result of all their years at school, not what they did in the weeks leading up to the test”

We wish all our students in Year 3 and 5 well and trust they won’t find it too stressful.

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### Canteen

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### Canteen News

All children should have received an order form for the Special Lunch Day, "Jam Packed With Fun", to be held on Thursday 21st May, (the day before Curriculum day). Order forms and money need to be returned to the Canteen by Friday 15th May. One order form for each child please.

If you need spare forms they can be collected from the office or the Canteen.

Thank you, Vikki Chandler

### Parents & Friends Club

The Mother’s Day stall will be open again tomorrow from 2:30pm for students who were absent today and those that wish to buy extra gifts. All gifts are $5:00 each. Parents are also welcome to come and see what's left. Maybe you need a gift for your Mum?

The raffle will be drawn tomorrow afternoon and winners will be notified. Tickets and money must be handed into the office by 9:30am at the absolute latest to be in the draw. Good luck to everyone who's in the draw and many thanks to these people for their generous donations. Please support these businesses that support our school.

The Sweet Olive
Wild Grains Bakery
The Old Bullock Dray Cafe Bar and Grill
Crumbz Craft
Healesville Jewellers
Barrigue 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

Thanks for your support,
Maidi Mitchell and Kylie Short

### Literacy and Numeracy at Home

**TOP IDEAS**

Find examples of patterns around your house, or on your clothing. It might be tiles, furniture, wrapping paper, crockery…

### Woori Open Day & Market

**Sat. 9th May**

10am-2pm

1385 Healesville Koo-Wee Rup Rd Woori Yallock

For more info or to have a stall. Contact 5964 686

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**Engine Room**

Featuring:

- Market & Info. Stall
- Mad Max Interceptors (Classic Car)
- Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting
- FREE Jumping Castle
- Magic Show
- Circus Activities
- Woody’s World

Red Hot Rockin’ Blues

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Thanks for your support,
Maidi Mitchell and Kylie Short
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Tackling Bullying Across Australia - snippet 2

Parents have your say about tackling bullying in schools.

Our school has joined a new national study into what schools are doing about bullying. Parents across Australia, as well as students and staff, are invited to say what they know about bullying and how students may or may not be affected by it.

They will have the chance to say what they see schools doing to prevent and stop bullying.

We invite parents from our school to join in this research.

Your views are very important and what you say can help us to understand what is happening and how the lives of children at school can be made safer and happier.

You can complete the anonymous on-line questionnaire at http://tinyurl.com/RigbyPS2015

You can find out more about this survey at http://www.kenrigby.net/School-Action

Cameron Heath, Principal

ALPHASHOWS Performance

ALPHA SHOWS specialises in bringing theatre to school. They are bringing Hercules performance to our school on Monday 1st June. It has a powerful social and emotional learning focus.

A notice has been sent home to all families with full information as well as a reply slip if your children are interested in seeing the performance.

Date: Monday 1st June
Time: 9.15am
Cost: $7.00

Thanks, Fenna Hogg

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Stories from 3B about cold mornings in Healesville

Baby birds are chirping on a cold day. Trees are whooshing on a cold day. When I was running, my legs were like jelly. I felt like I was free. The fog was cold, it felt freezing. The cars drive by. Sticks break as I walk by. Kids were talking. The hills were big in the distance. By Kayla

Birds were tweeting loudly while I was running fast. Trucks were driving past me. It was cold, wet and muddy. My heart was pumping loudly. Then I stopped feeling puffed and hot. I could see the droplets on the spider web, like diamonds. It is a cold morning in Healesville. By Airlie

In Healesville it is cold and the grass is frosty and shiny. When you run you feel like your legs are like jelly. If you close your eyes and listen, you will hear birds, buses, cars, kookaburras and many other sounds. It is steamy and foggy. The sun is bright and the mud is soft. The ground is bumpy and wet. There are droplets on the grass. By Audrey

My body felt cold like it was going to shut down. My body felt like it was going to freeze. My legs were shaking like jelly. My heart felt frozen. I could hear birds tweeting and cars going past. Fog was covering the hills. I could feel the wet soaking in to my shoes. By Dane

I’m in Healesville and I’m looking up at the fog. The sun is so, and I mean so bright. I need to squint to look at the beautiful sky. Oh I’m freezing. I start to run. As I was running, I felt weak. My throat feels dry and tired as I go. Then I stop and listen. I can hear the birds sing their song, it sounds lovely and pretty. I start singing along “lalalali” I skip along while singing.

“What” I say to some people. I see the hills far away, I just want to touch them, all of them. By Jade

Healesville is frosty and filled with bugs. You can hear birds squawking and see soft mud. We all love Healesville and this is why. The wind calls to us and the steamy droplets on a spider’s web are wet and shimmery and shines and shimmers. I love Healesville, because it is sunny most of the time, like a big grassy field of flowers. It is the perfect place for a cup of tea. The grass is crunchy and cold on my feet. By Mia

Flowers blow, look at them go. I know it’s cold. When I ran, my legs were jelly and I nearly fell over. When I stopped, I sat down and wrote in my book. By Kaleb

I was running through the wet street. I heard a lovely bird talking and the cold streams were going past. The wind was zooming away through the air. The mountains were tall through the misty fog. The grass was wet and cold between my toes. Look a cobweb, silky and wet. I ran around and now my legs are jelly. I heard cars and trucks go past. I love Healesville. By Taua

Thanks, Meagan Bult
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