Dear Parents,

Thankyou
I would like to open my first newsletter as Acting Principal with a big thank you to the HEPS community for the kind words and encouragement you have given me over the past 2 weeks. It never ceases to amaze me just how supportive a community we have here. I am in email correspondence with Miss Allard and whilst I am sure she is missing us all I have no doubt she is enjoying her time in Europe with her family. She sends her thoughts and best wishes to everyone and we look forward to welcoming her back for the start of term 3.

A Hawk Visits HEPS
Last Tuesday Ben McEvoy visited HEPS for the afternoon. The weather wasn’t great outside so he ran a few drills with our football team and then spoke to the Level 5 and 6 students about the life of an AFL footballer. He talked about the commitment and discipline required and then answered a wide variety of questions from our very inquisitive students.

Cross-Country
Yesterday 60 students represented HEPS at Domeney Reserve in the District Cross Country. Whilst we had some stand out performers who will move on to the next level I would like to
congratulate all of the students for their wonderful efforts. You once again represented HEPS with distinction and we are all very proud of you.

**June Reports**  
Teachers are currently spending many hours assessing, preparing and writing your children’s reports. This year reports will be made available via your Compass Portal so you will have access from 3.30 on Friday June 19. You will receive an alert and then be able to view the report, in some cases even before your children get home from school. If you are having trouble with Compass please let us know and we will get you up and running.

**Two Amazing Literary Events**  
On Wednesday all students participated in the Simultaneous Reading Time Activity in the gym. Mrs Austin, along with staff from schools all over Australia read the story The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey. All students from Foundation to Level 6 enjoyed a laugh, and possibly a memory, of the time when they too were greeted with the arrival of a new brother or sister. Yesterday we welcomed celebrated children's author Ursula Dubosarsky and children's book illustrator, Andrew Joyner to HEPS to talk to the whole school about their amazing children's books, writing, illustrating and the collaborative process. Ursula and Andrew have collaborated together to produce some amazing books including the Terrible Plop, Too Many Elephants in this House and Tim and Ed. Many of our students will remember that Too Many Elephants in this House was chosen to be the National Simultaneous Storytime book for 2014 and was read by over 460,000 people across Australia - including here at HEPS. They were both wonderfully engaging presenters and were extremely complimentary of the beautiful HEPS students.

CAMERON AGARS  
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Pat the dog and friends from CBA visited on Friday and presented school banking at Assembly. School banking is every Tuesday. To organise an account, please visit Michelle – Branch Manager at the Heathmont branch who is looking forward to meeting students and parents and sharing what they are saving for. Collect a surprise when u visit.
Book Fair

Once again during Open Night on Thursday the 21st of May we held Book Fair in the Library. A big thank you to all those families who came along to support our school and to pick up some wonderful books at great prices! We had a large number of families coming to visit the Library and the children were so excited to meet Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Thanks to all your support we sold an incredible number of books and were able to choose a huge amount of books for our HEPS Library for our children to enjoy. Ask your children to describe how many books we showed at assembly on Monday!

I would like to say a big thank you to Chris Clarkson, Nancy Burke and Ian Austin who helped out on the night and to Catherine Slattery for helping to set up and Michelle Wridgway and Megan Urban who stayed behind to help pack up.

Special Literary Event – Thursday 28 May

We are so excited to have a visit from the amazing Ursula Duborsarsky and Andrew Joyner on Thursday at HEPS. We have been chosen as one of a very few schools that they will be visiting whilst they are in Victoria. Our students will remember last year’s National Simultaneous Storytime book called Too Many Elephants in this House which was written and illustrated by this amazingly talented pair.

National Simultaneous Storytime

As part of Library and Information Week, on Wednesday the whole school met in the gym to listen to this year's NSS book, The Brothers Quibble by Australian author and illustrator Aaron Blabey. We were one of over 3,000 venues around Australia who were reading the book simultaneously as a celebration of literature, to promote the value and fun of books and to celebrate Australian authors. Last year over 460,000 children participated in the event and it is hoped that this year will break that record!

Sue Austin

Library
A few weeks ago Nepal experienced an earthquake. Nepal is a very poor country so Team Terrific decided to raise money for the people there. In class we have been learning about persuasive writing so we persuaded Miss Allard that a Help Nepal Stall that sells cakes and other yummy treats on Open Night might be a good idea. We would like to thank all the generous people who donated treats to the stall. Team Terrific is very grateful to all those parents and teachers who helped the stall raise $356!!!!!!!

Team Terrific (Jaime, Caty, Rebekkah and Sienna)
SAVE THE DATE....AND A TIN!!

On Thursday 18th June, H.E.P.S. is holding our annual Sustainability Day.... And we need YOUR HELP!!

Various educational and worthwhile activities are currently being organised for the day and to assist in reducing the ‘environmental footprint’ of the day, we are putting a call out for the following items:

- Used CD/DVD/CD-rom,
- Tins - clean with label removed and please check for sharp edges. (Ring pull cans tend to not have the sharp edges.)
- Cuttings of hard wood herbs or other easy to strike plants (e.g. succulents)
- Potting mix
- Bits and bobs that could be used to make interesting prints with paint.

These items can be bought to school and neatly stored in room 8. Again we thank you for your support of the curriculum and activities here at H.E.P.S.

The Sustainability Day Team
**BEN FOUNDATION C**
For the fabulous writing skills you have been demonstrating this week. I love seeing you use our word wall and carefully sounding out words. Amazing effort Ben!

**FOUNDATION C**
For braving the wind and rain to learn amazing things at CERES. I’m proud of your positive attitudes and behaviour!

**ELLA 4A**
For your beautiful behaviour you display in the classroom. You are a positive role model to others and you always work so hard to achieve your best!

**MERRIE 2D**
For your fantastic questioning during our inquiry session. You’re a superstar.

**OLIVER 1/2B**
Trying his very best to sound out unfamiliar words. Keep it up superstar.

**AMY 2A**
Trying her very best during maths activities. Keep it up Amy!

**GRADE 3B SUPERSTARS!**
For your excellent efforts during your NAPLAN tests. I am so proud of you all!

**ALEX 1C**
For settling back into school after this big holiday. We love having you back, you are such a happy, delightful student.

**MAX 1A**
For always working hard and trying your best. You are improving out of sight. Keep up the amazing effort darling!

**APRIL 1B**
For always listening and trying your best. You are a superstar April.

**JETT 5C**
An outstanding week of productive work. You displayed confidence when attempting all work tasks and your ability to work in teams was terrific! Amazing Jett.

**CADE 5B**
Displaying excellent teamwork skills during our inquiry session. Your positive attitude towards NAPLAN was also outstanding. Great job!

**FLYNN 3C**
For persistence and confidence during challenging tasks! Keep it up buddy.

**JESSICA 4C**
For showing great enthusiasm and determination when working on the ‘I am Martian’ maths investigation. What awesome problem solving skills!

**KINGSTON FOUNDATION B**
For fantastic computer skills. You typed so much of your own writing.

**MAREN FOUNDATION B**
For terrific thinking with your partner about things that are the same and different about your plants.

**EMILY FOUNDATION C**
For the impressive effort you are putting into your writing this week! I am so proud of the way you are sounding out words.

**OLIVIA FOUNDATION C**
For the clever way you are sounding out words when you are reading and writing!

**MALIKI 2D**
For your well presented speech about Summer. We loved the song you performed. Great effort.

**HOPE 2A**
Being the first student to present her season talk to the class. Well done Hope for being so brave!

**CHARLOTTE 3B**
For your dedication to improving your handwriting. It’s looking fantastic!

**CHARLIE 3B**
For demonstrating excellent listening skills during ‘News’. You’re a superstar!

**TALIA 4A**
For your super job when making and designing your 3D rocket this week. You used interesting shapes and added fantastic details even under pressure. You’re a star!

**MADDIE 1/2B**
For doing an excellent job getting all learning tasks completed to an outstanding level. Keep it up superstar.
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<td>For showing great determination and persistence this week in numeracy and Inquiry sessions! Your 3D rocket looks amazing.</td>
<td>For putting maximum effort into her writing task and trying to finish it in the allocated time. Keep working hard gorgeous!</td>
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<td>For working so hard in our place value unit and then achieving a perfect result in the test. You’re a super star. Well done darling!</td>
<td>For consistently completing her reader. I love seeing your enthusiasm about reading!</td>
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<td>Comforting students in the yard who have no one to play with. You are a caring individual and someone whom I respect.</td>
<td>For superstar speed and accuracy results, in mixed operation maths!!</td>
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<td>Always being a kind and considerate classmate. You have been amazing this week, shining brighter than usual.</td>
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**ATTENDANCE**

**DID YOU KNOW?........Attendance**

For those families going on holidays please collect application form from the office which must be completed and returned for Principal approval, **PRIOR** to your holiday, in accordance with the Department’s requirements for attendance records.

To Principal: Miss Kitty Allard,

I wish to request approval for our holiday, (please supply details)


from ___________________________ to __________________________ inclusive for my child/children

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Parent’s signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

This note must be returned to the office as parent notification for permanent school records.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
CSEF Application Form

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname__________________________________________________________
First name______________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________________________
Town/suburb________________________________________ State_________ Postcode_______
Contact number__________________________________________________________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession  OR  Health care card number (CRN)
☐☐☐ – ☐☐☐ – ☐☐☐ – ☐  OR
☐ Foster parent*  OR  ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant______________________________________________ Date ___/
CSEF eligibility
Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
• on the first day of Term two, or;
• on the first day of Term three;
1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.
Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.
For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.
CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

Payment amounts
CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.
• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.
For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

How to complete the application form
NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN
1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
- enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
- enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or language Centre, then enter ‘UNGRADED’ in the YEAR LEVEL column.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.
Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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**CANTEEN**

**Canteen Roster**

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Canteen Manager Vicki Allan

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**THE GOOD GUYS**

**THANK-YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

When you purchase any goods at The Good Guys in Bayswater, please ask for a reward voucher so that HEPS can redeem Bayswater Bucks. Please remember to forward to the school office.

**For every $25 spent HEPS receives a $1 Bayswater Buck**

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**NORWOOD PRE SCHOOL**

**OPEN DAY**

**Face Painting, Morning Tea, Craft Activities**

**Saturday 30th May 2015**

10am – 12pm

Come and visit our brand new facility, meet our fun teachers and check out our creative curriculum. We offer fantastic hours for both 3 & 4yr olds.

Notlen Park, Notlen Street, Ringwood
9870 4360  www.norwoodpreschool.com.au

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**For your convenience we would like to remind you that payments for excursions, swimming and other school activities can be made directly via the school’s bank account.**

**ACCOUNT NAME:**

Heathmont East Primary School Official Account

**BSB:** 063 – 191

**ACCOUNT NO:** 1003 9330

Please ensure the family name and excursion details are noted on the payment.
Rewards Program update

Available in Term 2, we have two new reward items from our Outer Space Savers range for students to redeem.

- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket

Disclaimer:
Heathmont East Primary School does not necessarily endorse the products in this newsletter and parents are at liberty to make their own choices.