Week 3, Term 3, 2015

Heckenberg Happenings
Our school exists for children

Message from the Principal

Another busy two weeks, and more to come!
We are currently celebrating NAIDOC/Education week thank you to the children, parents and community members that supported our Big Koori Breakfast that was wonderfully organized by Ms Alderton and Mrs Mancuso. It was great to see the students try some new and interesting things.

I look forward to seeing many families at school tomorrow for our NAIDOC assembly at 9.30am and for Open classrooms for Education week from 10.50 to 11.20am

DON’T FORGET we are celebrating our 50th birthday this year. We continue to plan some more exciting events to celebrate this huge milestone.

Thank you to those families that have already brought in stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. This will help us get some great new resources for the school.

Have a great fortnight.

Hector says, be respectful – follow all staff instructions

Week 3
BE RESPECTFUL - FOLLOW ALL STAFF INSTRUCTIONS
Education Week/NAIDOC week
Mon 27/7
- Big Koori Brekkie 8.30am tasting
- Flag raising ceremony 9am
Tue 28/7
- Wed 29/7
- Thur 30/7
- Art Gallery / competition
Fri 31/7
- NAIDOC week Assembly 9.30am
- Education week Open classrooms

Week 4
BE RESPECTFUL - FOLLOW ALL STAFF INSTRUCTIONS
Mon 3/8
- Tue 4/8
- Choir rehearsal for festival
Wed 5/8
- First aid Stage 2 and 3
Thur 6/8
- Fri 7/8
- Parent Café
- K-2 Assembly
- 3-6 Assembly

Week 5
BE RESPECTFUL - USE FRIENDLY WORDS
Mon 10/8
- Stage 3 Gold Excursion
Tue 11/8
- Wed 12/8
- Athletics carnival
Thur 13/8
- Touch gala day
Fri 14/8
- Assembly

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Scott Grenfell
Relieving 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 K 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.

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FIRST AID

Our Stage 3 students will have some training in basic first aid on the 5th of August, helping them to keep themselves and others safe.

WOOLWORTHS- Earn and Learn

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back. Anyone that shops at Woolworths will receive one sticker for every $10 spent. If you collect the stickers you can fill up the sticker sheet and bring it in to the box in the office or just bring in the stickers and we will put them on the sheets at school. At the end of the program we will be able to “cash in” the stickers and receive sporting and other equipment for the school.

VALLEY PLAZA

The Valley Plaza rewards program has started. If you shop at Valley Plaza you will receive reward stickers that the school will be able to redeem for rewards that all children will be able to benefit from.

CANTEEN

Please remember to order lunches before school. If lunches are ordered late or children come to the canteen at lunch and have forgotten to order, it makes it much harder for our wonderful canteen people and children may not be able to get the food they are after.

MORNING SUPERVISION

It is very important to remember there is NO teacher supervision at school before 8.30am. It is unsafe to be at school before this time. There is a teacher on duty between 8.30 till 9am, during this time children are to be talking quietly, reading or playing games such cards. There are NO ball games or running during the morning.

PARENT GROUP – ‘PARENT CAFÉ’

ONLINE BEHAVIOUR/CYBER BULLYING

We are looking at conducting a parent café in coming weeks looking at children’s online activity and cyber bullying. We have the opportunity to access information and advice provided by Green Valley police which will greatly add to the discussion. Stage 3 recently had a discussion with Senior Constable Mary Watson, Youth Liaison Officer from Green Valley Police Station, which they found most informative. Please indicate on the slip below if you would be interested in attending a parent café on this topic.

YES I would be interested in participating in a parent café about children’s online behaviour and cyber bullying.

Child’s name- ________________________ Parent- ________________________
NATIONAL TREE DAY

To celebrate National Tree Day, the gardening club planted 50 bottle brush trees. We chose native trees that would survive the dry conditions we have here at Heckenberg P.S. All the students got to plant a couple of trees each in our Bush Tucker garden. The flowers will attract native birds, especially honey eaters, and will bring extraordinary amounts of colour to our garden. We all enjoyed the day and hope that we have made a difference to the environment of our school.

Parents and carers are advised that religious instruction (Scripture) will re-commence in Week 6. Scripture groups offered will be:

- Protestant
- Pentecostal
- Muslim

At this stage Catholic are not able to provide a teacher for scripture. Students will be placed in scripture groups according to the information provided upon enrolment. Please notify the school in writing if you wish to make any changes to your child's scripture group.
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GALA DAY

On Friday the 26th of July both our Soccer and Netball teams went to Minto to compete in their second Fields Gala Day. Miss O’Rourke and I would like to congratulate both teams on their fantastic sportsmanship and efforts on the day. The soccer team had a great day with the juniors winning all but one of their games and the seniors winning on the day as well. The junior netball team stood undefeated, with the seniors winning all but one. We had a fantastic day, and again I would like to congratulate the students on how wonderfully they represented Heckenberg Public School.

Miss Bonino.

ATTENDANCE

The home school liaison officer, Mr Tim Hunnam visits our school on a regular basis to follow up on unexplained absences, late arrivals and early departures. Please note that all children are expected to be at school between the hours of 9am and 3pm. Parents and carers are asked to make appointments outside of these hours wherever possible. Students who leave early miss out on notes, newsletters and important messages. Students who arrive late miss out on valuable learning time.

Students at Heckenberg are Safe, Respectful Learners.

Term 3 Week 3 and 4 focus: BE RESPECTFUL – FOLLOW ALL STAFF INSTRUCTIONS