Message from the Principal

Welcome back everyone. What a fantastic start to the 2014 school year. A special welcome to our new students and their families, particularly our new kindergarten students.

All students have settled in well and classes are buzzing with lots of learning and fun. Our Kindergarten students have certainly impressed everyone with how settled they are both in the classroom and on the playground.

I would also like to welcome our new teachers who have joined the teaching staff at Heckenberg Public School: Mrs Mancuso, Miss Pham, Miss O'Rourke, Miss Everingham and Mrs Quinn. These teachers bring to Heckenberg Public School vast experience and enthusiasm. Mrs Finnerty is also a new School Learning Support Officer at Heckenberg, we would like to welcome her as well.

Mrs Griffin starts her maternity leave this week. We wish her well with her new baby.

Numbers have now been submitted to the Department of Education and in the coming week we will be finalising our class structures.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal
2014 STAFFING AND CLASSES

Our students enrolment numbers have now been submitted to the Department of Education and we have been able to finalise our classes with minimal disruption to class structure. Information about our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon will be sent home shortly.

2014 CLASSES

- Kindergarten Stars - Miss Stone (Assistant Principal and Early Stage One and Stage One Supervisor)
- Kindergarten Moons - Mrs Mancuso
- 1/2 Earthlings - Miss Everingham
- 1/2 Rockets - Miss O'Rourke
- 1/2 Martians - Mrs Dimos
- 1/2/3 Astronauts - Miss Alderton
- 3/4 Space Cadets - Miss Riley
- 3/4 Pioneers - Miss Pham
- 4/5 Voyagers - Mrs Bakic
- 5/6 Satellites - Miss Sharon
- 5/6 Lunars - Mrs Lord (Assistant Principal and Stage Two and Three supervisor)
- Head Start / RFF teacher - Miss Cavecchia

2014 SUPPORT TEACHERS

- Reading Recovery - Mrs Hanna
- Teacher Librarian - Mrs Mowen
- English as a Second Language Teacher - Mrs Grdic
- Learning and Support Teacher - Mrs Nagy
- Learning and Support Teacher/RFF teacher - Mrs Quinn
- School Counsellor - Mrs Gagic

2014 OFFICE STAFF AND LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS

- School Administration Manager - Mrs McConnell
- School Administration Officer - Mrs Raiti
- School Administration Officer / School Learning Support Officer - Mrs Aldini
- School Learning Support Officer - Mrs Finnerty
- School Learning Support Officer - Mrs King
- School Learning Support Officer - Mrs Terry
- School Administration Officer (Library) - Mrs McCulloch
- Canteen - Mrs Billington

STUDENT SAFETY AT HECKENBERG

Student safety always takes priority at Heckenberg Public School.

Our gates are currently being locked throughout each day for a variety of student safety reasons. Gates are locked each morning after our morning assembly and will be reopened at 2.45 each afternoon. Parents and carers who need to visit the school throughout the day are asked to contact the office on 96078672 and a staff member will open the gates for you.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Parents and carers are reminded to advise the school of any family law or custody issues. It is important that the school is provided with any current documentation.

SPEECH THERAPY PROGRAM AT HECKENBERG!

We are thrilled to announce that we have entered into a partnership with Liverpool Community Health and will be welcoming the support of a Speech therapist each Thursday at Heckenberg. The program will support staff and students in a variety of ways:

- conducting initial assessments for students who have been identified by teachers
- conducting individual and small group therapy to students
- conducting whole class therapy through a team teaching approach with the speech therapist and classroom teacher.
- providing professional learning to staff so that they are able to support students in their class at all times

If you have any questions about this great opportunity for our school, please contact Mrs Van Der Meulen

NEW SCHOOL TIMES

- 8.30 - playground supervision commences
- 9.00 - morning session commences
- 11.20 - eating time
- 11.30 - lunch time
- 12.00 - middle session commences
- 1.30 - afternoon tea time
- 2.00 - afternoon session commences
- 3.00 - home time
SCRAPTURE - 2014
Parents and carers are advised that religious instruction (Scripture) will re-commence in Week 6. Scripture groups offered in 2013 will be:
- Protestant
- Pentecostal
- Muslim
At this stage Catholic are not able to provide a teacher for scripture.
Students will be placed into scripture groups according to the information provided in their enrolment form. Please notify the school in writing if you wish to make any changes to your child’s scripture group.

PARENT HELPERS AT HECKENBERG

At Heckenberg we welcome and encourage parents and carers to be a part of their child’s learning. If you are interested in helping out at school we have a number of initiatives being introduced this year which may be of interest:
- Multi Lit training - we will be training parents and carers who are interested in helping students with reading each day. A parent café’ training session will be run early this term.
- School Murals - we are establishing a working party to assist with the planning, designing and creating of murals throughout our school.
- Gardening club - we welcome interested parents and carers to come along and help out with our lunch time gardening clubs.
- Multicultural committee - Mrs Grdic meets with members of our school community on a regular basis to discuss ways that our school can better meet the needs of our students.
- Breakfast Club - We would love to have your help with providing a healthy breakfast to our students.

If you are interested in any of these initiatives please complete the expression of interest attached to the bottom of this newsletter and hand in to the front office. Of course volunteers who work in schools will be required to complete a working with children check and comply with a strict code of conduct to ensure student safety and confidentiality.

LEADERSHIP INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

It was my great pleasure to induct our school leaders at our recent induction assembly. Thank you to the proud parents and carers of these students who were able to attend this special occasion. Congratulations to the following students:

- **School Captains** - Sarah and Mitchell
- **School Vice Captains** - Johara and Shivnesh
- **Arana Captains** - Nicholas and Maddison
- **Arana Vice Captains** - Anthony and Donya
- **Camira Captains** - Paora and Ella
- **Camira Vice Captains** - Aidan and Bobby
- **Kootingal Captains** - Tapelu and Kate
- **Kootingal Vice Captains** - Ali and Kim
- **Uloola Captains** - Hamzei and Kajol
- **Uloola Vice Captains** - Zaid and Julie

**SRC**
- **Earthlings** - Mya and Esteban
- **Rockets** - Dakota and Lachlan
- **Martians** - Afega and Eshan
- **Astronauts** - Bayleigh and Destiny
- **Space Cadets** - Isla-Rose and Adrian
- **Pioneers** - Marissa and Christian
- **Voyagers** - Emalie and Shuaib
- **Satellites** - Erica and Ayman
- **Lunars** - Mya and Brock

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

During the holidays we were advised that the YMCA would no longer be able to provide before and after school care from Heckenberg Public School. If you require before and after school care for your child there are a number of local providers who will provide pick up and drop off for students at Heckenberg PS.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking starts this Friday 14 February. Bank books are to be sent to the front office each Friday morning.
Thank you for supporting our school.
HEAD START
Our transition to school program, Head Start will be commencing next Tuesday. The program is offered to students who will be enrolling in Heckenberg Public School in 2015. If you have a child who is eligible to attend Head Start please contact the office for further information. There are a limited number of spaces available.

CRICKET
Students in Years 3-6 will be participating in cricket workshops as a part of their sporting program on Fridays for the next 4 weeks.

SCIENCE FUN DAY AT ASHCROFT HIGH SCHOOL
Stage 3 students recently attended Ashcroft High for a science fun day. All students had a great time and represented our school proudly. It was great to get a chance to see what high school is like. Thanks to Mrs Lord for organising this.

EYE DIDN’T KNOW THAT - EYE SCREENING
We are fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to participate in this great eye sight program. Students aged 5-8 years old will receive a permission note in coming weeks. If you would like your child to receive free eye screening and also to receive a voucher for a free pair of glasses if your child is found to need glasses, please complete the form and return to school as soon as possible.