Welcome to the Week 5 newsletter.

Teachers and students are continuing to revise our weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus. This week our focus is **BE SAFE - Play safe games**. Parents and carers can support the school by discussing safe play at home with their children.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that the no standing zone outside of the front gate at school exists. For safety of all students, please do not park in this area or use it as a pick up zone or turning point.

Next week we are starting our P&C fundraiser June Money Madness. Students are asked to donate any spare coins. The class that brings in the most money for our school will receive a class prize. Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative for our school.

We love to have parents and carers join us in the morning assembly, please support us by moving away from the assembly area if you wish to have conversations with other parents. All students need to be lined up with their class when the bell goes. Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

**Message from the Principal**

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal
**Maintenance work / back gate access**

Maintenance work will be commencing shortly on the pathway near the Head Start and Gym room. During this time (approximately one week) the back gate will not be able to be accessed. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused. All other gates will still be available for access to and from school in the mornings and afternoons.

**District Cross Country**

A massive congratulations to our amazing District Cross Country team who represented Heckenberg Public School last Friday. It was a brilliant team performance. Congratulations to Nicole who came 8th in the race and is now running in the Regional Cross Country team. Well done to Bobby who also had an amazing run. Unfortunately, he came 9th in his race but put in a superb effort, even when he was recovering from a sickness! The runners had a great time and represented our school with pride. Our students are truly amazing!

Mrs Pham

**SRC Pyjama Day**

A BIG thank you to everyone who came dressed in their Pyjamas and made a gold coin donation. You all looked very cosy and warm on the day. SRC is very happy to announce that we raised $220 for the NSW Asthma Foundation. Thank you for your donations.

Miss Sharon

**Parent Café - Friday 9-10am**

In response to surveys conducted last year, we will be offering parents and carers the opportunity to complete a first aid course later this term. If you are interested, please complete the attached expression of interest and return to the front office. The expression of interest form was inadvertently left off last fortnight’s newsletter, please accept our apologies. It is attached to this newsletter.

**Parent Helpers wanted - MultiLit**

Our school implements the MultiLit program each day with several students. This program has been designed by Macquarie University to provide additional support for students with reading difficulties. The program is designed to run every day for approximately 20 minutes. We are asking for parent helpers who would be willing to be trained in delivering the program so that we are able to offer the program to more students. If you are able to volunteer approximately 20 minutes a few mornings a week and would like to hear more, please contact Mrs Van Der Meulen in the front office.

**Dav Pilkey - Author Excursion**

On Monday 10 lucky students were invited to join Dav Pilkey for a fun session to hear about how he became a writer and an artist and about all the inspirations behind his Captain Underpants series. We drove in a mini bus to Burwood where Dav spoke about his life, his books and drew his famous characters. Three of our students were chosen to ask him a question about his work. After the session we had our books signed by Dav and he even drew two sketches and signed them for us to bring back to school.

Mrs Mowen
**Walk Safely to School Day**
Thank you to everyone who supported our Walk Safely to School Day last week. Teachers enjoyed walking to school with students.

**Wests All Schools Carnival**
What a wonderful experience for our school! Our school was invited to play in the Wests All Schools Carnival on the 26th May. It was exciting to see our students enthusiastically working together as a team, playing fair, being respectful and encouraging each other. Although we were outplayed by the other schools, we saw some amazing talent and skills and the NRL representatives were impressed. Equally as impressive were the wonderful tackles and runs by Kate and Elizabeth. Special thanks to Miss Pham and Mrs Lord for their time and effort in coordinating the event. Also, a huge thanks to the parents who came out to coach and support their children at the carnival.

Miss Pham

**Student Messages**
From time to time, parents and carers need to contact the school so that we can pass on a message to your child. Please be aware that it is sometimes difficult to pass these messages on if the call is made late in the day. Please support our wonderful office ladies by ensuring that the school is contacted early enough for the message to be passed on to your child before bell time.

**K-2 Fire fighters visit**
Students in Head Start, Kindergarten, Year one and Year two were very excited to have a visit from the Fire Brigade this week. Students learned about fire safety and were able to have a close up look at a fire truck. They were very excited to have a turn at using the fire hose. Thank you to the firefighters for visiting our school.

**Lunch time initiatives**
Students are kept busy at lunch times at Heckenberg PS. We offer many lunch initiatives to meet student needs.
### Assembly Award Recipients for Week 3, 4 and 5

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**Students at Heckenberg are Safe, Respectful Learners.**

**Week 5 focus:**

Be Safe – Play safe games

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### Expression of Interest

I _____________________________ (name) am interested in participating in:

- □ First aid course – to be held during Parent Café later in the term.
- □ MultiLit training so that I can be a parent helper in classrooms.

My child’s name is __________________

My child’s class is __________________

My phone number is __________________