

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are in **week 3 of term 4** and the students are busy learning at every opportunity. In the next few weeks the big 150th Healesville celebration is happening. The school will be involved in a number of ways including students carrying flags in the street parade, dressing up in 1800' s clothing and selling sausages. If you would like to assist in any capacity please contact Rebekah Clarke via the school office.

This term the school will be endeavouring to strengthen the transition from grade level to grade level in order to prepare students for the year ahead. We have developed the following timeline to decrease students' anxiety and stress levels when meeting a new grade and new teacher. This process also gives the teachers the opportunity to pass any relevant information onto the next teacher that assists in the education of all students.

Week 7-8 – students participate in a 30 minute session in next year's level. Remember that this is not the grade or the teacher, but it is just an introduction to the next year level.

Week 9-11 – students participate in a 30 minute session in next year's level with next year's teacher. During this process teachers will be given time to discuss students in preparation for a good start to 2015.

Orienteering: Good luck to the Year 4 students who are participating in the Upper Yarra Valley Orienteering competition tomorrow at Maroondah Dam, we look forward to hearing about the day.

Music – Rookie Band: Our students and Healesville High School students who make up the rookie band will be participating in a workshop on Monday to enhance their skills. Good luck.

Year 4 Camp: We would like to thank Yarra Valley Financial Services for their financial support for the Grade 4 Camp.

Precious items: On occasions students bring items to school that mean a great deal to them and even can be valuable. If students are bringing these items including scooters, and bikes to school, it is important that they are placed in a secure area. Scooters are placed in the office next to the Principals office and bikes in the bike area near the staffroom. I would like to take this opportunity to remind students that helmets must be worn when riding a bike or scooter and no riding is permitted on the school grounds.

School Hats – Term 1 and 4: It is great to finally have some sunshine and weather that makes you want to go outside and enjoy the outdoors. With this weather comes high and extreme levels of UV which can cause damage to skin. I urge you to assist us to protect your children by purchasing an approved Healesville Primary School Hat from our uniform shop or by using the online facility available. If you have any questions about the purchase of hats please contact the school office.



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Cameron Heath, Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS

OCTOBER

Friday 24th
Orienteering (Maroondah Dam) Grade 4s
Monday 27th
HHS' Reach for the Stars' Concert 7pm
Wednesday 29th
Parents & Friends Meeting – Bristol 2pm
Friday 31st
Healesville Sanctuary 2R & 2S

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd
CURRICULUM DAY – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4th
MELBOURNE CUP DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 6th
Bridges to Prep 2015 –
Numeracy Afternoon 2.45-3.30pm
Saturday 8th
Healesville 150th Community Celebration
Monday 10th
School Council Meeting
Thursday 13th
Grade 3 Sleepover
Monday 17th – Friday 21st
Grade 6 Camp
Thursday 20th
Bridges to Prep 2015 –
Literacy Afternoon 2.45-3.30pm
Thursday 27th
Healesville Sanctuary 10 & 1/2A

STUDENT AWARDS

PM:	Colin M	PP:	Kiah R
PC:	Jack K, Hayley C		
10:	Noah W	1/2A:	Bailey R
2B:	Ethan N	2R:	Jade K
3B:	Keira E	3G:	Reece S
4L:	Bradley S		
5G:	Hamish P	5/6S:	Hailey W
6N:	Jocelyn H	6W:	Calvin B

P.E: Maddy S & Hayden G

ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2015

CANTEEN

OCTOBER 2014

Mon & Tues	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Wed 29th	Danielle Mullens	Lorraine Simcoe
Thurs 30th	Isla Clements	Joanne Brayne
Fri 31st	Rachelle Potter	Lisa Clements

Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS

Choose a chapter book that an adult at home can read aloud to you and your brothers and sisters. Decide if you will read a chapter each night, or a few pages.



Parents & Friends Club

This is an open invitation to come to our get-together next week, **Wednesday October 29th from 2pm** in the Bristol. Please come along with your thoughts, ideas and/or questions about school. Children welcome and tea & coffee provided.

Also, we are in need of lots of helpers for the Healesville 150th post-parade sausage sizzle on **November 8th**. Let us know via the school office if you can help.

Thanks for your support, *Maidi Mitchell*

SAVE THE DATE

**Healesville Community 150th
Celebration Street Parade, Saturday
Nov 8th**



Every child should start the day with a good breakfast such as wheat biscuits, fruit and low fat milk; as it assists with concentration and learning. Children will then need an awesome lunch and fruit snacks to sustain their energy and appetite for learning during the day. There are guides on how to pick awesome breakfast cereals at reception.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE VOLUNTEERS

With Christmas only a couple of short months away, in the next few weeks we will be putting together our annual Christmas giving tree for our local aged care facilities.

If you would like to help us out with organising and putting up our Christmas tree in the office foyer please leave your name and contact details at the school office.



Thank you, Kylie Short

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PLANNING FOR 2015 – STUDENT PLACEMENT: As I have mentioned in recent editions of the Healesville PS Newsletter, planning is now well underway for the 2015 school year, including staffing and class structure. Determining class placements is a complex task and staff members undertake a considerable process to ensure that classes are well-balanced and the best possible placement is made to meet every child's educational needs. Factors that we take into consideration when making class placements include: academic achievement, personal/interpersonal skills and development, friendship groups, gender balance and other individual and special needs.

It is important to understand that with so many students and placement considerations to take into account, it is not always possible to accommodate specific placement requests. However, please be aware that each and every factor in the decision as to where a child is placed for next year is given our utmost attention. If you have any information that you believe teachers may not be aware of that should be taken into account in making class placements, please provide this information via a letter addressed to Cameron Heath by tomorrow close of business.

Parent Contributions for 2015 and 2016: At last month's School Council meeting, the structure for the 2015 Parent Contribution Payments (commonly referred to as School Fees) were endorsed. All families will receive information this week outlining the model by which schools are funded and information about next year and how School Council is planning to deal with the cessation of the Education Maintenance Allowance to low income families. I am very proud of the education and programs we are able to offer at our school and the education we provide to our students and families. We are able to do this through the strong support of our community and I am sure this will continue in 2015 and beyond.

DISCIPLINE: While reading on the weekend I came across this article and thought it might be worth sharing. As a parent I am always looking for ways to improve how I deal with my sons.

Discipline is a necessary part of parenting, yet it is often misunderstood and can often be associated with punishment. Effective discipline teaches children about appropriate behaviour and how to take responsibility for their own actions. It does not involve physical harm, but it does require firmness.

When dealing with children's misbehaviour, try the **ESCAPE** formula:-

Establish clear limits and boundaries for children. Rules need to be clear and specific.

Stop, think and go against your first impulse when children misbehave. If you feel you are losing your cool with your children, take a walk, phone a friend or even count to ten before interacting with them.

Cue children once when giving instructions or directions. Repeated requests or threats only encourage 'parent deafness' in children.

Act when children don't stick to the limits or refuse to co-operate. Rather than nag or coax children into doing the right thing, implement a consequence that is related to their misbehaviour.

Pinpoint the reason for children's misbehaviour. Misbehaviour is often to get parental attention - if you constantly nag children or coax attention seekers to co-operate, try changing your ways.

Encourage children at every opportunity.

REMEMBER, CONSISTENCY RATHER THAN SEVERITY IS THE KEY TO EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE.

(Written by – Jenelle Seregina Classroom teacher)

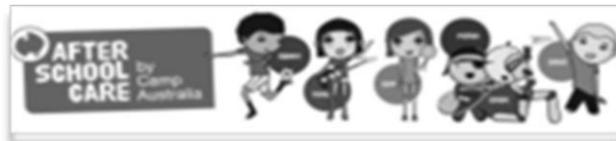
News from THE P6J HUB celebrating student diversity



Did you know?

- Students with the same diagnosis experience their disability in unique ways.
- A disability diagnosis tells you something about a student but may not tell you much about his or her educational needs.
- Students with a diagnosed disability may attract special funding; they are not the only students for whom adaptations may be required.
- Inclusion should strongly depend on the needs of the student, not the school's or parents.
- One aspect to promote inclusion in the mainstream classroom of students with special needs is extra assistance with activities.

Stay tuned for weekly news from THE HUB.



Our "Healesville Outside School Hours Care Talent Quest" was a huge success. We had 29 of the children participate in some way and thanks to the parents that turned up to watch their child perform on Thursday. As a result of donations we are able to pass on \$32.60 to the Camp Australia's Foundation Arm "The Smith Family" learning for life program which supports disadvantaged children all the way through their education. (from preps to Year 12). More information is available at our sign in desk.

We were amazed in the great variety of talent that the children have and the enthusiasm from them all.

This week we are focusing on "Outer Space" and we are letting the children's imagination flow as to their creation of aliens and planets. I hope we end up with a great looking planet table.

We still have copies of our cook book (recipes that the children undertook in our week of Food) available at our sign in desk. **Cost: FREE.** So please take one and get them to try them at home during the holidays or at weekends.

Thanks , Bob, Michelle, Regan, Angelina, Nicola & Melissa from Camp Australia.

FUNDRAISING CUPCAKE STALL

On Tuesday 28th October 2014, Healesville High School students are holding a fundraising cupcake stall and a presentation for the Grade 5 and 6 girls.

The money raised is for *One Girl Foundation*, which helps girls in Africa get an education, buy their books, bags and uniforms,

Cupcakes will be sold for \$2.00 each and prima's of all flavours for \$1.50 each.

Remember to bring your lunch and money for a cupcake and a drink !!!!!

A True Friend

I love my friends. I am fortunate enough to have some great friends who have stuck with me through thick and thin – through the good times and the bad. I have friends who know everything about me and still love me (now that's amazing!). I have friends who I can have fun with but who are also there for me when I need a shoulder to lean on. I have friends who can be silly or serious depending on the situation.

I was thinking about what makes a true friend this week and I happened to come across this statement by H. Jackson Brown Jr:

"A true friend encourages us, comforts us, supports us like a big easy chair, offering us a safe refuge from the world."

I like this description of a true friend. True friends encourage us. True friends comfort us. True friends support us. True friends offer us a safe refuge from the world. I don't know about you, but I really need friends who can offer me those things. I am sure that if we were honest we would all say that we need friends who encourage, comfort, support and protect us. We need and benefit from having relationships with people in life. Life is not always easy and we can all struggle with different things as we walk the road called life. Life can be hard at times and friends are often what can pull us through the dark times and give us the strength to continue on.

That is what we all need and others need from us as friends too. Do you think of yourself as a true friend to your friends? Which of your friends can look to you to receive encouragement, comfort, support and protection when they need a true friend?

I encourage you this week: be a true friend to your friends around you... everyone needs their friends to look out for them and offer them encouragement, comfort, support and protection as they journey through life.

Joel Hawting, Chaplain

PARTY IN THE PARK!

Come and celebrate Healesville's 150th Birthday at Queen's Park!

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
10:00AM - 3:00PM

LIVE MUSIC
JUMPING CASTLES
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
SNO-CONES
DRINKS

FACE-PAINTING
SUMO SUITS
DEVONSHIRE TEA
OLD-WORLD TREATS
COFFEE

For more information head to:
www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Lists/Events

Activities for
all age groups!

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Parents Victoria Online Conference October 2014 & May 2015

First four days :

6am Monday 27th October to
11pm Thursday 30th October (AEST)

Register (for no cost) at:

<http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/>

Topics

The four one-day topics are **Homework, Access, Reporting and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)**. The ongoing topic of Funding, an additional topic, will run for the entire four days. There will also be an opportunity for participants to raise other issues.

For further details please contact

Parents Victoria at

office@parentsvictoria.asn.au or visit
our website

www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

A Ride to Remember – Yarra Valley is on again Sunday November 16, 2014

- Last year was the inaugural event, raising funds for Alzheimer's Australia Victoria and remembering a special lady, Anne Jones from Healesville, who passed away on November 17, 2012 after suffering from Lewy Body Disease for 6 years. Over \$7,500 was raised due to the generosity of friends, family and strangers. Many people in Australia are touched in some way by dementia and are very keen to contribute to finding a cure for this insidious disease; one that shows no discrimination and staggeringly, dementia is the third leading cause of death in Australia.
- This year's event will again be raising funds for Alzheimer's Australia Victoria - to aid with their research and in assisting them to continue to provide support services to people living with dementia and their families.

Kylie, Kirsty and Bryn Jones are hosting the family bike ride along the picturesque **Warburton Trail**. There are four distances to choose from so that no matter what your age, fitness or experience, you can enjoy a day out with family and friends and ride for a great cause. A picnic lunch beside the Yarra River at the half way mark in Warburton is included in the registration fee.

To register for the ride or to donate www.ridetoremember.yarravalley.com

Join our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/YarraValleyRideToRemember>

Contact: Kirsty 0407 869 554 or Kylie 0418 562 453 or email ridetoremember@outlook.com

More information about Dementia: www.fightdementia.org.au

Free two day workshop and information sessions
for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2014VICPC9

Location: Ringwood

Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

What will you learn?

When you come along to a Positive Partnerships workshop, you will:

- Develop a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- Understand how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- Learn specific strategies that will help you:
 - advocate for your child
 - support your child's participation at school
 - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- Receive information about your local school system's processes
- Have the opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- Have the opportunity to discuss a range of topics relevant to students with ASD and their families

People who work to support families living with autism in your community will also be invited to take part with the goal that there is an ongoing community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details

Venue: Karrylyka
Mines Road, Ringwood East VIC 3134

When: **Two day workshop** – Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 November 2014
Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)
Day 2: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Registration available from Tuesday 14 October 2014 and closes two days prior.

We strongly recommend you register as soon as possible to secure your place. You will receive confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations are preferred directly through our secure website www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet. Return the completed form to:

Email: parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Fax: 02 9451 9661

Phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline if you have any enquiries: 1300 881 971

Free workshop in
Ringwood for parents
& carers of children
with autism
November 25 & 26
Register your place:

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Details for the upcoming 2 day workshop

Dates: 25th & 26th October 2014

Venue: Karralyka, Mines Road, Ringwood East VIC 3134

Cost: **Free** - including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments

Full details and online registration at www.positivepartnerships.com.au

The workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school-age children with ASD across Australia.

Commonwealth Bank SCHOOL BANKING

Clam of Fortune – A mythical shell packed with precious prizes

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- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

Here's how you can win!

Simply make a School Banking Deposit between 20th October – 30th November 2014, (regardless of the value)

Automatic entry with each deposit – each deposit will give you extra chances.

Good luck and happy adventures!

Our Club offers a large range of basketball for juniors and seniors, as well as children being taught how to play basketball.

What's available for children who are wanting to learn?



MICRO MINI BASKETBALL: Wednesday night at 4:30pm for girls and boys under the age of 5, who are wanting to learn basic skills of basketball and learning to have fun with a basketball.

HEALESVILLE HOOPERS: Wednesday night 4:30pm teaching basic basketball skills for boys and girls aged between 5 and 10 years of age.

MINI BALL: Wednesday nights at 5:25pm, this is to teach children how to play basketball on the court. Whilst learning the rules of the game. Having umpires, umpire these games so it's more like the real thing. This is for girls and boys under the age of 10.

We run our junior and senior competition with two seasons; summer season starts October and finishes in March. And our winter season starts in April and finishes in September.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMP: Monday Night 4:30pm onwards, available to boys and girls between 8-16 years old, they play in mixed teams from under 10, 13 & 17's.

SENIOR BASKETBALL COMPS: Monday and Wednesday nights. We have a Men's and Women's comp, open mixed and Women's over 30's.

If you are interested, you can contact us at

healesvillehornets@gmail.com or

check out our website at www.healesvillebasketball.net.au

We're rewarding regular savers with precious prizes.

deep sea savers

The advertisement features a blue background with a yellow submarine in the top right corner. Below the submarine, several cartoon divers are swimming. In the center, a large blue clam shell is open, revealing a GoPro camera and a Slip 'N Slide. To the right of the clam shell, a cartoon dog is swimming. In the background, there is a large, ornate castle on a hill. The overall theme is underwater adventures and rewards.