

# NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Pupil Free Day – Monday 3 November

While students and families will be enjoying a long weekend, teachers will be working hard on Monday 3 November on writing the School Strategic Plan which is the school's statement to our community about what we as a school intend to do over the next 4 years. It defines what the school values most and sets out the school's goals and targets, key strategies for improvement and its resourcing priorities. The plan will be finalized towards the end of this term.

### Working With Children Check

There have been some changes to the Working With Children Check legislation recently. I have attached the amendments to this newsletter. Please read and make yourself aware of the changes as they may affect you.

### News Paper Article

While reading the Mountain Views Mail I came across this article about our school.

It is great to have some recognition for the hard work both teachers and students are putting in.

Congratulations to all students, teachers and families.

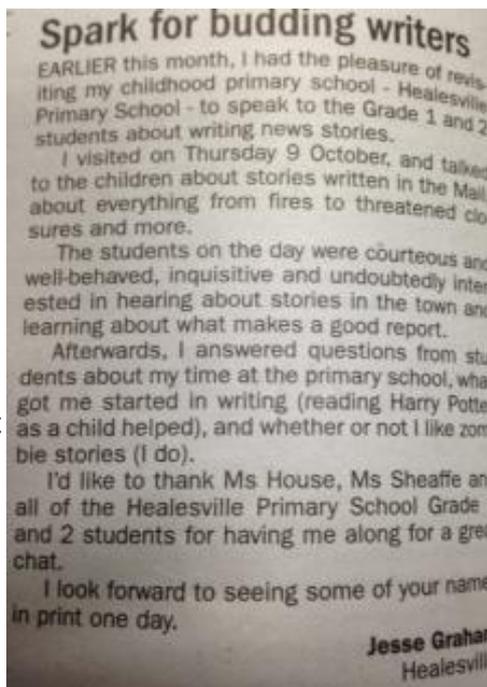
### Reach to the Stars

I had the pleasure of attending Healesville High School on Monday evening to watch and listen to the rookie band perform in the Reach to the Stars concert. It has been amazing to see the progress HPS students have made even in the short time that I have been here. I can't wait until our rookie band members become part of the Legends band. Congratulations to all students involved.

### Junior School Swimming

The Prep – Year 2 students have been participating in their intensive swimming program and by all reports having a great time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and family members that have supported this program.

*Cameron Heath, Principal*



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### OCTOBER

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

Healesville Sanctuary 2R & 2S

### NOVEMBER

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

**CURRICULUM DAY – Pupil Free Day**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Bridges to Prep 2015 –

Numeracy Afternoon 2.45-3.30pm

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Healesville 150<sup>th</sup> Community Celebration

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

School Council Meeting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Grade 3 Sleepover

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Grade 6 Camp

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Bridges to Prep 2015 –

Literacy Afternoon 2.45-3.30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Healesville Sanctuary 10 & 1/2A

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Blue Light Disco in School Hall 5:30pm

### DECEMBER

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Preps Orientation Day 9:30-10:30am

## STUDENT AWARDS

<b>PM:</b>	Chloe B	<b>PP:</b>	Libi W
<b>PC:</b>	Mia O	<b>10:</b>	Zack H
<b>1/2A:</b>	Pat M	<b>2B:</b>	Evie M
<b>2R:</b>	Michael K	<b>3B:</b>	Emily H
<b>3G:</b>	Rhys R	<b>5G:</b>	Jacinta S
<b>5/6S:</b>	Shanade K	<b>6N:</b>	Sinead L
<b>6W:</b>	Brody C		
<b>P.E:</b>	Jacob S & Ben J		

# ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2015

## CANTEEN

**OCTOBER 2014**

<b>Mon &amp; Tues</b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Jenny Daniels	
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Kylie Mayor	Heather Condello
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Shelley Buettner	Dianne Lowe

**New to the Canteen** - (Replacing the Smooze) - Moosies, a fun frozen milk based treat. Great for these hot days, and they are a canteen association approved item. They come in chocolate or bubble gum and are selling for \$1.00

**Lunch orders from the Canteen are a fun thing to have, but there are a few things to remember -**

Lunch orders should be a special treat, when ordering lunch be careful not to order too much food. Order a small snack for morning play and something for lunch. It is always a good idea to send along some fruit from home, just in case your child wants something more. Food for lunch can only be ordered - the Canteen does not work like a milk bar. If you are sending your child to school with money thinking that they can buy their lunch, you would be wrong. Lunches must be ordered, preferably before 9.15am. "How to make a lunch order" can be found on the back of your price list. Healthy eating is the way to go!!! The Canteen price list is labelled with a G for the green food and A for the amber. "G" is order anytime food, with lots of nutritional value. "A" is sometimes food, still with some nutritional value. Let's get our kids into good eating habits early in life.

*Thank you, Vikki Chandler*

## 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*

## Literacy and numeracy at home - TOP IDEAS

Learn more about time. Play some games with your family using a stop watch (many phones have a stopwatch function). Time yourself to see how long it takes to do an activity such as tie your shoelaces or set the table. Try again and see if you can improve your time.



To the parents that are coming into our room please look up at the great origami that the children have created ready for Halloween. We are also being creative in origami flowers.

There will be no service next Monday and Tuesday due to the Pupil free day and public holiday and we hope that you all have a refreshing break. Next week we will be having our own races for all to enjoy.

We wish to remind again regarding our SunSmart policy, can you please ensure that your child has a hat in their bag so as they can enjoy our outside activities.

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

## Parents & Friends Club

**Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>** : Please let us know if you are able to help after the Healesville 150<sup>th</sup> parade at our sausage sizzle in Queens Park. We need helpers from 8am setting-up, until about 4pm packing-up, but even just an hour of your time would be most appreciated. You can leave your details at the school office.

It was lovely to see new faces at our October get-together yesterday. Remember we are just an informal group of parents & carers who meet on the last Wednesday of each month to chat about school stuff. Your help with any fundraising we do is appreciated but if you just want to come along for a cuppa & a chat you are very welcome. Next get-together will be November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for your support, *Maidi Mitchell*

## REPTILES FOR SALE

As previously advertised we are discontinuing our reptile program. We will be selling our enclosures and reptiles. A reptile licence must be obtained and details recorded by the school upon sale of the bearded dragons, snakes, stumpy tails and geckoes.

The prices vary, depending upon which animal/s you purchase and whether you buy an enclosure as well. If you are interested in viewing the animals please ring the school office (5962 4053) and make an appointment with Mrs Thomas or Mrs Lakeland.

Prices start as low as \$20 for the frogs, there are a total of 7 frogs and our large snakes cost \$800 with enclosures.

It is imperative that you obtain a private wildlife licence prior to purchase of these animals.

[http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/205656/Application-for-a-private-wildlife-licence-14.1.pdf](http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/205656/Application-for-a-private-wildlife-licence-14.1.pdf)

## Fond Memories of Long Weekends

Who is looking forward to the long weekend? I am sure that I am not the only one who will be taking some time out to relax with my family and friends over this coming weekend. It's the one time of the year that I am genuinely thankful that horse racing exists too! 😊

Over the course of my life long weekends have been filled with adventure, fun and family time. In my mind, that is what long weekends are for! Growing up I regularly went away camping with my family and also with close family friends. Many fond memories were made over these weekends as we hiked in the bush, mountain biked in caravan parks, and ate food and chocolate (if we behaved!) around the campfire at night. Long weekends for me were always full of fun and adventure.

We all want our children to look back on their childhood and have many fond memories. Why don't you take some time over the upcoming long weekend to find a common interest that you can enjoy with your children? Here are some ideas to make some special family memories from Nancy Jergins:

- 1. Camping and Hiking:** You can enjoy the outdoors at almost any age, and it's a great way to get in touch with nature and spend time together without the TV and other distractions.
- 2. Golf or Tennis:** Playing any sport together can be fun, but these score higher because they tend to stay with you for a lifetime rather than falling away after adolescence.
- 3. Cooking Together:** Time spent passing down grandma's lighter-than-air biscuit recipe is fun and delicious. Your bond with your child might be a culinary connection.
- 4. Pillow Talk:** When we ask our adult friends about their favourite childhood memories with parents, they frequently mention quiet talks—about anything—at bedtime.
- 5. Working for a Cause:** Some families find that their favourite memories together are from volunteer or charitable work. Sign up together to help out at the shelter or help an elderly neighbour in need.
- 6. Make Music Together:** Musical talent seems to run in families, and if that's your story, you're lucky. Time gathered around the piano singing carols and Christmas or strumming guitars on the porch is golden.
- 7. Games:** Learn a game the whole family can play and enjoy—king's corners, hearts or spades. Go old school with Battleship, Monopoly or Sorry.
- 8. Hobbies and Outings:** Find a hobby you can share with your kids: going to the theatre or museums, garage sales or antiques, car and boat shows, fixing cars or building things together.

<http://www.imom.com/10-great-ways-to-make-fun-memories-with-your-kids-2/>

*Joel Hawting, Chaplain*

**If you would like to meet with me or have a conversation at any time, please contact the school office and I will follow up with you when I am working (Monday & Tuesdays).**

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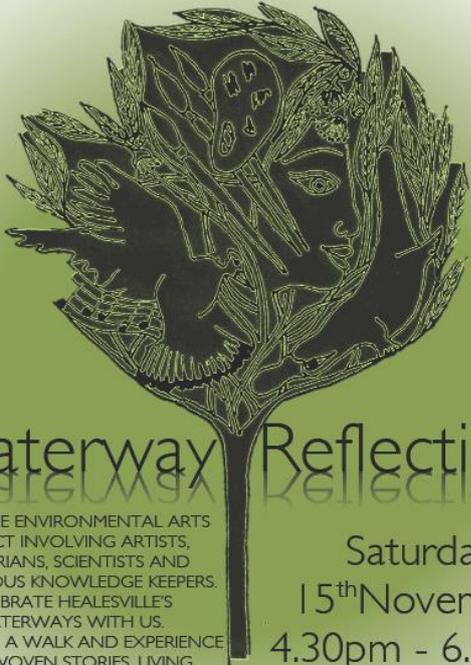


Aquatics & Recreation Victoria (ARV), through its **VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program** has been teaching children to Play it Safe by the Water with swimming & water safety lessons, since 1976. The **VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program** is offered to all Victorians, with nearly one million having participated over this time. This long standing, proven program is offered for one, two or three weeks during the January school holidays, at pools and open water locations throughout Victoria.

**VICSWIM Summer Kidz is coming to a pool or beach near you.**  
For dates, locations & times go to [www.vicswim.com.au](http://www.vicswim.com.au)



-  Visit [www.vicswim.com.au](http://www.vicswim.com.au) for locations
-  Enrol your child/children
-  Proceed with payment by credit card
-  Log out
-  Check email for confirmation of enrolment  
(for assistance call ARV 9271 3800)



# Waterway Reflections

A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS PROJECT INVOLVING ARTISTS, HISTORIANS, SCIENTISTS AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS. CELEBRATE HEALESVILLE'S WATERWAYS WITH US. BE LED ON A WALK AND EXPERIENCE INTERWOVEN STORIES, LIVING SCULPTURES AND CREATIVE INSTALLATIONS AS WE FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF PLATYPUS HABITAT.

Saturday  
15<sup>th</sup> November  
4.30pm - 6.30pm  
FREE ALL AGES EVENT

THE TRAIL BEGINS AT THE MEETING PLACE  
MELWAYS REF 278.D1  
NEXT TO OONAH LEARNING CENTRE  
1A BADGER CREEK ROAD, HEALESVILLE  
AND WINDS ALONG TO THE  
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HEWI is a community voice acting to protect and enhance important elements of our local environment.



On behalf of Healesville Primary School I would like to thank and acknowledge YV Financial Services for their generous financial donation towards the Grade 4 camp coming up in December 2014.

Due to the costs associated with hiring buses both to get to Phillip Island and then to tour around the island, we were looking at a significant financial shortfall that had to be made up somehow. Thanks to YV Financial Solutions, we are now able to pay for the required buses whilst minimising the costs of the Grade 4 camp for parents.

So thank you to YV Financial Services for their support – we couldn't have made it happen without them!

If you are interested in learning more about YV Financial Services, you can check them out online at <http://www.yvfinancialservices.com.au/> or call Steven King on 0422 806 635.

Cameron Heath, Principal



As part of our school's "Crunch and Munch an Awesome Lunch" program, Eastern Health have offered to put together a small recipe book of our lunchbox ideas. So, to all parents & carers of Healesville Primary students, what is your child's favourite healthy lunchbox food? Please share your recipes, ideas and tips regarding "awesome lunchboxes" with us.

Please keep in mind that the recipes will need to be approved before being included.

Recipes can be left at the office or emailed to the school via [healesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:healesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or posted on our facebook page.

*Thanks, Maida Mitchell*

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



**If you think fresh when choosing snacks, you can spend less money.**

**Although processed and takeaway foods might seem like good value, most of them don't fill kids up for long – with less fibre to help them feel full, and more sugar, fat and salt, processed food can make kids feel hungry again really quickly.**

**No matter how much they eat, they never feel satisfied. So, you can actually save money by buying fresh foods and making your own snacks to eat at home or when you're out.**



## Working with Children Check 2014 Amendments to legislation

### Amendments to Working with Children Check (WWC) legislation

Do you volunteer or do paid work with children? If so you need to be aware of important legislative changes to the *Working with Children Act 2005* (the Act) coming into effect on 26 October 2014.

#### New standard definition of child-related work

Child-related work will now be defined as work in one of the occupational fields listed in the Act where the contact with children is direct, unsupervised and part of a person's duties, not incidental to their work. The specific changes to the definition are:

##### 1. New concept: incidental contact

Changes to the Act clarify that a worker who has only occasional direct contact with children that is incidental to their work does not require a WWC Check.

**Example:** A plumber has been called to fix a burst pipe in the clubrooms of a local sports group. Although children are present in the clubrooms, the plumber does not need to have contact with these children in order to fix the pipe. The plumber therefore does not need a WWC Check.

##### 2. New definition of direct supervision

Direct supervision now refers specifically to supervision of a person's contact with children, rather than their work in general. Supervision of a person's contact with children must still be personal and immediate, but can include a brief absence such as leaving a room to take a phone call.

##### 3. New definition of direct contact with children

The definition of direct contact with children previously included 'physically being within eyeshot' of children. Amendments to the Act now define direct contact with children as a person being able to talk face-to-face or have physical contact with children.

##### 4. Removal of 'regular' from the definition

To further simplify and remove ambiguities from the definition, the notion of 'regular' contact has been removed. 'Regular' contact is no longer an element that should be considered.



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## **The WWC Check is no longer described as a suitability check**

The Act no longer refers to the WWC Check as a means of assessing a person's suitability to work with children, as only organisations can do this.

The WWC Check is just a starting point. It screens a person's criminal records and any reports about professional conduct by the bodies listed in 'What is checked' on the WWC Check website.

The government is currently developing minimum 'child safe' standards for organisations engaged in child-related work. Under the standards, organisations will be expected to create and maintain 'child safe' environments by adopting practices such as interviewing and reference checking staff and volunteers, training them in child safety, and monitoring their behaviour around children.

## **Expiry of a WWC Check**

Cardholders can no longer continue to do child-related work after their WWC Check expires.

Previously, there was a 'grace' period allowing people to do child-related work up to 3 months after their WWC Check expired. The amendment means that they must stop child-related work until they have renewed their WWC Check. It is an offence to continue working in child-related work if your WWC Check has expired.

A WWC Check can still be renewed anytime during the 3 months post-expiry period. For more details look at the section under 'Renew my Check' on the WWC Check website.

This change to the Act does not alter the legislative requirements for people working under the *Children's Services Act 1996*, the *Education and Care Services National Law (Victoria)* and the *Child Employment Act 2003*.

Further information about the amendments are available on the WWC Check website from  
26 October 2014 at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au).



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