Welcome to our Week 5 newsletter. We have had a busy and exciting fortnight. I would like to thank the wonderful teachers, support staff, students, parents and special guests and visitors who, over the past two weeks have supported our athletics carnival, Education Week celebrations, Book Week parade, NAIDOC celebrations, Jeans for Genes day, 100% attendance for term 2 movie afternoon, and Multicultural Parent Cafe and made them such a great success.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus for this week and next week is **BE RESPECTFUL – Use appropriate language**. Students have been learning to use kind words and to always reflect on whether the words that they use do not hurt others. Teachers have been busy handing out blue hectors to students who are being respectful to others.

Coming up we have many exciting events. Students who have qualified for track and field events at the athletics carnival will be representing our school at the Green Valley Athletics carnival next week, we wish them well. We also have the PSSA Gala day for our netball and soccer teams coming up next Friday. The Heckenberg Spelling Bee finals will also be held in coming weeks. Finally, Stage 3 students are off to Canberra for their overnight excursion. I know that they will have a wonderful time and will represent our school with pride.

Save the Date!

**HECKENBERG GAMES – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

**BE RESPECTFUL - Use appropriate language**

- **Mon 18/8** - K-6 Assembly
- **Tue 19/8** - Green Valley Athletics Carnival
- **Wed 20/8** - Homework Centre
- **Thur 21/8** - AFL after school clinic
- **Fri 22/8** - Parent Café - PSSA Gala day - netball and soccer teams

**BE RESPECTFUL - Be kind to others**

- **Mon 25/8** - K-6 Assembly - Spelling Bee finals
- **Tue 26/8**
- **Wed 27/8** - Homework Centre
- **Thur 28/8** - Stage 3 Canberra Camp
- **Fri 29/8** - Parent Café - Stage 3 Canberra Camp

**BE RESPECTFUL - Be kind to others School Administration Staff Recognition Week**

- **Mon 1/9** - K-6 Assembly - Festival Performance -3-6 dance (including day rehearsal)
- **Tue 2/9** - Festival Performance -Stage 1 dance and choir (including day rehearsal)
- **Wed 3/9** - Homework Centre - COS Gala Day 3-6 - Father’s Day stall
- **Thur 4/9** - Homework Centre - COS Gala Day 3-6 - Father’s Day stall
- **Fri 5/9** - Parent Café - Father’s Day stall

Have a great fortnight.

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal
As the mist lifted on the grounds and the family of foxes moved on, Heckenberg Public School students descended on Dwyer Oval. Dressed in red, blue, yellow and green, all students cheered the first competitors in the 800m. Two laps of the oval resulted in some huffing and puffing, but also produced some champions! 200m races followed (only half a lap this time!) and then we split into groups. Whilst primary students sprinted their 100m, infants participated in some challenging events! They were thrown a challenge as they all had a go at high jump (with no bar), discus (with Frisbees), shot put (with bean bags) and long jump (well, same sand). They also played ball games – captain ball and tunnel ball – and tried their hand at balancing golf balls on spoons in the egg and spoon race! All students enjoyed their day and photos can be found on the website soon.

With a quick lunch break, the school swapped activities, with infants sprinting their little hearts out and primary rotating through field events. Using state of the art facilities, students enjoyed participating in every event to find their inner athletics champion!

With final placings confirmed this week, certificates will be handed out at assembly in week 6. Congratulations to those champions who have made the district team – notes have been handed out and are due back Friday.

The day could not have gone ahead without the parent helpers that came on the day – including grandparents and even older brothers. A very BIG thank you to everyone who came!

Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 19th August at The Crest, Bass Hill. All students are required to return their permission note and money to the office and need to be at school no later than 8am. If you wish to have a copy of the program to see the approximate time of your child’s event, please ask the office.

Congratulations to everyone on a fantastic day and good luck to those representing Heckenberg at the zone carnival!

Mrs Lord
NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Our school held our NAIDOC celebrations recently. We were privileged to have a special artist help us with the designing and painting of the beautiful mural. All students and community members will be able to enjoy this mural as they walk between the K-2 and 3-6 areas of our school. We will be painting the wall opposite this mural and decorating it with handprints from every student in the school. Thank you to Mrs Mancuso, Miss Alderton and the Aboriginal Parent committee for coordinating this. Our NAIDOC celebrations were wonderful. We were honoured to have Aunty May as one of our special guests. Aunty May presented students with special awards and shared her story with us. Students learned about Aboriginal culture, they engaged in storytelling, painting and loved the smoking ceremony that was performed by Uncle Steve. Thank you to our two special guests, Aunty May and Uncle Steve for attending our special day.

EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

I was very proud to open up our school and welcome parents, friends and family members to our school. Students loved having their families come into their classroom so that they could show them what great learners they are. Our Book Character parade was wonderful. It was great to see so many costumes. Thank you to all of the wonderful community members who came along to celebrate Education Week at Heckenberg Public School.

NRL CLINICS

Students have enjoyed participating in the NRL clinics this term. Thank you to Matt and Kurt for running these with our students. Yesterday all students in K-2 received a special book as a reward for participating in the clinics; students in 3-6 received a football.
COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY ROOM / BREAKFAST CLUB

We are very excited to announce that, due to a generous donation from Taubmans, we will be rejuvenating and brightening up our Community Room with a fresh coat of paint. The colour consultant has been out to consult with some P&C members and staff. Painting will commence next Wednesday. Due to this painting there will be no Breakfast Club on Wednesday and Thursday. Instead the wonderful Mrs Finnerty and the teachers will be providing fruit and toast to students in the COLA area.

MULTICULTURAL PARENT GROUP

Mrs Grdic hosted a Parent Café’ for our Multi Cultural parents. Translators came along so that we could share information about our great school and find out what we can do to help all members of our community. Thank you to the parents and family members that came along. It was a lovely morning with lots of laughs. We discussed what Parent Café’ sessions we could offer to our community and have come up with some fantastic ideas, stay tuned for invitations to Parent Café’ where we will be running fun mornings on:
- First Aid
- Cooking – parents will be coming along to share their favourite recipes with others. Come along and have some fun while learning to cook something yummy.
- Parenting and family support services will be presenting. Come along and see what support is available in our community.
- Cyber Bullying talk from the Green Valley Police
- Computer skills

If you have any other suggestions for our Parent Café’ please let us know.

We are also excited to announce that our Multi Cultural murals will be started soon. Please let us know if you would like to come along and help us paint the murals.

PARENT CAFÉ'

Did you know that all parents are welcome to come along to our parent café’, which is held each Friday morning at 9am. Even if there are no special presentations on, come along and have a cuppa, piece of cake or raisin toast. Mrs Terry is a wonderful source of information and is always happy to have a chat. Pre-schoolers are most welcome; we always have some craft activities for them.

COS 2168 COMMUNITY EXPO

We are thrilled to be a part of the Community of Schools (Cos) 2168 Community Expo which will be held on the 24th October 2014. Student leaders will be speaking on this day and our students will be performing as well. Parents and carers are invited to come along to Ashcroft Public School on this day. There will be a variety of displays and information about all of the services available to families in the 2168 community. Thank you to Mrs Terry for your hard work in coordinating this event with the team from Ashcroft Public School.
Students at Heckenberg are Safe, Respectful Learners.

Week 5 and 6 focus: BE RESPECTFUL - Use appropriate language

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LIVERPOOL JUNIOR OZTAG
2014 SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

ERNIE SMITH RESERVE, MOOREBANK played TUESDAY
Registrations being held:
Tuesday 12th & Tuesday 19th August 14 4.30 – 6.00pm
at Moorebank McDonalds

LIVERPOOL WEST, BROWNES FARM RESERVE played
WEDNESDAY
Registrations being held:
Wednesday 13th & Wednesday 20th August 14 4.30 – 6.00pm
at BROWNES FARM RESERVE

Registration $65 per player
Both teams & individual players are welcome
For further details contact Prue: 0410 649 393
prue@oztag.com.au
www.greaterwestjunioroztag.com

Expression of Interest

I______________________ (name) am interested in participating in;

☐ Parent Café` on the following topic _____________________.

☐ Helping with the Multi Cultural mural painting.

My child’s name is__________________
My child’s class is_________________{
My phone number is________________