



Week 4, Term 2 2016

Heckenberg Happenings

Join our Parents and Citizens Association!

The P&C meet on the first Wednesday of every month in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome to come along and be a part of this hard working group.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 1 June: 1.30pm

We are safe, respectful learners.



The PBL focus for Week 3 and 4 is **'Be respectful, use your manners'**. In Weeks 5 and 6 we will be focusing on how to **'Be safe, stay in bounds'**. All classes participate in PBL lessons each week to reinforce these expectations. Parents and carers can support their child by discussing these expectations with their child at home.



K-2 students at the Featherdale Wildlife Park excursion

Message from the Principal!

Welcome to our Week 4, Term 2 newsletter. What a busy and productive few weeks we have had. Year 3 and 5 students sat the NAPLAN tests in Week 3. The teachers were very impressed with the mature approach that all students had throughout these tests. It was wonderful to see all children trying their hardest and persevering even if the task seemed hard. NAPLAN tests are only one very small part of your child's learning at school. Students at Heckenberg are growing up to be productive and successful citizens who are continually growing and learning. We are very proud of our wonderful school. Last Friday, students in K-2 visited Featherdale Wildlife park. What an amazing day! The teachers were so proud of the students and their safe, respectful behaviour on the day. Well done also to all students who participated in the GRIP leadership day, GVPSSA Cross Country carnival and Walk Safely to School on Friday.

Have a wonderful fortnight
Mrs Van Der Meulen

Save the Date!

Week 5	
Wednesday May 25	National Simultaneous Storytime - - Wear your favourite hat.
Thursday May 26	-National Sorry Day -Australia's Biggest Morning tea - SRC fundraiser, come along and have morning tea with us at school. -NRL After School Sporting Schools program
Friday May 27	Circus reward excursion
Week 6 - National Reconciliation Week. The canteen will be closed on Monday May 30	
Wednesday June 1	P&C meeting
Thursday June 2	Crazy Sock day - P&C fundraiser - wear crazy socks to school and bring a gold coin donation
Friday June 3	HPS - Reconciliation Week celebrations and assembly. All families are welcome to join us for our K-6 assembly, classroom visits, wristband making and a sausage sizzle lunch.

Green Valley PSSA District Cross Country

Good luck to the students who have been selected to compete at the Green Valley PSSA District Cross Country Carnival at Joe Broad Reserve, Mount Pritchard on Friday 20th May, 2016. These students ran across the finish line within the first four places at our school Cross Country. We wish them all the best for the carnival. Mrs Quinn and Mrs Tier are looking forward to cheering you all on. You will make Heckenberg Public School proud!

Mrs Tier, Mrs Quinn and Mrs Regan



Congratulations

Congratulations to Isla Rose who was selected in the Green Valley PSSA Girls softball team and to Tyrone who was selected in the Green Valley PSSA Boys Softball team. We are very proud of both of you and wish you well in your competitions.

Miss O'Rourke



Aboriginal Playgroup

Heckenberg Public School achieved its vision of starting an Aboriginal Playgroup. The launch of the playgroup was attended by many members of the local Aboriginal community including Uncle Brad who performed a ceremonial smoking ceremony and Jestyn who played the didgeridoo. This was followed by the official opening address by Mrs Van Der Meulen and a wonderful performance of the 'Wombat Wobble' by the K Matildas and Mrs Mancso. Then everyone enjoyed a lovely morning tea including delicious jonny cakes with jam and cream. This was a great start for the playgroup. The playgroup will embed Aboriginal cultural values in the curriculum and also place a focus on the important role every family has in their child's learning. The inspiration for the playgroup comes from supporting the rights of all Aboriginal children to understand their own language, history, kinship system, bush food and other cultural knowledge. The playgroup aims to strengthen the children's Aboriginal identity and establish positive experiences of learning. The playgroup target Aboriginal children from birth until school age. The playgroup is funded by Heckenberg Public School and it is free for all children to attend. The playgroup will be supported by a teacher and an Aboriginal SLSO and will run every Thursday morning from 9.15am to 11.15am during school terms. We look forward to meeting and working with many Aboriginal children and families in the local community.

Mrs Grdic





GRIP Leadership day

Our school leaders travelled with Mr Grenfell to the State Sport Centre at Homebush last week to participate in the GRIP leadership conference. They had front row seats and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thanks Mr Grenfell for driving the students to this event.



Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion

Last Friday students in K-2 travelled to Featherdale Wildlife Park. We saw so many Australian animals including koalas, owls, kangaroos, reptiles and beautiful birds. Mrs Dimos got scared by the goat but the children were brave and had great fun patting it. Everyone had such a great time and one child told his teacher that this was the most amazing day of his life.

Well done to all of the students for their amazing behaviour on this day.

Mrs Dimos

Student Ambassador Program



I would like to congratulate Isla-Rose who is our 2016 Ambassador. The Student Ambassador Program is a way for school leaders to unite and work collaboratively to solve a common issue found in their schools. Heckenberg Public School will be working together with Miller, Busby, and Busby West Public Schools.

Isla attended her first meet and greet on the 5th of May 2016 where she has already started brainstorming with her fellow Ambassadors on ways to make our school as friendly as possible!

Miss Bonino



Choir



I would like to congratulate those students who have been regularly been attending choir this year. These students have been chosen to attend the Western Liverpool Festival 2016. Students are required to attend choir every Friday recess time. There has been a note sent home regarding transport to rehearsals and T-shirts for the night. Please return these notes as soon as possible. Thank you. I look forward to a wonderful festival this year.

Miss Bonino

SRC News



Our Head Start children are settling in well. Mrs Grdic and Mrs Terry went on an excursion to some other transition programs last week to get some more ideas for our program. They were very inspired and have many plans to beautify our room. We are excited to announce that after much consultation we have decided on a name for our transition building. The building will now be known as 'Jarjum Cottage'. Jarjum is an Aboriginal name for 'All our children' and fits beautifully with the purpose of this room which is to provide a quality prior to school and transition to school environment for local children who will be coming to Heckenberg Public School when they start Kindergarten. This building hosts Head Start, Multicultural playgroup and also the new Aboriginal playgroup.

Mrs Grdic



The Student Representative Council have been busy organising a whole school fundraiser for later this term. The SRC will be holding The Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for the cancer council. The SRC invite all parents, carers and community members to join our school on the back oval for a Morning Tea. We will have decorations, tea and coffee and picnic rugs ready for an enjoyable fundraising event. It will be held on Thursday the 26th May at 11:00am. We ask for a gold coin donation from all members of the community to assist with our fundraising efforts. Students will be asked to participate in a mufti day by wearing yellow and bringing a gold coin donation. We look forward to a community event where everyone can share a morning tea and enjoy each other's company. If you have any questions please to talk to your class SRC or to Miss O'Rourke.

Miss O'Rourke

Walk Safely to School day

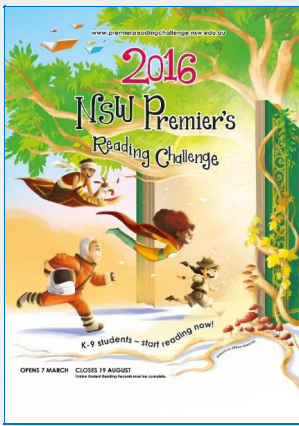
National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is when all Primary School children were encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Our school participated in this event on Friday the 20th May (Week 4). Teachers walked around the Heckenberg area to assist students walking to school on this day. We encourage parents and carers to join us in promoting active practices for the students of Heckenberg Public School. Thank you to the teachers who donned their duty vests and walked the streets in Heckenberg from 8:30am. Well done to the children who joined them in walking safely to school.

Miss O'Rourke

P & C News

The P&C would like to thank our outgoing treasurer, Samira Arja and secretary, Sylvia Sacco who recently stepped down from their executive positions on the P&C for personal reasons. Both ladies will continue to support our school on the P&C and we greatly value their contributions. Congratulations to Donna Riddell who was recently elected as the new treasurer and Mona Hamed who was also elected as our new Secretary. Welcome ladies and we look forward to working with you this year.

Manal Toukan - Presiden



Library news - Premier's Reading Challenge 2016 and National Simultaneous Storytime Day

Don't forget to wear your favourite hat for National Simultaneous Storytime Day on Wednesday May 25.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

All students from Year 3-6 may complete their personal reading log in the library or online through the student portal. The 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge opened on March 7 and closes on August 19 so get reading!

Look out for the reading worm in Oliver - our new library system. It indicates that a book is part of the PRC.

Mrs Mowen

Assembly Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students

Matildas

Merit awards - Allison, Canaz

Hector of the week - Lionel

Bronze - Lionel, Tahlia, Kaijah, , Rani, Aaliyah

Diamonds

Merit awards - Salwa, Tyrese

Hector of the week - Virag

Bronze - Ayman

Sapphires

Merit awards - Charlotte, Riley

Hector of the week - Cindy

Bronze - Wottana, Aymen, Darin, Laila, Assiya

Emeralds

Merit awards - Rhys, Dominic

Hector of the week - Aiden

Bronze - Joyce, Angelina, Aryan

Silver - Siaosi

Kookaburras

Merit awards - Ara, Zain

Hector of the week - Kacey

Bronze - Ahmed, Vallerie, Erfan, Ara, Adam, Khiarna, Kacey, Oscar, Houda, Zain, Susie, Zachary, Loay, Deviya,, Mya, Serine, Arsalan, Alynn, Angel

Rio

Merit awards - Lusiane Sabastian

Hector of the week - John

Bronze - Michael, Kathy, Ken, Charlie

Roddick

Merit awards - Meriam, Jhyis

Hector of the week - Christina

Bronze - Israa

Olyroos

Merit awards - Katherine, Tyrhys

Hector of the week - Vashti

Bolt

Merit awards - Layla, Leslie

Hector of the week - Mahmoud

Stingers

Merit awards -

Hector of the week - Cameron

Bronze - Shayne



Homework Help Club

Our Library will be open two mornings a week for homework club. Come along on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for some extra help with your homework. Mrs Carroll will be available to support students. This is a perfect opportunity for those students who don't have access to the internet to use the library computers for research. Students who are using google classroom may also like to take this opportunity to complete online tasks.

Mrs Mowen and Mrs Carroll



Exciting things happening at Heckenberg PS with ICT

Some great things are happening in 5 Bolt. We have been using ICT in our class to make our learning fun. We have created a google classroom. Through this we can log-in any time at school and home and complete the set tasks online. At the moment we are working on a research task about Micro-organisms. We are also using our google classroom app in our reading groups to write letters to authors!

Miss Bonino



NAPLAN

I would like to thank and congratulate all students in Years 3 and 5 who completed their NAPLAN tests. All students did a wonderful job of showing what they have learnt and what they know. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN) test in May each year. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class. For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions. The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. For more information about NAPLAN. Head to <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/info-for-parents.html>

Well done year 3 and 5!!

Miss Bonino

Mother's Day

The P&C would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support of their Mother's Day raffle which was drawn on 6th May 2016.

Together we raised \$536.25.

Congratulations to the following winners;

1st prize - Moussa in K/1D

2nd prize - Mr Gavin (our wonderful GA)

3rd prize - Emily in 6 Stingers

4th prize - Alex

Thank you also to everyone who purchased a gift for their mother at our Mother's Day Stall. We raised \$353.65 for our school.

Schoolyard Safari

This term K/1 Diamonds went on a Schoolyard Safari to discover what minibeasts we have around our school. We used magnifying glasses to observe them closely. We found ants, bees, a butterfly and even a spider web! We then recorded all the minibeasts we had seen on our walk.



Mrs Hanna



Healthy lunch mini extras from the canteen



Students love sitting on our friendship benches

Spring Fair - Friday 28th October 2016



Ready for learning in 1 Sapphires



5 Bolt use technology every day in their learning



Our dedicated teachers attending an evening of professional learning.



We are pleased to announce the major fundraising event for the P&C and our school this year will be the **Spring Fair on Friday 28th October, 2016**. A successful spring fair needs a lot of people involved. It can be a great way for all parents, grandparents, friends and children to contribute to our school. It can also be a fun way to meet other members of our school community.

Over the next few terms there will be many requests for help, big and small. Please consider how you can support the Spring Fair. Here are some ideas of ways to help:

- come to Spring Fair meetings on Fridays at 2.00pm to share your ideas
- ask family and friends with small businesses to hire a stall at the fete. Stall hire fees of \$35 will apply.
 - donating prizes for the Spring Fair Raffles
- supporting our drives e.g. goods for the trash and treasure stall or book stall
- volunteering to help with jobs beforehand e.g. handing out flyers, packing show bags
- volunteering your time on the Spring Fair day
- attending the Spring Fair and enjoying the day with your family and friends

If you would like to help and are not sure how, please leave your name with the school office and we will be in contact with you.

We look forward to working together to make a successful fete.

