Message from the Principal

Welcome to our Week 7 newsletter. It is with mixed emotions that I announce that I have been asked to work in State Office as the Leader of the Early Learning Team from Week 9 this term until at least the end of Term 3. This is an exciting opportunity, however I am very sad to leave Heckenberg PS for the term. The process is currently underway to appoint a relieving principal for the time that I will be gone. Once a decision has been made we will advise the school community immediately.

I would like to assure the students and parents that the wonderful events that we have planned will be continuing under the amazing guidance of the wonderful staff at Heckenberg PS.

Reports will be ready to be handed out in Week 9. Please take the time to discuss your child’s report with them and make an appointment to discuss your child’s learning progress with their classroom teacher. Notes will be going home shortly advising parents of interview times.

Have a great fortnight.

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal
Welcome to all of our students and their families to our Week 5 newsletter. The term is certainly flying by and our staff and students are busily working on continuing their learning as we plan for exciting end of year activities.

This week and next week we welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families to Heckenberg PS. If you know of anyone who lives in our area that has a child who is ready to start school please ask them to give us a call on 9607 8672 as it is not too late to participate in our Kindergarten Orientation program.

Last week students enjoyed our K-6 disco. Thank you to the dedicated teachers who took the time to plan, coordinate and supervise this event. A special thank you must also go to the amazing parents who helped out on this day as well.

Thank you to Kindergarten who entertained our grandparents last week at assembly. It was wonderful to have afternoon tea with all of the grandparents who attended. Thank you for coming and please feel welcome to come along to our assemblies each Monday. We love to celebrate our successes with our families.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

School Concert – Dancing through the ages

Our concert is progressing very well and we are very excited about showcasing the talents of our amazing students. The concert is sure to be a fantastic night. Don’t forget that tickets are on sale now for $5. All children will be performing on the night so come along for a night of entertainment.

Just a reminder – ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT ASHCROFT HIGH SCHOOL AT 5.15pm to prepare for the concert.

THE CONCERT STARTS AT 6pm – Guests will need to be seated by then.

Help wanted

If you own a sewing machine and are able to assist us with sewing some Kindergarten skirts for the concert please contact Miss Everingham. We greatly appreciate any offers of assistance. Additionally, if you are able to assist with selling drinks and snacks on the night of our performance.

UWS visit by Stage 3 students

On Wednesday 27th May, Stage 3 had an amazing visit to the University of Western Sydney Werrington South Campus with Miss Pham and Miss Elston. Both teachers were very proud of Stage 3’s behaviour on the excursion. Everyone participated in engaging and insightful activities and workshops that allowed them to think about their future careers after high school. Several students agreed that they would like to attend university in the future after attending university for a day. Many students agreed with Bashar and Noah; their favourite part of the day was playing with the robots and coding the Angry Bird characters on the iPads.

Biggest Morning Tea

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported us for our Biggest Morning Tea last week. This was a very successful day and we managed to raise several hundred dollars for the Cancer Council.

Walk Safely to School

We had a great morning last Friday, with teachers donning their orange vests and walking to school with students. Well done to our boys and girls for walking safely to school.
Reconciliation Week assembly

Last Friday our school held a special assembly for Reconciliation week. All classes were involved in special activities to learn about the importance of Reconciliation Week. Mrs Mancuso and Miss Alderton created a beautiful display under the Breakfast club windows. This display will now be able to be seen in our assembly hall. Additionally, the Koori choir performed the National Anthem and the Marlins performed a very cute song and dance for us. Thank you to everyone who was involved.
### EVERY DAY COUNTS....

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Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!