Week 9, Term 4, 2014

Heckenberg Happenings
Our school exists for children

Message from the Principal

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2014. As the year draws to a close I would like to thank everyone in our school community for a wonderful year. Staff, students and parent groups have worked tirelessly this year to make our school the wonderful place of learning that it is.

There will be some staff changes in 2015. We have some teachers taking maternity leave late in term 1. Additionally Mrs Regan and Mrs Griffin will be returning on a part time basis in 2015. We are sad to announce that Miss Sharon will be leaving us to take up a new position in a school closer to home. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her new school.

In 2015 we will be enhancing and continuing with the wonderful initiatives that support all students at our school.
- Head Start transition to school program
- Speech Therapy program
- Reading recovery
- L3, quality literacy teaching in K-2 classes
- Lunch time initiatives
- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
- TEN and Count me in too, quality mathematics teaching K-6
- Focus on Reading (FoR), explicit and quality teaching of reading and comprehension in K-6 classes
- Authentic use of technology in all classrooms (XOs, iPads, laptops, computers)
- Extra curricular activities in sport and academic areas
- Koori group
- Student Leadership programs
- Parent groups

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal

Week 9

BE RESPECTFUL - Be polite to everyone
Mon 1/12 - K-6 Assembly
Tue 2/12
Wed 3/12 - No Homework Centre
Thur 4/12 - Student Leadership elections
Fri 5/12 - Fun Day excursion to Bowlarama

Week 10

BE SAFE and RESPECTFUL
Mon 8/12 - No K-6 Assembly
Tue 9/12 - Head Start graduation
Wed 10/12 - Heckenberg’s got Talent – Talent quest
Thur 11/12 - Parent group / parent helpers thank you morning tea

Week 11

BE SAFE and RESPECTFUL
Mon 15/12 - Presentation Day
Tue 16/12 - Year 6 Farewell

Save the Date!

Week 11

Wed 17/12 - Last Day of school for all students

Thur 18/12 - Staff development day
Fri 19/12 - Staff development day

Fri 13/12 - Mini Fete
Welcome to all of our students and their families to our Week 5 newsletter.

The term is certainly flying by and our staff and students are busily working on continuing their learning as we plan for exciting end of year activities.

This week and next week we welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families to Heckenberg PS. If you know of anyone who lives in our area that has a child who is ready to start school please ask them to give us a call on 9607 8672 as it is not too late to participate in our Kindergarten Orientation program.

Last week students enjoyed our K-6 disco. Thank you to the dedicated teachers who took the time to plan, coordinate and supervise this event. A special thank you must also go to the amazing parents who helped out on this day as well.

Thank you to Kindergarten who entertained our grandparents last week at assembly. It was wonderful to have afternoon tea with all of the grandparents who attended. Thank you for coming and please feel welcome to come along to our assemblies each Monday. We love to celebrate our successes with our families.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

This Friday the 5th of December Heckenberg Public School will be attending Bowlarama at Wetherill Park for the end of year school fun day. If you have not yet returned a note and paid for your child to attend please visit our school office to ensure your child does not miss out. It will be a fun day filled with bowling and laser tag with their friends, what a great way to finish off Week 9 and 2015. Hope to see every smiling child’s face there!

HECKENBERG SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It is very exciting to announce that next year in 2015 Heckenberg Public School is going to have a swimming carnival. It will be a carnival for students who are turning 8 years in 2015 and older. It will be a day filled with swimming races, water play and fun. Please keep a look out for a note that will be sent home with your child in week 10. It is very important that this note is filled out and returned to the office before the end of this year to ensure that our staff can properly cater for all swimming abilities. We look forward to seeing and hearing our Heckenberg community cheering on our swimmers in Week 2 next year! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to Miss O’Rourke.

Students in K-6 have been given the opportunity to participate in this year’s Talent Quest! Our talented dancers, singers and performers will be entertaining the school on Wednesday 10th December 2014. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend and join in the fun from 12.00 to 1.30.

Mini Fete

Mini Fete is almost here! Next Friday the 12th December, Stage 3 students will be hosting another Heckenberg Public School Mini Fete! Notes have been sent home with stall information – we have a range of exciting activities taking place! Everything from face painting, cool room, disco to revenge on the teachers, jellybean guessing competition and a haunted house for the very first time! There is also a jumping castle available – special jumping castle tokens can be pre-purchased for $1. A sausage sizzle will also be available for students and they can be pre-ordered too. A big thank you to the parent group for helping us run the sausage sizzle again this year.

If you need any more order forms or information, please see the office.

More donations are needed – please feel free to send them to the office or Mrs Lord.

We would like to thank all students for their efforts at school this year. Our school is a wonderful place because of you. Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday. We are looking forward to seeing you all back in 2015.

School returns for students 1-6 on Wednesday 28th January 2015. Kindergarten students will be receiving letters advising them of their starting date shortly.
**LOST PROPERTY**

All unclaimed clothing is being donated to local charities. Please remember to label your child’s clothing and check lost property (located near Breakfast club) on a regular basis.

**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 e.g. 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

**Mufti Day**

All students are encouraged to wear mufti on Tuesday 9th December. Instead of bringing in a gold coin, students are asked to bring in a bag of lollies instead, to assist Stage 3 students with making lolly bags for mini fete. Thank you for your support for such a big school event!

**Captain Elections 2015**

Elections for our 2015 student leaders took place on Thursday 4th December. This was a secret ballot and all students and staff are given the opportunity to vote. Once votes are counted, results will be sealed until Presentation Day. Congratulations to all of the candidates for their wonderful speeches and good luck to everyone!

**High School Orientation**

This exciting event took place for all Year 6 students on Wednesday 3rd December. All Year 6 students had a great day at their new High School for 2015. We wish our wonderful outgoing Year 6 all the best for High School.

**PARENT GROUP THANK YOU**

Thank you to the many wonderful parents who work with us to support our school.

A very special thank you morning tea will be held next Thursday at 11.20am. Following this morning tea, parents and carers are invited to stay for our Celebration of Learning assembly. A planning meeting will be held at 2pm on this day so that we can start to plan for some exciting celebrations such as Australia Day and also our 50th Birthday Celebrations. Please join us on this day so that we can thank you for your support in 2014, share in the successes of our students and plan for an exciting 2015.

If you are moving in the holidays and not returning to our school in 2015, could you please advise the office as soon as possible to assist us in our planning for 2015.

**Year 6 Farewell**

It’s reaching that time of year, where tears begin to form as year 6 students begin to farewell their primary school years. Year 6 Farewell will be held on Tuesday 16th December at Liverpool Catholic Club. Students are to arrive at 5:30pm for a 6pm start. Year 5 students are welcome to attend from 7:30pm to help year 6 dance the night away! Parents of year 6 students are invited to attend and only costs $35 – year 6 students are free! Please let the office know as soon as possible if you are attending.
Assembly Award Recipients for Week 8 and 9

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Fundraiser for local family.

One of our families has recently suffered a terrible loss. We would like to express our deepest condolences to the Samios family.

We would like to help Brayden and his family as they deal with this sad loss heading into Christmas.

If you are able to donate any food, toys or hamper items for the family it would be greatly appreciated.

Please send all donations for the hamper to the front office.

Thank you for your kindness 😊

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 10 and 11 focus: Be Safe and Respectful to everyone at our school

Our School Website