Message from the Principal
Welcome to our special, Education Week newsletter.

This certainly has been one busy and exciting week. Mrs Mancuso and our Aboriginal students have been very busy working with our special guest artist Mrs Trish Leverett to paint our lovely new wall mural in preparation for our NAIDOC celebrations next week.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that came along to our book character parade and open day. It was a fantastic day and there were some very creative costumes. I would also like to give a big thanks to all the teachers involved in helping to organise everything during this wonderful week.

I know that students are watching the Commonwealth games with great interest. Next Tuesday we will be holding our very own Heckenberg games. Good luck to all students as they ‘go for gold’. If any parents or carers are interested in being a helper on the day please contact Mrs Lord. Your help is greatly appreciated and we thank you very much for your time.

This Friday we will be rewarding students who had 100% attendance in Term 2 with a special movie afternoon. Well done to these students for attending school every day.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal

Education Week Celebrations

Save the Date!

Week 3
BE SAFE – Play safe games
Mon 28/7 - K-6 Assembly
Tue 29/7 - Book fair
Wed 30/7 - Book fair - Book Week Parade
Thur 31/7 - Book fair
Fri 1/8 - Parent Café – Jeans for Genes day – SRC fundraiser - Reward afternoon for T2 100% attendance.

Week 4
BE SAFE – Play safe games
Mon 4/8 - NAIDOC Celebrations
Tue 5/8 - Heckenberg games - Athletics Carnival
Wed 6/8 - Homework Centre
Thur 7/8 - NRL clinics
Fri 8/8 - Parent Café

Week 5
BE SAFE – What can I play or do and where can I play?
Mon 11/8 - K-6 Assembly
Tue 12/8
Wed 13/8 - Homework Centre
Thur 14/8 - NRL clinics
Fri 15/8 - Parent Café – Multicultural Parents forum
**JUNE MONEY MADNESS**

Thank you to all students for supporting our P&C fundraiser ‘June Money Madness’. Congratulations to the Lunars who raised the most money for this fundraiser. Happy pizza eating!

**P&C CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to all of the wonderful families who are supporting our chocolate fundraiser. Once your chocolates are sold please return the money bag to the office with your child’s name and class written clearly onto the front. Additional boxes are available for those who have sold all of their chocolates.

**VALLEY PLAZA COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

Our school is registered in the Valley Plaza Community Rewards Program. All you have to do to support our school is place your receipts from **any shops at Green Valley Plaza** into the box outside of Coles. We have had a recent update and it is exciting that we are currently in the lead and are certainly in the running to win a share of $15,000 cash for our school. Thank you for your continued support of our school. Remember to let your families and friends know about this promotion as well.

**GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM OUR WONDERFUL CANTEEN LADY**

I would like to give a special thanks to Mrs Billington, our wonderful canteen lady. Mrs Billington has been very generous and donated bread, serviettes and sauce to our Year 6 students for their Heckenberg Games – Athletic carnival sausage sizzle. All money raised in this sausage sizzle will go towards the Year 6 fundraising for the Year 6 gift to the school. Thank you for supporting our school, we are looking forward to these yummy sausage sandwiches.

**NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS**

Next Monday is looking to be a very exciting and educational day. We are looking forward to our special guests Aunty May and Uncle Steve coming along for our NAIDOC assembly. Parents and carers are most welcome to come along for food tasting at afternoon tea and to join us for our very special assembly.

A very special thanks must go to the Antaw family who have kindly donated a beautiful work of art to be hung in the front foyer. This beautiful painting will be presented to our School Captains at Mondays NAIDOC assembly. We accept this generous gift with great pride.

**STAGE 3 OVERNIGHT EXCURSION TO CANBERRA**

**REMINDER:** Final Amounts are due Monday 11th August (week 5)

Students from Heckenberg Public School will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital on August 28th and 29th. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has already been deducted from the amount paid by families.
**Assembly Award Recipients for Week 2 and 3**

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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 3 Week 3 and 4 focus:**

**Be Safe - Play safe games**
HELP US WIN A SHARE IN
$30,000 CASH
BY SHOPPING AT
THE VALLEY PLAZA

You can help us share in $30,000 cash, just by shopping at The Valley Plaza before 16 September. Just leave your receipts in our dedicated bin out the front of Coles.

One dollar spent at Coles and Woolworths equals one reward dollar. Every dollar spent at a Valley Plaza specialty retailer will equal two reward dollars. The more reward dollars we collect the more cash we can win! There are two prize pools - one for schools and the other for sporting clubs and community groups.

Plus, see in centre if you would like to win one of 2 x $200 The Valley Plaza gift cards.

See thevalleyplaza.com.au for more information.

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Homework Help

Liverpool Neighborhood Connections currently have a homework help program running at George Bates Community Centre (Wednesday 3.30-4.30) and Heckenberg Community Centre (Tuesday 3.30-4.30). This is available for any school age child from kindergarten through to Year 6. It’s a free service which can help children and parents with their child’s homework. This is a great service and the center has 2 workers plus UWS students who volunteer when available to help out.
Children are vulnerable around and on the road. Their physical size and developmental limitations place them at risk in the traffic environment. Drivers are less likely to be able to see a small child and it is harder for children to see oncoming traffic. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for a child to judge dangerous situations. Children’s safety to and from school is an important road safety issue.

‘No Parking’ zones allow drivers to stop for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. Drivers must stay within three metres of their vehicle at all times. ‘No Parking’ zones provide a pick-up and set down area that gives parents and carers a safe environment to drop-off and pick-up their children from school by car.

Many school road environments in the Liverpool Local Government Area have ‘No Parking’ zones which work well when parents use them properly. Problems arise however, when drivers misuse the zones by stopping and waiting in their vehicles for lengthy periods. The penalty for disobeying a ‘No Parking’ sign is $173 and 2 demerit points (effective 1 July 2014).

Parents must ensure their children know how they will be collected from school. They need to know when and where parents will be after school and where they should wait. Children must know not to try and get into a vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if it is stopped.

Tips For Parents:

- Make sure that the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary in the ‘No Parking’ zone.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Never double park, park across a pedestrian crossing or park in a ‘No Stopping’ or ‘Bus Zone’.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to a school.
- Never call to your child across the road.
- Children up to 10 years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.