

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tuesday was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with family and friends while watching the Race that Stops a Nation. What a story it was, Steve Payne picking barrier number 1 for his sister's horse – Prince of Penzance. At extremely long odds Michelle rode Prince of Penzance perfectly to win the Melbourne cup. It reminds us that even in male dominated industries females are equally as talented and capable of performing as well as males.

World Teachers Day

Last week we celebrated World Teachers Day. I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work our teachers do to ensure that all students are receiving the education they deserve. Thank you for an amazing job!

Planning for 2016

Meeting the educational, social and emotional needs of every child is a job that all staff take extremely seriously. Careful consideration is taken each year to place students into grades that best suit their learning. As well as considering child friendship selections and genuine parent issues, this is a complex task. Indeed, the teachers themselves are not assigned classes until the very end of this process.

Our grade to grade transition process is starting in the next few weeks.

Week 7 & 8 - Students will be given the opportunity to meet the teachers in the year level above.
(These teachers are the current teachers at that year level)

Week 9-11 - Students meet their 2016 teacher.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Friday 6th

Chocolate money to be returned

Monday 9th

School Council Meeting

Thursday 12th

Bridges to Prep – 2.45pm – 3.30pm

Saturday 14th

Working Bee 9am – 12

Community Bush dance Memorial Hall

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th

Bookswap in Library 3pm-4pm

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th

Year 6 Canberra Camp

Wednesday 25th

Parents & Friends Meeting 1.30pm

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Could all chocolates and money please be returned to the office by **TOMORROW**
Thank you for your assistance in helping us to raise money for our retaining wall.

STUDENT AWARDS

PC: Kayden M

PP: Stella P

1/2A: Sam L

PE: Blake B – 6W

Phoenix G – 1/2A

Performing Arts: Abbey K - 1D

ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2016

Parents & Friends Club

Mango order forms should've arrived home yesterday. We have been made a great offer to sell NT mangoes as a fundraiser this month. We are aware that this comes hot on the heels of the chocolate drive run by school council, but it seemed like a great opportunity to give families who love mangoes, the chance to buy at a pretty good price and also make a few dollars for our school. There is a very short turn around on the order, ask your friends and family and please get your requests in by next Wednesday.

The position of Parents' & Friends' Club co-ordinator/president still needs to be filled for 2016. A fantastic, rewarding opportunity to get really involved with school activities and implement some fresh ideas. Any interested party or parties with suggestions or queries, please contact Maida or Cameron Heath.

Thanks for your support, Kylie Short and Maida Mitchell

Literacy and numeracy at home- TOP IDEAS

Improve your speaking and listening skills by asking lots of questions and answering lots of questions. You could ask someone about their favourite book, the funniest things that has ever happened to them or about a place they'd love to visit one day



Congratulations to Will P for being our recent Better Buddies Program.

With his ongoing help assisting with activities in the afternoon and been such a good leader to the others.

Well done Will.

This week we are going to do the theme about horses as it has been the Spring Racing Carnival

Stacey our Educator is raising money for the Relay for Life on Saturday at Don Road Complex on the 7th of November at 3pm to 9am Sunday the 8th of November. If you could donate to our team the "Local Larrikin's", it would be most appreciated as every cent helps let's find a CURE.

Bob and Stacey are helping Michelle Perry at Lilydale St Patrick's Primary School for the Strawberry Festival which is on the 8th of November starting at 10am.

Drop into St Patrick's and say Hi

Thanks,

Bob, Stacey and Abbey from Camp Australia

READING OPENS DOORS



This term Healesville Primary School is supporting the work of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation by holding a *Great Book Swap* on:

Wednesday & Thursday
November 18th & 19th, 2015
from 3:00pm-4:00pm
in our school library

To take part, students need to bring along a book that they are happy to swap with another student and a gold coin donation to choose a "new" book. We will be taking donations of good quality books from Wednesday November 4th to Tuesday 17th. Your books can be left at the school office.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) works to put books into the hands of children and families in remote Indigenous communities across Australia. In the lifetime of the project, with the support of many people and organisations including schools, they have sent more than 120,000 new, high quality books to over 230 remote communities. The ILF also runs an early literacy project called *Book Buzz*, which puts board books into the hands of babies, toddlers and their families. The Foundation has published and funded more than 40 community books, some of which are translated into first language. To make a cash donation or for more information go to their website at

www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/

Please help us support their work! Any questions, please contact Maida Mitchell or Fenna Hogg.

School Prayer Meeting

Would you like to pray for our school?

Join us at 3:00pm this coming Monday, 9th November, in room 9 or 10.

Any questions or prayer requests to add please contact Cherida on 59626620

WORKING BEE Saturday 14th November 9am – 12 noon

The objective of this working bee is to get 500 plants planted which are coming from the Ribbons of Green program through the Shire of Yarra Ranges and a general tidy up to consolidate the great work that was done at the last and very well supported working bee.

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS CAKES



We have just received Christmas Cakes from the Lions Club to sell on their behalf.

The prices are :-

1 kilo cakes - \$12.00

1.5 kilo cakes - \$16.00

If you would like to support our local Lions Club, the cakes are available at the school office.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL **(....continuation page 1)**

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day in Australia commemorates the noble sacrifices of armed forces and civilians during times of war. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, one minute's silence is observed across the country to mark the end of hostilities on the Western front during WW1 after four years of warfare. During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to bloom in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. In soldier's folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground, making the poppy symbolic of the bloodshed in trench warfare.

The Poppy Appeal contributes significantly to the fundraising work of the RSL. The money raised is used to assist both current and former serving members of the Australian and allied defence forces and their dependents when in need. Healesville Primary School will participate in a minute's silence to remember the soldiers who fought and continue to fight for the freedom we all enjoy.

Canteen News

The canteen is going extremely well on Thursday and Friday but Wednesday is not as popular. Unfortunately if we don't get an increase in sales EV Cuisine will have to think about only offering a canteen on Thursday and Fridays.

Staff Professional Development

All staff have been working with Di Wilkinson, our Pedagogy coach, on developing the Healesville Primary School instructional model. It is great to listen to the conversation around the development of this model and how it is going to positively impact student learning and teacher instruction.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who have sold chocolates over the past few weeks. Please return all money and unsold chocolates to the school office by this Friday, 6 November.

Cameron Heath, Principal

Phys Ed NEWS - TERM 4

It is wonderful to be back and see the kids so excited about their sports. Every Tuesday the preps come and ask me what we are doing and are always so excited to be participating in the games and sports we are doing each week. The weather has been fantastic and we have all been enjoying playing outdoors.

Please try and remember what day your child has sport and if able ensure they have runners on as it is difficult for them to run and play in slip ons. Also as lots of sports equipment is used for PE classes and with class teachers there is not enough to go around. If your child has a ball at home they can bring to play with at playtime this will help. Just ensure that it has their name on it.

The Prep to 2 classes have been doing some bat tennis with me. They have been learning how to hold a bat and use both forehand and backhand moves to hit the ball over the net. There are some very talented children who have lots of skill. Practising against the wall at home will also help improve or further develop this. We are going to continue our bat/ball games later this term with some sessions of cricket.

I love the enthusiasm that the kids show every week and the way they are learning to co-operate with each other in some small team games.

Tanya Dale

The grade 3 to 6 classes have been working on invasion games in term 4. Invasion games are team games where teams try to invade the opposing team's territory and score points (examples are soccer, basketball, netball, football). Students are learning to maintain possession, attack and defend and win the ball.

Students are continuing to develop their individual skills and learning a lot about being a team player and being a good sport. Later in the term students will participate in Jump Rope for Heart, practicing skipping and jumping skills, and raising money for the Heart Foundation. More information will be sent home with students closer to the Jump Off date. Then we will again complete the beep test where students will have an opportunity to compare their fitness level to the beginning of the year.

Rebekah Clarke and Felicity Black

CAKE STALL



Organised by The Cutie Cupcakes of Grade 5
(Caitlyn, Ruby, Talia, Ella, Issy and Georgia)

All money raised to go to Melanoma Research

DATE: Tuesday 17th November

TIME: Recess, Lunch and 3.15pm

COST: All items will be between 50c and \$2.00

The following yummy goodies will be on sale.....*biscuits, slices, cakes, cupcakes, fudge, fruit cups.....*

Put the date in the diary and come prepared with some money to enjoy a home-made treat.

See you there.... 🍌



FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 28th November 2015

Queens Park Soccer Pitch, Don Rd Healesville

11am

Sausage Sizzle

Games & Prizes

Expressions of interest for all 2016 teams

Those who register their interest on the day
will receive a discounted registration for 2016

Mini Roos, Juniors, Women & Mens

Ages 4 and up

NEW FREE Womens Soccer Program

Ages 13 and up

www.healesvillesoccerclub.com.au