Heckenberg Happenings
TERM 4, WEEK 2 2011

Hello everybody- welcome back to Term 4!
We trust everyone had quality time with their families and friends and that we are all refreshed and ready for a busy productive term! Stay tuned for many upcoming events!

Assembly
We held our K-6 assembly last Thursday in the hall. KS did an amazing job running it and 2/3M sang a very clever rhyme to help us with our writing.

Many awards were given out, including each stage winner for our Public Speaking Competition and of course "Supergold!"

Congratulations to all children who received awards. Well Done!!! You have made yourselves and Mrs Powzun very proud!

Incursion
Stage three classes were highly engaged in their interactive science day. It was very "hands on" and lots of fun! Thank you to Stage 3 teachers for organising this successful incursion.

Excursion
On Thursday 22nd September students from KS, K/1G, 1/2R, 1/2B and 2/3M went to Featherdale Wildlife Park to use the knowledge that they have learnt through their Term 3 theme of "What's Alive".

Students and teachers had a great time and were able to interact with Australian animals, see animal habitats and extend their knowledge and appreciation of animals.
School Chefs
Our proud chefs are back into their routines. They have cooked some superb ‘Blueberry Muffins.” Well done chefs!

Clever Writing
Stage three students have been learning how to write ‘Book and Movie Reviews.’ Mrs Powzun and I had the pleasure of reading Tyneeka’s reviews of “Twilight and I Carly”.

Clever Reading
Mrs Powzun was very lucky to have Cindy Hunyh read to her this week. She read with great expression and fluency. Cindy was a very proud reader!

Headstart
The Headstart program operates each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-12.30pm. The program has been designed to teach the children skills to ease their transition into Kindergarten.
As you can see our headstart students are always engaging in activities that allow them to improve their skills while having fun. The children enjoyed interacting, socialising and sharing in the home corner. This is always a very popular & busy play area.

The children were very excited when they had an opportunity to go outside and play with the parachute. By working together they were able to lift the parachute up and run underneath into the middle.

If you have a child who will be turning 5 before 31st July 2012, they are eligible and welcome to attend our Headstart program.

Carers Week
This year from 16-22 October 2011 is the time to celebrate ‘Carers Week’.

This celebration acknowledges carers with year’s national theme being ‘Anyone Anytime.’ This means that anyone at anytime can become a carer. I’m sure we all know someone who is helping to care for someone who needs support, has a disability or an illness.
School Banking

Our P&C have initiated School Banking at Heckenberg. It will commence on Friday 28th October. Two Commonwealth bank representatives: Prue and Jo came to our school and spoke to the students. Once students open their account and start saving, they will be able to earn rewards such as drink bottles, wallets and money boxes. Please register your child to support this wonderful initiative! Jo will be outside the Community Room this Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.30am to help you do this.

Important Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 18th October - Stage 2 excursion
- Wednesday 19th October - Special P&C meeting
- Wednesday 26th October - School Photos
- Wednesday 2nd November - Halloween Disco: 4.00-5.30pm
- Wednesday 16th November - SRC Fancy Dress Mufti Day
- Monday 21st November - Friday 2nd December - Swimming Scheme
- Wednesday 23rd November - Kindergarten Orientation
- Monday 5th December - Presentation Day at Busby PS
- Tuesday 6th December - Year 6 Farewell
- Tuesday 6th December - Thank you Morning Tea for Parent helpers/Volunteers

As you can see we have lots of activities planned for this term. We hope you can join us in celebrating this year's achievements.

Once again I'd like to finish off now with a quote from our mascot “Hector” because he believes no matter what your age, we should all strive to be “safe respectful learners.”

Patricia Bull – Assistant Principal

Heckenberg OOSH Fun Day

The OOSH “Fun Day” held on Saturday, 24th September 2011 was a great success. There were carnival rides, pony rides and a variety of stalls. Lots of fun was had by all!!

We would like to personally thank Goran and Ria as they have generously donated $500.00 to our school. This kind donation will go towards the purchase of new sport shirts for our students. Once again we thank the school community for supporting the OOSH Fun Day.