Heckenberg Happenings

Our school exists for children

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to the 2016 school year. We welcome all of our new students and their families. Our year has started off well and all students are now settled into their new classes. The new Kindergarten students are amazing and have settled in very quickly. You would think that they had been at school for years.

We are fortunate this year to have an amazing team of teachers, support staff and admin staff. Miss Franklin will be working closely with the teachers to improve student learning in her role as Instructional Leader.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning at Heckenberg Public School.

Have a great week

Liz Van Der Meulen😊

Swimming Carnival

Last week we held our second annual swimming carnival. We had beautiful weather and our student’s behaviour was amazing. Miss O’Rourke and Miss Bonino organised a great day where all students were encouraged to have a go and try. Congratulations to every student who participated and thank you to the dedicated teachers who jumped in the water to swim alongside students and encourage them to keep trying.

A big thank you also to the wonderful parents and grandparents who came along to help on this day.

Save the Date!

Week 3
Wed 10/2 – Meet the Teacher afternoon
Fri 12/2 – P&C meeting, 2.30 in the Community room.

Week 4
Tue 16/2 – Stage 3 Ashcroft High School Science fun day
Fri 19/2 – Leadership induction assembly 9.15am

Week 5
Wed 24/2 – Green Valley PSSA swimming carnival
Fri 26/2 – Parent Cafe
Assemblies

Whole school assemblies will be held each fortnight on a Friday morning at 9.15am. Parents and carers are welcome to stay after for a coffee. Our first assembly will be on Friday 19 February. We look forward to seeing you there.

Meet the teacher

Now that classes have been formed we would like to invite all of our families to our meet the teacher afternoon tea. This is a great way to meet your child’s teacher and find out about our great school and the many exciting things that we have planned for 2016. Afternoon tea will be served. Come along for a chat.

Yellow Day Assembly

Last Friday we held our Yellow Day Assembly. This was the official launch of our Positive Behaviour for Learning program. What a wonderful start to the year, all students demonstrated very respectful behaviour.

Playground news

This year our K-2 students have an area of the playground dedicated to them. There will be numerous activities provided in this area which will promote learning in a play based environment. 3-6 students are not to use this area as it provides a space for the younger students to play in a safe and happy environment with students of their own age. Our regular lunch initiatives are starting up this week for all students as well. There are many fun and engaging lunch and recess activities planned. Some of our lunch initiatives include;

Art club, jewellery making, computers, library, gardening, K-2 and 3-6 dance, choir, outdoor games, yarning, quiet games, colouring in and handball.

We are planning to build many beautiful areas where our students can learn through play. If you are able to help out with building or painting please let us know.
2016 classes and staffing information

Our classes this year have been formed with an Olympic theme in mind. As this is an Olympic year, students will be learning lots about the sports, athletes and countries represented in the Olympics. Our class names are as follows:

K Matildas – Mrs Mancuso
K/1 Diamonds – Mrs Dimos
1 Sapphires – Miss Siddiq
2 Emeralds – Miss Elston
2/3 Kooka burras – Mrs Quinn
3/4 Rio – Mrs Regan and Miss Riley
4 Roddick – Miss Cavicchia
4/5 Olyroos – Miss O’Rourke
5 Bolt – Miss Bonino
6 Stingers – Mr Grenfell

Our support staff this year are:

Mrs Griffin – Head Start and RFF
Mrs Nagy – Learning and Support and RFF
Mrs Grdic – Learning and Support and RFF
Mrs Mowen – Teacher Librarian
Mrs Hanna – Reading Recovery, Learning and Support and RFF
Miss Newton – Learning and Support and RFF

Our wonderful office staff are

Mrs McConnell – Administrative Manager,
Mrs Raiti – Administrative Officer
Mrs Aldini – Administrative Officer / School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)
SLSOs – Mrs King, and Mrs Terry, Mrs Nona
Mrs McCulloch – Administrative Officer (Lib)

Crunch and Sip

Crunch and Sip takes place every day at Heckenberg Public School. Students are able to bring fresh water and fresh fruit or salad vegetables to munch, crunch and sip on in class during this time.

Some yummy crunch and sip ideas:
- carrot sticks
- cucumber sticks
- celery sticks
- cherry tomatoes
- Chopped watermelon
- Chopped Apple
- Orange quarters
- Grapes
- Strawberries
- banana
Parent helpers

Speech Therapy program
At Heckenberg Public School we enjoy a partnership with Liverpool Community Health. Kate, our speech therapist comes to our school every Thursday to do individual assessments, small group therapy, team teaching and run speech sound clinics. If you would like to come along and help with speech sound clinics please see Mrs Grdric.

MultiLit
Our School Learning support Officers support student learning each morning by providing one-one instruction in reading to students who require additional support. If you would like to be involved in this program and are interested in being trained in MultiLit please see Mrs Grdric.

Gardening and working bees
Our students are proud of our gardens and love working in our vegie patch. If you would like to help with gardening, painting murals, school beautification or helping with our exciting plans for the K-2 playground please contact Mrs Van Der Meulen. We would love your help.

Breakfast Club
Our school runs a breakfast club each morning. Students are able to come along and have a healthy breakfast of cereal, toast, fruit and juice. To help cover costs we ask for a $1 donation. If you are available to come along and help us in Breakfast Club one morning we would love to have your help. Please contact Mrs Van Der Meulen if you would like to help.
Do you have children 0 - 5 year old?
Come and join one of our groups.

Time and Group Locations

Multicultural Supported Playgroup

**Monday** from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Marsden Road, Public School
Marsden Road, Liverpool NSW 2170

**Tuesday** from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Casula Community Hall
39 Ingham Drive, Casula NSW 2170

**Friday** from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Heckenberg Public School
Jindabyne St, Heckenberg NSW 2168

School Readiness/Supported Playgroup

**Wednesday** from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Marsden Road, Public School
Marsden Road, Liverpool NSW 2170

For further information please contact Maria, Trinh or Marta on (02) 9781 3333

Multicultural Playgroup

Uniting Burnside Multicultural Family Centre

232 Railway Parade
CABRAMATTA NSW 2166

Tel: (02) 9781 3333
MUMS & BUBS PLAYGROUP

HECKENBERG CONNECTIONS

Oliveri Hall
1 Tantangara Street, Heckenberg
(opposite the shops)

WEDNESDAYS 9:30am - 11:30am
(during school terms)

*Variety of TOYS
*CRAFT ACTIVITIES weekly
*Morning Tea provided for children

A SOCIAL, CREATIVE, FUN ENVIRONMENT!

For more information please phone Carly - 9600 0600