



NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As this will be my last newsletter piece (Long Service Leave Term 4) I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of work we have achieved at Healesville Primary over the last four and a half years. We have achieved a lot!

In 2009 we had our Junior classes in portable classrooms that were hot in summer and leaked in Winter. The Junior school building, sitting proudly over the township, is an excellent facility to introduce formal learning to young children.

In 2009 we did not have a music program and children did not enjoy Art. Today we have very creative specialist teachers in Art and Music and a very exciting Performing Arts program.

We have built Inclusive learning into our school curriculum with the introduction of the Satellite facility and program (Mt Evelyn Special Developmental School students) in 2011. This program now allows all students in our Healesville community the opportunity to belong to their local school. Inclusive learning also means our children are able to gain a deeper understanding and acceptance of differences in our community.

Our Science Specialist program introduced in 2012 broadens the scope of our children's learning. Science itself has a strong connection to Literacy and Maths. Whilst "Natural Science", fits like a glove for learning, in such a beautiful environment as Healesville.

Our children are connected to their learning. Our annual Attitudes to School Surveys (Grade 5 and 6) over the last 3 years has been very high. We have aimed to provide every child – every opportunity to be the best they can be. Every opportunity to find a hook to make learning meaningful and purposeful.

At Healesville we have very accomplished, high achieving students. But we still need to extend this achievement across the whole school. Levelled literacy Intervention introduced in 2012, has replaced our Reading Recovery program giving us greater opportunities meeting the needs of our At Risk students. It also helps those students needing a little boost to become competent readers. Quicksmart numeracy and Quicksmart literacy programs continue to meet the need of our senior students in readiness for the challenges of High school and beyond.

In conclusion, I am not trying to sound my own trumpet, but wanting to say a "Big Thank you" to our School Council, all staff, parents and students who have contributed so much to make Healesville Primary a very successful school.

Ps. We conclude school tomorrow at 2.30pm after a short assembly. I promise I won't be first out the gate when the bell rings.

Pss. Tomorrow is Footy Free Dress Day and as usual if you do not follow a specific team- go conservative and wear Black and White colours.

Peter Leonard, Principal

CANTEEN

Oct 7 th	Vanessa Clothier	Debbie Watson
Oct 8 th	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Oct 9 th	Lorraine Simcoe	Jenny Forbes
Oct 10 th	Kylie Mayor	
Oct 11 th	Shelley Buettner	Dianne Lowe

There will be no lunch orders tomorrow (last day of term). The canteen window will be open for recess and lunch time.

Parents' & Friends' Club

Term 4 Movie Night Sat November 23rd

Plans are underway for our next venture- a family friendly movie night to be held on the school oval. We are currently seeking interest from local businesses who may like to take up the unique opportunity of advertising at this fundraising event. Please get in touch if you, or someone you know, may be interested in taking up an offer of advertising on the pre-feature slide show. Volunteers are needed to help with preparations and to help on the night. Name and contact can be left at the school office.

Thanks, Mairi Mitchell

Literacy and Numeracy Ideas – For the Holidays

Numeracy: Have a grand final prediction competition in your family: Predict the score in the Grand Final for each team (Hawthorn will win!). See who gets the closest, winner gets to choose dinner!

Literacy: With a parent, write a diary each day of the holidays, or record a video diary using a phone or iPad!

SCHOOL EVENTS 2013

SEPTEMBER

Friday 20th

End of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 7th

Start of Term 4

Monday 14th

School Council Meeting

Monday 21st to Friday 1st November

Junior School Swimming

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th

CURRICULUM DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY

STUDENT AWARDS

PA: Ashton P, Cameron W

P/1B: Noah W

1C: Gideon C, Mitch F

1D: Tayah S, Evie M

2A: Xavier G, Rhys R

3A: Georgia K

3B: Talia M

4A: Charlotte K

4B: Millie M

5A: Holly E

5/6A: Jye V, Liwanu S

6C: Tyanne C

P/6J: Keira C & Daniel C

Special: Mrs Williams

Assembly - 2pm Last day of term

Parents are encouraged to attend.

Students finishing at 2:30pm

(Bus travellers finishing at 2:15pm.)

BASKETBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Women's competition played each Wednesday at 7pm (beginning Term 4) at Healesville High School.

If you're interested, please contact Sarah on Friday 20th September
5962 4053 or 0425 703 038

JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING

The Junior Swimming Program will occur during the third and fourth week of term four, commencing on Monday, 21st of October. It involves 10 lessons over 10 days. The children will be transported to and from the school by bus. The total cost of the program is \$75. This covers entry to the pool, instruction and transport. Unfortunately, the increase in price is to cover the extra cost of hiring buses with seatbelts. A letter containing the timetable and permission and payment form will be sent home in the first week of term 4. The holidays will be a good time to check children have bathers, and if needed, goggles; and that they can dress and undress themselves.

Maths is booming - it's as good as Hawthorn!

Lily C, Ruby L, Jake H won silver certificates! What an amazing effort and reward for their effort. There were 37 bronze certificates awarded this week! Amazing! The names would fill up half the newsletter, so I've posted our great mathletes onto our new website. Check under "Blog -> General".



Spring Holiday Club

If you're stuck for ideas of the school holidays, then please keep us in mind over the school holidays. As well having some great scheduled activities, we always play lots of games and sport outside (when it's not raining!) - so you can be assured that your children will have lots of fun and be active when their attending of our activity packed days. See you at the Holiday Club.

As part of our focus on providing the best service, we are actively encouraging all children to brush their teeth in the mornings. Children need to bring along toothpaste and a toothbrush (which will need to be kept in their bags and regularly cleaned at home). At before school and after school care we regularly discuss portion sizes, vitamins, different dietary needs and fitness. All part of the service provided by Camp Australia.

This weeks 'Stars of the Week' to all the children attending during before and after school care - you've all made this term so fantastic. We all look forward to seeing you all back again in term four. Congratulations everyone!

Cheers from the Healesville Camp Australia team

New Website!



If you visit hps.vic.edu.au today you'll be in for a big surprise! That's right our website has changed: it's New! Improved! More Interactive! We really want to make the website an important and often visited part of our school. The two big changes are the addition of a Blog and the Notices section. The blog is a chance to find out more about what is happening in the school. Students are involved in the reporting on our blog, movies are in the blog too - there's a couple there already. You can leave comments in the blog section. From next term all notices that go home will be posted under our Notices heading on the website. All the newsletters (including this one!) are able to be viewed online. Checkout the Calendar section too, for upcoming events. Any feedback on the design is welcome.

SAVE HEALESVILLE HOSPITAL COMMITMENT CELEBRATION

It's time to celebrate our communities determination and commitment to Revive, Maintain and Expand Services at Healesville Hospital.

1 Year after our maternity services were stolen from our rural community hospital we encourage the community to join us outside the Bendigo Bank where we will launch our community fund for the Business Case Study to determine our hospital's future.



TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 2013



HEALESVILLE'S MAIN STREET OUTSIDE BENDIGO BANK

MIDDAY—2PM