

Healesville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



we show
Respect

we are part of a
Community

we are
Confident

we are always
Learning

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A Note from the Principal

National Support Staff week- A special thank you!

The month of August is traditionally a time to consider the dedication and hard work of our amazing Education Support staff. At HPS, the work of this incredible bunch of people can be as diverse as teaching children number facts to helping a child with sensory needs how to cope at assembly. Our ES staff include our administration team, classroom integration support, maintenance personnel, and so much more...

The value we put on the work of these members of our school community cannot be underestimated. Our ES staff members are an integral part of the teaching and learning team at our school.

I hope our ES staff had a great week, and enjoy the ongoing acknowledgements that they earn daily.

A quote I found and thought it was worth sharing.

"Isn't it funny?

How day by day

Nothing changes

But when you

Look back
Everything is
Different"
-C.S. Lewis

Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

Monday and Tuesday this week Miss Vermeltoort, Miss Liston, Miss Dent and I attended a professional learning opportunity titled Leading PLC. The PLC Education Department initiative builds the capacity and skills of middle school leaders to improve the learning outcomes for every student through a consistent approach of teacher inquiry. We were given the opportunity to deeply look into our school culture and begin to develop an understanding of our individual situation in order to move into an inquiry approach to assess teacher practice to determine what we need to do as teachers to make an impact on student learning. Each school Principal was asked to read 'School Culture' written by Louise Stoll. Louise expresses that School culture is one of the most complex and important aspects of a school and only when a positive culture is created will a school truly reach their potential. The culture is the glue that holds everyone together and is shaped by the students, staff and community.

At HPS we are developing a positive learning culture by having:

- Shared goals – *we know where we're going*
- Responsibility for success – *we must succeed*
- Collegiality – *we're working on this together*
- Continuous improvement – *we can get better*
- Lifelong learning - *learning is for everyone*
- Risk taking – *we learn by trying something new*
- Support – *there's always someone there to help*
- Mutual Respect – *everyone has something to offer*
- Celebration and humour – *we feel good about ourselves*

Each year professional learning opportunities are carefully planned to meet the needs of not only the staff as a whole but also as individuals. When planning for staff professional learning student outcomes are always at the centre of every decision.

Swimming

This week our Year 3/4 students have been participating in their annual swimming program. I would like to take this opportunity to express how proud I am of them and their teachers. Their ability to follow our Values in all situations including swimming is impressive. Well done!

Science Week Activities

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education integrates concepts that are usually taught as separate subjects in different classes and emphasizes the application of knowledge to real-life situations. Yesterday all HPS students participated in STEM activities across the school. Each staff member organised a STEM activity. All students were given the opportunity to choose the activity that interested them. It was fantastic to hear the buzz of excitement before, during and after the activities. Congratulations to all students and to the staff for organising the STEM activities.



Cameron Heath, PRINCIPAL



Monday 20 - Friday 24 August

'Book Week'

Tuesday - 21 August

School Council Meeting 7.00 pm-9:00 pm

Grade 6 & House Captain Photos

Wednesday - 22 August

Book Week - Book Swap Day

Healesville High School Production - Year 5's

Thursday - 23 August

Kinder Transition Session 2:45 - 3:15 (Art)

Friday - 24 August

Book Week dress up parade

Thursday 23 to Friday 24 August

Gifted and Talented Camp- selected students

Thursday - 30 August

Fathers Day Breakfast - 8.00am

Monday - 3 September

Grade 6 Production at Memorial Hall - A Musical in a Day

Thursday - 6 September

Friday - 7 September

Year 3-4 Hooptime



Prep B: Dominic G, Cooper R, Ruby R & Ty M **Prep V:** Lewis C, Emmy M & Noah M

1T: Isla C & Taylor C **1/2H:** Whole Grade

3B: Sky H & Georgia W **3/4L:** Joseph J **4S:** Finlay McL

5/6S: Amber L **5/6W:** Ru B **P6J:** Zack H & April B

Book Week 2018

To celebrate book week this year there will be a few events happening around our school (see below). Teachers will be posting photos on Dojo throughout the week so you can see all of the wonderful book/reading activities the students will be doing at school.

Dates:

All Week: Collecting book donations in the treasure chest at the office for our library. Alternatively you can donate some money for new library books if you wish.

Wednesday 22nd of August: Book Swap Day (more information to come).

Friday 25th of August: Dress Up as your favourite book character.

Dear parents/carers

On Wednesday the 22nd of August we will be holding a "Book Swap" at Healesville Primary School as a part of Book Week. If your child would like to participate in the book swap they can bring along 1-5 books from home that they no longer read/want. They will be given a ticket at school that allows them access to the "Book Swap" area where they can then pick 1-5 second-hand books to take home.



Please ensure any books that you send in are in good condition (no rips, no missing pages, not written on etc). Picture story books and chapter books welcome.

If your child would like to participate, they can bring their books in to their classroom teacher any day from now up until Wednesday the 22nd of August.

This is a great way to get new reading material for the children – so join in the fun and swap out some old books for new (second-hand) ones!

Book Week 2018 – Fundraiser

Dear parents/carers

The theme of Book Week 2018 is Find Your Treasure and as such Healesville P/1 will be trying to collect some treasure of our own. We are looking for book donations (or money donation if you prefer) to try and fill the Treasure Box located at the office. All books and money will be going into updating our school library.

If you would like some book ideas ask the friendly office staff and they can direct you to our "Adopt-a-book" area.



You can send in your donations any time from now until the end of Book Week.

Let's all work together to try and fill our Treasure Chest with some wonderful new reading material for our students!

Book Swap

Wednesday 22nd August

Find Your Treasure

Rotary Club Speech Contest

On Wednesday 8th August Emilie, Lily and Scarlett represented Healesville Primary School at the Rotary Club Primary Schools' Speech Contest at Healesville High School auditorium. There were six schools and 12 students represented. It was a very interesting night listening to the various entertaining speeches. Our students performed marvellously and were a credit to the school and themselves. They didn't seem to have any nerves, had all the elements of a great speech and certainly entertained the audience. Voice variation, body language and facial expression, along with the content of their speeches were elements the three students used to make their speeches stand out over the others. Lily came 2nd in the contest but in the end they all deserved to be congratulated on their fine performances due to lots of hard work and practise. Lily now goes on to perform her speech along with the other place getters at a Rotary Club Meeting night.



Emilie, Lily and Scarlett with their certificates



Lily with the other winners and representatives and organises of the night from Rotary

Drumbeat



Last Thursday a group of Grade 4 students visited Steel St Kindergarten, Badger Creek Kinder and Aurrum Aged Care Centre in a grand tour of their African Drumming Performance. These students (pictured below) were part of a program called Drumbeat.

DRUMBEAT engages participants, builds social skills, increases self-esteem and explores connections between making music together as a group and the development of healthy relationships. It is a structured, but flexible course with a one hour session each week over 10 weeks. Each session focuses on different relationship themes such as identity and social responsibility, values, dealing with emotions, peer pressure, harmony, communication and teamwork. The program concludes with a performance.

The students wanted to share the fun they had learning the Djembe, deciding to perform for community groups (above mentioned) as well as for the school at assembly last Monday. They showed focus and commitment to this task, and represented Healesville Primary beautifully in the community.

Here are some comments from the students about their experience in Drumbeat – “I liked how everyone looked happy and like they were enjoying it. My favourite thing was going to Aurrum and how we let the elderly play the drums. It was fun.” (Kailee, 4S)

“It was very fun and it was a great experience. I would definitely do it again if I have the chance. My favourite thing was going to the preschool because I got to talk with one of the little kids there.” (Abbey, 4S)

From Penny
(School Chaplain)

STEM Program



Some photos of the sewing group for the STEM program in 5/6. We made bags that are reusable. Students learnt blanket stitch to sew coloured pictures onto their bags.

Fathers/Special Persons Day Breakfast

Thursday August 30th - 8:00 am



Come along to our Breakfast and Activity morning to celebrate the special people in our lives. This invitation is open to Dads, Granddads, Uncles, Cousins and anyone who is special to our students.

Please RSVP on the link below - "We don't wanna be mistaken when we're makin' bacon!" (for catering purposes). Hope to see you there!

[Click here to RSVP to our Breakfast morning](#)

House Token Tally

Chum	Watts
57	45
Myer	Yarra
37	57

Lost Property



We have recently had many complaints of **named items not being returned or sent to lost property**.

We are asking everybody to please **CHECK LABELS CAREFULLY** on your children's clothing **at home** to make sure they haven't accidentally brought home someone else's uniform.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PARENTS

First Aid Protocols - Administering Medication

Due to an upgrade in the Education Department First Aid Policy, we are no longer able to provide ad-hoc medication (eg. Panadol, aspirin) to children.

Should children require Panadol during the course of the day, it must be provided by the child's parent/guardian.

Excursions / Incursions

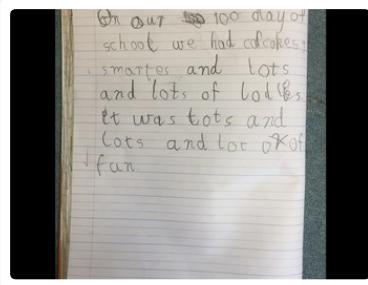
Due to the increasing numbers of students returning permission slips and money on the morning of an excursion, we have introduced a 'cut-off' rule that will become effective immediately. All excursion/incursion permission forms and monies will now be due **24 hours prior to the excursion**.

This means that no permission slips will be accepted after 9.30am **the day before the incursion/excursion and no phone permissions can be accepted**. This is in line with the Department of Education's 'Parent or Carer Consent' policy. We regret that there can be no exceptions to this policy. Handing notices in on the day means we are unable to finalise sporting teams, have accurate bus numbers or correct information for event organisers. As you can imagine, this causes enormous logistical problems on the morning of the event. Please ensure that your payments and permissions are returned promptly.

From the Classroom - 100 Days of Prep

Last Friday, the Preps celebrated 100 days of school. The children came dressed in something to do with 100, all learning for that day was based around 100 and we had a great party at the end of the day. Miss V and Mrs Borg are very proud of how much the preps have learnt

since the beginning of school! Thanks to the parents for all their support with dress ups and party food.



Community Fete News

Thank you to our generous sponsors for their support of our community fete.



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Canteen Menu



Canteen Menu

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If you wish to enrol in Before and/or Afterschool Care, you need to enrol via the
Camp Australia enrolment link below.

Camp Australia enrolment link

LPC Music Australia

Guitar, ukulele, keyboard and singing lessons at Healesville Primary School, keeping with the LPC principles of making it fun and getting kids performance ready,
Private lessons are \$30 for 30 minutes with a 10% discount offered for full term paid in advance.

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email lpcmusicaustralia@gmail.com



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EDVOS is a specialist family violence service for women and their children who are currently living with or have experienced family and domestic violence.

Are you experiencing domestic violence?

Help is available

Located at this school on select days, or by appointment, is a local specialist family violence service to support members of our school community who may be experiencing family violence.

This free service can provide information and specialist support, or are available just to have a chat. If you would like to drop in or make an appointment with the EDVOS Family Violence worker, enquire with the school administration for further details.

Or call EDVOS directly on 9259 4200. If you are in immediate danger please call 000



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