Message from the Principal

Welcome to our Week 9 newsletter. I would like to welcome all of our new families to Heckenberg Public School. I am sure that you will find our school to be a warm and welcoming environment.

As we head into the final week of Term 3 I would like to congratulate students for a wonderful term of learning and thank our dedicated teachers for all of the academic, sporting and performing arts events that have been organised to enhance the learning experiences of our students.

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all of the supportive and hard working parents of Heckenberg Public School. We welcome and encourage participation in your child’s education. Please take the time to come up to the school, chat to staff members, help out where you can and join in with our parent committees.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for Week 9 and Week 10 is Be Respectful – Be Fair to Others. Students are learning to be fair when playing and to be respectful to everyone. Parents and carers can help by discussing respect with their child at home and supporting the school as we work towards being SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS.

Have a wonderful week and a safe and happy holiday.

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal

Our Wonderful Community Room

Save the Date!

Week 10

Monday 15/9
- K-6 Assembly 2pm
- Happy Healthy Harold
Tuesday 16/9
- Stage 1 Bike track excursion
- Happy Healthy Harold
Wednesday 17/9
- No Homework Centre
- Parent working bee
- Spelling Bee finals
- Busby PS
- Happy Healthy Harold
Thursday 18/9
- Footy Fever Mufti Day / hair spraying and lucky ticket draw
- Peer Mediation training
Friday 19/9
- Last day of Term 3

Week 1, Term 4

Monday 6/10
- Public Holiday
Tuesday 7/10
- First day back to school for all students.
Wednesday 8/10
- No Homework Centre
Thursday 9/10
- Peer Mediation training
Friday 10/10
- Parent Café’

Week 2, Term 4

Monday 13/10
- K-6 Assembly
- Stewart House Bags due back today (last day)
Tuesday 14/10
- Stage 2 incursion - A look inside the human body
Wednesday 15/10
- Homework centre returns - new notes need to be signed and returned
Thursday 16/10
- Multicultural day
ZONE ATHLETICS

It was an early start for the athletics stars as we boarded the bus to leave for the premier sporting ground – The Crest at Bankstown. Heckenberg competitors squeezed in between their fellow Green Valley schools and settled in for an electric day! As the competitors ran the 200m, others started their field events – including long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. It was a busy day with some students moving from one event to another, with minimal breaks. Others sat nervously in the stands, cheering on their schoolmates whilst waiting for their event to be called. The blue team did so well in all events – we ran 100m, 200m and 800m as well as relays! Considering we had minimal practice with the relays, baton changes were outstanding! Great support from Mrs Lord and Miss Pham (who nearly lost their voices!) meant that everyone found a little more petrol in their tanks to take the win.
As there were no finals run on the day, all final placings were calculated on times ran by students in their heats. We had so many competitors do so well in heats, but were just beaten on times. A HUGE congratulations to Eneliko who has qualified for the 10 year old 100m, Junior 200m and Junior 800m. And also a big WELL DONE to Manh who has also progressed to the next level in the 13 year old 100m. As the lone competitor in the 13 years 100m, Mrs Lord thought she would run with him so that he didn’t feel so alone. Now, Mrs Lord thought she had it in the bag in the 100m, but, was she proven wrong! Manh was so far in front that he had time to turn around, run backwards and rub it into Mrs Lord that he was faster! I just think that with Mrs Lord as a competitor, he managed to run a good time:-)
Thank you the parents that came and supported on the day and thank you to Mrs Lord and Miss Pham for organising. And again, give it up for the wonderful representatives who did Heckenberg proud!

MRS LORD

HOMEWORK CENTRE

Our homework centre will be stopping for the term and returning in week 2 of Term 4. A new permission note will be sent home next week which will need to be signed and returned to school if students wish to participate in homework centre for Term 4. Students are asked to remember our school expectations of being a SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER and continue to demonstrate this behavior each week at homework centre.

YUMMY NEW CANTEEN MENU

Mrs Billington is busy planning a fantastic new menu for our canteen. Menu items will include Value meals (salad sandwiches, popper and a piece of fruit) frozen yoghurt and fruit and vegetable pieces. Students will be able to gain points for purchasing healthy options and will be able to earn free lunches and other healthy prizes.

THANK YOU

Staff, students, parents and carers would like to thank Tas from Watyl paints and Stuart from ASNU for donating paint and organising the painting of our beautifully refurbished Community room. Students (and teachers) love the bright and friendly colour which makes our morning Breakfast club even more welcoming.

Breakfast Club

Cereal
Toast
Juice
Fruit
$1.00

MRS LORD
P&C

At the recent special meeting called by the P&C a motion was passed and carried to dissolve the P&C. Recent meetings have not been able to have a quorum and therefore have not been able to proceed. Financial members who attended the special meeting expressed a desire to work side by side with the school and parent community to build strong parent networks that are able to work collaboratively with the school to support our students. All parents and carers are encouraged to come along to our next parent committee event and see what you can do to support our wonderful school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing P&C members and also to acknowledge the wonderful hard work that they have done for our school. I look forward to working with you as a parent committee and working towards enhancing the learning experiences of students at Heckenberg Public School.

Thank you to the following outgoing P&C committee members:

President - Donna Riddell
Vice President – Kelly Grant
Secretary – Samira Arja
Treasurer – Peta Clark

I would also like to acknowledge Alma Hunt for her ongoing support of our school and P&C over the years. We welcome Alma to come along to our parent committees and value her continuing support.

AFL

Who knew AFL was so easy?! What a great day of FUN! As every student played every game, everyone had a chance to try ALL positions on the field which meant many goals were kicked! Student’s AFL passes and kicks improved throughout the day as we beat Ashcroft 55-2!

Unfortunately that’s where our winning streak ended, as Cartwright got us by 2 points and so did Miller in our last game. What was inspiring was the sportsmanship displayed, as student’s encouraged team mates and checked opponents that they were ok after giving them a bear hug (the official tackle in junior AFL). Everyone tried their best, shared the equipment with other schools and even managed a dance off! Miss Pham and Mrs Lord were certainly proud of all students on the day as they played so well, encouraged their team mates and helped with equipment set-up. There may be some Swans or Giants players in the making at Heckenberg…

MRS LORD

FESTIVAL

Many months of practice and lots of hard work by students and teachers came together last week and WOW, what a fantastic three nights! Our spectacular singers performed on Tuesday night and were outstanding. The Senior dance group set the scene on Monday night with their well rehearsed performance and blew the crowd away, they were amazing once again on Wednesday night when they performed their encore performance. The junior dance group melted everyone’s hearts with their performance on Tuesday night. Thank you to the wonderful parents who helped out on these nights and the many staff members who came along to help as well. Congratulations to all students for their fantastic behaviour on all three nights. I was very proud to be the Principal of these wonderful children. Johara and Mitchell who were our student ambassadors and filmed the video clip to introduce our school’s items were also fantastic.

Make sure you come into our front office to see a slide show of photos from the three nights.

Parent Working Bee

Our very first Parent Committee event will be our working bee next Wednesday. We will be painting our murals along the library wall and also along the side of the canteen wall. All parents and carers are invited to spend the day at school helping to paint this mural in preparation for our Multicultural day celebrations. Lunch will be provided and please bring your painting clothes. We thank you in advance for your help and are looking forward to a fun day with a beautiful outcome for our school.
Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold has arrived at Heckenberg Public School. Please remember to bring in your permission notes.

Valley Plaza Rewards Program

Thank you for supporting our school. We are in the final week of this program. Hopefully we will win a prize that will go towards supporting the learning of our students.

Parents, Carers and Staff!

You are cordially invited to the COS 2168 Community and Government Agency Expo - a special event which is an initiative for the benefit of our Community of Schools in the 2168 postcode area.

This expo is a forum for community and Government agencies to disseminate information regarding their services. It is also a rare opportunity to access these agencies in a relaxed environment.

Organisations invited include government agencies and service providers such as Legal Aid, Centrelink, Liverpool City Council, Office of Fair Trading, Liverpool Migrant Resource Centre, agencies who can assist with matters of health, housing, disability and many more. A wide array of cultural and welfare groups from the community will also feature on the day.

The event particulars are:
Date: Friday 24/10/14
Place: Ashcroft Public School Hall – 4 Sheriff St, Ashcroft
Time: 9.15am – 12.15pm
Arrive: 9am via Carpenter Lane Ashcroft (near Preschool)

Please direct all queries regarding the Expo to:
- Cameron Outterside | Community Liaison Officer – Ashcroft Public School | p: 9607 8202 or email: cameron.outterside@det.nsw.edu.au
- Sonia Terry | SLSO and Links to School Coordinator | Heckenberg Public School | p: 9607 8672
- Liz Van Der Meulen | Principal | Heckenberg Public School
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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 9 and 10 focus:
Be Respectful - Be Fair to Others

Our School Website
http://www.heckenberg-p.schools.nsw.edu.au