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MULTICULTRAL MURAL

Heckenberg Public School is a school rich in cultural diversity and we wanted to celebrate this by including bright murals to decorate our buildings. It has taken the efforts of many people from our school to achieve these stunning murals, from students, to the passionate parents, carers, staff and our wider community. We especially acknowledge the mural artists Trish Leverett (Aboriginal Mural) and Fida Rihani (Multicultural Mural) who generously volunteered their time and creative talents.

The Multicultural Murals include:

The flags of nations to symbolise the many homelands of our school community.

‘Live Together In Harmony’ to inspire respect, the spirit of a fair go and giving people a helping hand.

The rainbow as a symbol of unity and hope.

The Australian outback landscape including Uluru to show appreciation for the unique Australian outback landscape and acknowledge that landscapes such as Uluru hold special spiritual significance for Aboriginal people.

The original mural of two Heckenberg Public School students and our school motto were re painted to show respect for the students, staff and community members who have come before us. It is a symbol that our school exists for children. Heckenberg Public School’s motto is Honour and Work which embodies the spirit that pervades our school programs and the day to day life of our school community.

The mural We Are One We Are Many pays respect to the themes of the song I Am Australian. This song celebrates the diversity of Australian society – the lyrics of the chorus emphasise this: “We are one, but we are many, and from all the lands on Earth we come, we share a dream and sing with one voice, I am, you are, we are Australian.”

At Heckenberg Public School we have embraced the diversity of cultures, to make a proud school community and a school community of which we can be proud. The murals will inspire understanding and harmony among the current community, students and staff and will be a legacy for future generations.
LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of items in lost property, especially jumpers and jackets. The lost property basket is located outside the ESL room, next to the Breakfast Club room. For the next week all items of lost property will be displayed on the silver seats near the kindergarten rooms. We ask parents and students to check the lost property for any missing items during this time.

Please note, all unnamed lost property that has not been claimed this week will be donated to students or charity organisations on Friday 14th November, 2014.

OFFICE CLOTHING POOL

We would appreciate any donations of smaller size school uniforms as our supplies are very low. These clothes are vital for when your child may have an accident eg. wet pants or clothes.

If your child has been sent home in a change of clothes, could you please wash and return to school as soon as possible.

Thank you

PARENT PROGRAMS

CPR training – Don’t forget to RSVP to the office for our CPR training which will be held this Friday in the community room. There are a limited number of vacancies still available

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Recently, some of our families celebrated Diwali. We thought it would be wonderful to share this special day with our school. Thank you to Nidhi, Aini, Kajol, Johara and Anjali for visiting all classes and presenting a power point on Diwali to all the students and teachers and sharing Diwali art activities. You all did an amazing job. Congratulations!

Diwali is celebrated by Hindus all around the world in October or November. It is the Hindu New Year and is a five day celebration. It is a very exciting and colourful holiday. Homes are cleaned to welcome the New Year and windows are opened so that the Hindu goddess of wealth, Lakshmi, can enter. It is believed that she cannot enter a house which is not lit up, so every household burns special Diwali clay lamps (diyas) to light the way for the goddess, which is why the holiday is also known as the Festival of Lights. Children have a holiday from school. Presents are given and delicious holiday food is prepared and exchanged. New clothes and jewellery are worn. Parties are held. Fireworks and firecrackers are set off to warn off evil spirits, so it is a noisy holiday too!

Facts about Diwali!
Parents and carers are advised that religious instruction (Scripture) will commence in Week 6. Scripture groups offered will be:

- Protestant
- Pentecostal
- Muslem

At this stage Catholic are not able to provide a teacher for scripture. Students will be placed in scripture groups according to the information provided upon enrolment. Please notify the school in writing if you wish to make any changes to your child’s scripture group.

Assembly Award Recipients for Week 4 and 5

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Heckenberg Public School is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. If you know of any child who turns 5 before 31 July 2015 please advise them to contact the school for an enrolment form.

Students at Heckenberg are Safe, Respectful Learners. Term 4 Week 5 and 6 focus: Be Respectful – Be kind and friendly to everyone

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