Welcome to our Week 9 newsletter. It has been a very busy fortnight at Heckenberg. Students and teachers have been working hard both in and out of the classroom. It is great to see so much learning happening at our wonderful school. I have been having conversations with many of our students and asking them what they think makes a ‘great teacher’. The responses I received matched perfectly with our teachers and made me feel proud to be a member of Heckenberg Public School. Below are some of the responses to my question of ‘What does a great teacher look like?’

- caring
- friendly
- tells you what you are going to learn
- explains things well
- calm
- makes things interesting
- learns things themselves

As I walk around and visit classes every day I see teachers who are friendly yet firm. Kind and caring and most of all are committed to providing the best education to all students at Heckenberg Public School.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal
MARTIANS ASSEMBLY ITEM

Last week on Monday the 1/2 Martians had their item and ran assembly. The whole school were there and so were all of the teachers and Mrs Van Der Meulen. Some of our parents and community members came along to see us on stage.
The assembly took place in our hall straight after we had afternoon tea.
First we ran the assembly and we gave out lots of certificates to students.
Then we performed our song that we had practiced called “The Martian Hop”.
Next we gave out the listening award to the best class.
After that it was the end of assembly and time to go back to class.
Running and performing for assembly was lots of fun and we enjoyed being on stage.
By: The 1/2 Martians

HARMONY DAY

I would like to congratulate all of the students, teachers and Parent helpers for our recent Harmony Day celebrations. It was a wonderful day where all members of our school community came together to celebrate Harmony Day. Congratulations to staff and students for presenting such ‘harmonious’ items. We were amazed by the talents of our students in:
- Koori singing group
- Multicultural Public speakers
- Red Cross performance
- Choir
- K-2 singing

A BIG thank you to the Multicultural parents group who made orange jelly and carrot sticks for our students as well as a yummy afternoon tea for our parents and carers.

Harmony Day – Everyone belongs!

XO COMPUTERS

XO computers are arriving soon – teachers will be busily completing their training over the holidays ready to start using them with every class in Term 2. Parent workshops will be held in Term 2 so that you can come along and have a look at how great they are.
Parents and carers are advised that religious instruction (Scripture) will re-commence in Week 6. Scripture groups offered will be:
- Protestant
- Pentecostal
- Mulsim

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.

P&C
A reminder that our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 April 2014 at 1.45 in the Community Room. Come along and join a wonderful group of parents who are working hard to help our students.
Students at Heckenberg are Safe, Respectful Learners.

Play dough with a difference

Ingredients
- 2 cups of corn flour
- 1 cup of cheap hair conditioner
- Food colour 2 teaspoons—add more for a darker colour

Equipment
- measuring cup
- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- Measuring spoon

Method
1: Place 2 cups cornflour into the bowl
2: Add 1 cup of hair conditioner into the bowl
3: Add food colouring to the mixture
4: Mix all ingredients together until well combined
5: Use your hands to kneed the dough until its smooth and forms into a ball (if still too sticky add a little more cornflour).

Then enjoy!!