Dear Parents,

EDUCATION WEEK
I know that the children love to share their work and their school with parents, grandparents and other special people in their lives. If you are able to attend any of the open sessions to celebrate the work and the effort completed over the last five months it would be great to see you. As is the practice, all classrooms are open, the choir will perform and various musicians will entertain. I know members of the school council and our student leaders will be available on Thursday evening to answer questions and share their knowledge and experiences about HEPS. I’ve included the Education Week flyer yet again to refresh your memories about the week’s activities:

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<th>Tuesday, 19th May</th>
<th>9.00am – 11.00am</th>
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<td>Whole School Assembly</td>
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Special events planned for Thursday evening are as follows:

- Various instrumental performances: Around the school
- Choir performance: In the BER at 7.00pm
- Multi-media highlights of special events: Around the school
Inquiry Based Learning activities
- In classrooms
Food Technology/Science Facility
- On display
Resource Centre
- On display
Artwork displays
- Around the school
All classrooms open

Friday morning:

- Student Leaders host Friday morning assembly
  - Friday 9.00am
- Band Performance
- String Performance
  - Friday 9.00am

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Congratulations to our students in grades 3 and 5 for performing at their best throughout the NAPLAN testing period. I know all the teachers and educational support staff have been impressed with their students’ commitment to the tests; I was impressed with how many of the grade three students exhibited excitement about sitting for the tests. Well done!

RESPECT AND THE SCHOOL VALUES

Look out for the school values displayed down the pillars outside the Library in the corridor; they look quite spectacular. Firstly thanks sincerely to Mr Peter Robinson, a HEPS parent, who meticulously and painstakingly secured the letters over two nights last week. The words are a timely reminder of our values which we trust all community members can model.

In reference to ‘Respect’ several parents have approached me with real concerns about the noise and disruption at the back of the gym during Friday morning assemblies. The staff for Camp Australia have also expressed concern about the state in which the back area is left by young children who have been allowed to tamper with their property.

Please consider the audience who have come to enjoy the assembly and celebrate with their children the presentations. I would remind you too, that parents who wish to be part of Monday morning assembly are most welcome but if you wish to chat with friends, could you move to an area which does not disrupt the assembly and make it difficult for our students to stay focused as announcements are being made.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TALENTED STUDENTS

Fourteen of our instrumental students have succeeded in becoming participants in the North Eastern Victoria Region’s Soundtrack concert performed at Hamer Hall. This is a huge accomplishment as the students must meet high standards to be selected to represent primary schools. Congratulations, Oscar, Jesse, Daniel, Ella, Alanah N, Georgia, Indy, Matthew, Gimhan, Tia, Tahlia, Alanah B, Lachlan and Nick. We are so proud of you!
SPECIAL LITERARY EVENT REMINDER

This is a reminder to all parents that we have been lucky to secure a visit from award winning author Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrator Andrew Joyner. HEPS has been chosen as one of only 10 schools in Victoria that the pair will visit.

They will be visiting the whole school on Thursday the 28th of May and a permission slip can be found on Compass or collected from the office.

All HEPs students should love participating in this entertaining and educational experience.

The cost of the presentation is $5 per student and must be paid on Compass prior to the event. Any parent who chooses for their child not to participate in this event can be assured that their child will be engaged in literacy activities in another classroom.

Please complete the permission form and arrange payment as soon as possible so that your child can benefit from this incredible opportunity.

Dean's Lecture Series 2015 at Melbourne University

I was fortunate to attend a lecture presented by Professor Patrick Griffin on Tuesday evening titled: “On the Shoulders of Giants”: Shifting sands in the field of assessment

Professor Griffin reflected on assessment changes over time, how this is linked to teaching and how it is changing teaching practices. He also predicted assessment changes well into the 21st-century.

Global shifts in employment, education and social life have demanded a new approach to assessment and new ways of communicating assessments to students, teachers, parents and the community. Professor Griffin explored the influence of key individuals and theories on these trends and detailed case studies of systemic changes. I left the lecture confident that the teachers at HEPS are up to date in their thinking and use of assessments: it’s not the score but what the score tells you, assessment provides teachers with a zone of proximal development so that they can prepare for student’s instructional levels more accurately. It was reassuring to know that our focus on collaboration in learning, critical thinking, creativity and computer education are extremely important in preparing our students for success in the world which is the 21st century; a world considerably different from the agricultural and industrial eras of the centuries gone by.

GOOD BYE FOR NOW AND WISHING YOU ALL WELL

Friday is my last official day this term, even though I will be attending (with three other HEPS teachers) a presentation provided by the Maroondah Education network at Karralyka on Friday. The presentation is by Dr Anthony Muhammad on:

- The elements of a healthy school culture
- Transforming a school culture
- Understanding the 9 core elements and beliefs of effective schools and
- Building and sustaining high performing schools

I confidently entrust the school to Mr Cameron Agars who will be the Acting Principal and Mrs Melissa Frigo the Acting Assistant Principal during my absence; I return Monday 13th July (Day 1, Term 3). I wish you all continued success and wellbeing and look forward to catching up with you early next term.

Kind regards,

Kitty Allard. Principal.
**Education Support Staff News**

The Education Support Staff have enjoyed a busy term so far working with your children and attending professional development workshops. These are wonderful opportunities to extend our knowledge, understanding and to learn new strategies and skills for working with the students. Workshops we have attended include “Understanding Anxiety and the Autism Spectrum”, “When Great Minds Don’t Think Alike – Assisting Children with Learning Difficulties” and “No Worries! Helping Anxious Kids”.

On Thursday the 14th of May HEPS is hosting guest speaker Dianne Winbanks and her daughter who will be talking about Autism from a personal perspective. Together with Education Support staff from the Maroondah and Knox network, there will be over 40 people attending. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of sharing and learning.

**Sustainability Day!**

**KEEP THE DATE!!**

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/CDrom,
- tin - 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 (eg, succulents)
- potting mix

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**
SACRIFICE

In a world where the word, “Me” and “Mine” is increasingly the focus of many peoples’ lives-the “Selfie” photos spring to mind!-our attention this past week has been drawn to another word, rarely used today, “Sacrifice”. Last week, Ms Allard, the Grade 6 and 5 leaders and I attended the Legacy Anzac Day Student Service at the Shrine of Remembrance. We remembered all those who have led lives of sacrifice, that is, those who have served and often died for others in their fight for freedom and peace. Many have made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

As we think about this word, “Sacrifice”, what can we learn from the Gallipoli Centenary that we can apply to our own lives? Our country may not be at war, however are there some questions we can ask? like the following:

1. Do we sometimes become too absorbed in our own busy lives that we forget to ask how another person is?
2. Are we willing to hold our possessions “lightly” and share what we have with others?
3. Are we willing to give to others when it actually costs us?
4. Are we able to chat with another person without being ready to interrupt their conversation with our own story?
5. Are we willing to give up a day to help another who has a need?

Martin Luther King Jr, the American civil rights activist is quoted as saying, Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are you doing for others?”

As we remember the “sacrifice” of many for the good of others, let us try to give more sacrificially to others too.

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<td>For showing amazing progress in reading, writing and maths. You are a superstar, Tiana!!</td>
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<td>For growing in confidence to share your amazing ideas with our grade. I’m very proud of you!</td>
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<td><strong>SAM FOUNDATION C</strong></td>
<td>For the clever way you are writing about our inquiry topic ‘Earth and Beyond’. Well done!</td>
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<td><strong>JOSEPH 2A</strong></td>
<td>For your positive attitude towards all learning tasks! Great job Joseph.</td>
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<td><strong>MADDISON FOUNDATION B</strong></td>
<td>For your incredible reading. You are so clever to be able to read new books to me.</td>
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<td><strong>DIACHI FOUNDATION B</strong></td>
<td>For your improvement in alphabet recognition. You are getting to know so many sounds.</td>
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<td><strong>ISABELLE 5A</strong></td>
<td>For a fantastic attitude towards your learning. You are an exceptional student. Go Isabelle!</td>
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<td><strong>AARON 4A</strong></td>
<td>For your effort and focus during all tasks this week. Keep working hard Aaron!</td>
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<td><strong>KARTIA 2D</strong></td>
<td>For your excellent attitude towards learning new skills and concepts in maths.</td>
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<td>For your sensational Inquiry project. You researched it well and your diorama was excellent!</td>
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<td><strong>SOPHIA 1A</strong></td>
<td>For always trying her best and putting great effort into her learning. It’s wonderful to see the fabulous results. Keep it up darling!</td>
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<td><strong>GIMHAN 5B</strong></td>
<td>An amazing work ethic and attitude towards his learning. Gimhan, you are a star!</td>
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<td><strong>ALI ASGAR 1B</strong></td>
<td>For being a fabulous writer, you put such a brilliant effort into your ‘Jelly Planet’ story!</td>
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<td><strong>PIPER 3C</strong></td>
<td>For your kind and caring attitude. Keep it up lovely!</td>
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<td><strong>GEORGIA 2D</strong></td>
<td>For your enthusiastic attitude towards your learning. You’re a star!</td>
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<td><strong>CAMERON 4C</strong></td>
<td>For working hard in both Literacy and maths this week. Great job!!</td>
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<td><strong>AIDAN 5C</strong></td>
<td>For a creative narrative piece, you included great powerful descriptive words and your work ethic was terrific.</td>
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<td><strong>SUMMER JADE</strong></td>
<td>The amazing efforts you have made with your reading. You are a superstar.</td>
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<td><strong>WILLIAM 4B</strong></td>
<td>Excellent writing about your mission to the moon. Great work mate!</td>
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<td><strong>MAX 2C</strong></td>
<td>For an excellent working week especially in maths where you showed great determination to work out the answer. Well done Max!</td>
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<td><strong>KITTIE FOUNDATION C</strong></td>
<td>For the effort you always put towards doing your best. It is beautiful to see your confidence growing every day!</td>
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<td><strong>TRISTAN FOUNDATION C</strong></td>
<td>For learning new letters and sounds. You are trying so hard. I’m so proud of you!</td>
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<td>Your amazing attitude and effort with all that you do! Thanks for being a terrific 2A role model.</td>
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<td><strong>MASON FOUNDATION B</strong></td>
<td>For your amazing writing in your science journal. You included so much information about how your seed is growing.</td>
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<td><strong>HENRY FOUNDATION B</strong></td>
<td>For your excellent thought bubbles about seeds. You know so many facts.</td>
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<td><strong>AMELIA 3B</strong></td>
<td>For being such an effective team member during our Inquiry research activity.</td>
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<td><strong>OLIVIA 3B</strong></td>
<td>For making sure everyone in your group had the chance to participate. Great teamwork!</td>
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<td><strong>KAYA 3C</strong></td>
<td>For wonderful narrative writing. Your story was well planned and very entertaining. Great job.</td>
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<td>For your effort and attitude in Maths this week. You’re becoming very clever when solving vertical addition questions. Keep up the brilliant work!</td>
<td>For working exceptionally well in a team on your Earth, Moon and Sun venn diagram poster. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>For a spectacular talk about Spring. You spoke with a clear voice and presented your information in a logical and interesting order. You are a shining star darling.</td>
<td>Outstanding space project! Your interactive model of Mars was very impressive. You are a shining light in 5C’s solar system.</td>
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<td>Your absolutely unbelievable Neptune presentation. Your model was stunning and you showed a huge amount of confidence. Go Erin!</td>
<td>An amazing project presentation that was extremely well researched, engaging and presented confidently. Fantastic effort Cassie.</td>
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<th>BENNETT 4B</th>
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<td>Your amazing attitude and consistent hard work. Keep up the awesome effort.</td>
<td>Your enthusiasm during our Maths tasks. Keep up the great work!</td>
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**Konnichi wa こんにちは**

The 16th Japan Festival is coming up on May 17th.

An interesting Sunday with plenty of things to see and do. ☺️

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**HEPS JAPANESE BLOG**

We have an interesting Blog for Japanese on the Heathmont East Primary School website now.
You are invited!

What: HEPS Book Fair
When: Thursday 21st May 2015
Where: The Library

Our Library will be hosting Book Fair during Open Night.

Bring along your family and friends and check out the amazing books that will be on sale. Books are current popular editions and are available at great prices. Every book you buy supports our school.

We will be having a special guest visiting us for Book Fair, so parents bring along your cameras as there will be an opportunity for your child to have their photo taken with him.

Books are available for purchase on the night and you can pay by cash, debit or credit cards.

Come along, grab some bargains, and support our school!
Special Literary Event
Thursday 28 May 2015

Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner

This year we are VERY lucky to have two very special visitors coming to HEPS. Celebrated children’s author, Ursula Dubosarsky, and children’s book illustrator Andrew Joyner, will be visiting us on Thursday the 28th of May. They will be talking to the whole school about their amazing children’s books, writing, illustrating and the collaborative process. This is an exciting event as the team are only visiting 10 schools during their tour of Victoria, and HEPS is one of the lucky ones. Your children will love participating in this entertaining and educational experience.

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 460,00 people across Australia, including here at HEPS.

The cost of the presentation is $5 per student. Please process permission and payment via Compass by Monday 25 May.

Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner’s visit to HEPS
I enclose $5.00 for my Child……………………………………………in grade……………………to participate in this special literary event on Thursday 28 May.

Name…………………………………………
Contact No………………………………..
Cross Country

We would like to extend a very BIG thank you to all the parent helpers and volunteers that assisted with our House Cross Country event, because of your help we are able to provide our students such excellent extracurricular activities The results were very close...

4th– Green 180
3rd– Yellow 181
2nd– Blue 200
1st– Red 206

Kate Ruck and Michael Hodgson
PE Teachers

To all the fabulous volunteers who help out the fundraising team....
Our Environment – Cool and wet!

A warm WELCOME to all of the new children and families joining us in OSHC! We have had a huge increase in our numbers this term and the children simply love having so many new school friends to play with. Please speak to us (or use the suggestion box) if you have any questions or comments about our program, as we look forward to incorporating the ideas from your family into our service.

Parents please remember to pack your child appropriate clothing for the weather (including jumpers/jackets/raincoats etc.) Fresh air and outside play is essential for children’s health and development and we do try to have some outside play available to the group in each of our afternoon sessions.

Some of Our Current Activities

1. We had a terrific time participating in our mother’s day craft activities last week, with children working hard over multiple sessions on their creations. So much love went into the final products and children were very proud of what they had produced. Please have a look at the mother’s day poster in our room which includes touching quotes from children about the things they love about their mothers.

2. We have enjoyed our various Autumn themed activities this term, with our spectacular Autumn tree displayed on our rear wall, Autumn threading and free paintings, Autumn poem writing and various other artwork. I loved hearing children’s various ideas about ‘why the leaves fall off the trees in Autumn’.

3. Children this week will participate in wax paper watercolour paintings. This involves the children following a multiple step process where they draw or trace a picture on wax paper over drawing paper, remove the wax paper and paint on the drawing paper to reveal their ‘hidden’ wax picture underneath.

A reminder that your child’s safety is our highest priority and each afternoon we need to ensure all children on our roll are signed in and accounted for. Parents are asked to ensure you contact Camp Australia or the HEPS OSHC mobile telephone (0452247733) should your child be absent from our service for any reason.

See you soon! From your OSHC team, Alka, Kym, Liya, Shannon and Jen

HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Clubs Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
Introducing
The 2015 HEPS Parents Association Committee

We are pleased to announce the new committee of the Heathmont East Primary School Parents Association was elected on Friday 24th April (pictured above).

Kieran has Jennifer in Grade 3 and Victoria in Grade 1, Saphron has Eloise in Grade 4 and Hunter in Grade 1, Pauline has Ameenah in Grade 5, Rukayah in Grade 1 and Mohammed at Heathmont East Preschool and Sue has Christopher in Grade 3 and Catherine who finished at HEPS last year and is now at Ringwood Secondary College.

Regularly at school for the drop off and collection of their children, members of The Parents Association Committee encourage you to stop and have chat if you see them, share your suggestions, provide feedback and ask any questions.

In addition, you are invited to become part of the HEP’s helpers – a team of parents who may not have time to be an active member of the PA Committee, but are able to assist from time to time with tasks such as sorting prizes for the annual Easter Egg raffle, selling gifts at the Mother’s Day stall, or contributing baked goods to the Tears and Champagne morning tea for Foundation Parents...

The role of the Parents Association is to foster a positive community spirit at HEPS through social and collaborative initiatives within the school which enhance a family’s experience at HEPS. The PA does not have a fundraising objective although nominal funds may be generated through activities such as the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stall, or End of Year disco.

The PA is currently finalising details to introduce a second hand school uniform service at HEPS with funds raised directed to supplying uniforms for school families in need. Stay tuned for further details about this great new initiative.

If you’d like to register to become a HEPS Helper, or have any questions, members of the HEPS PA can be contacted in person or via hepspa@yahoo.com.au
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)

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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.

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
### Canteen Roster

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Cathy Davidson |
| Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>  | HELP NEEDED                           |
| Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> | Rhonda Farquaharson                   |
| Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>   | Nicky Marran  
Stephen Pinchbeck                 |
| Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>  | Kerryn Hughes                          |
| Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> | HELP NEEDED                           |
| Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>   | Leanne Walker  
Melissa Salmon                     |
| Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>   | Andrea Smith                           |
| Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> | HELP NEEDED                           |
| Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>   | Nicole Dennis  
Kylie Sterritt                     |
| Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>   | QUEENS BIRTHDAY                       |
| Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> | Nicole Angus                           |
| Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>  | Merryn Brien  
Tracey Lawrence                    |
| Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>  | HELP NEEDED                           |
| Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> | HELP NEEDED                           |
| Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>  | Nicky Marran  
Gayle Daniltchenko                 |
| Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>  | Kerryn Hughes                          |
| Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> | HELP NEEDED                           |
| Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>  | Becky Hayes  
Bianca Donchi                      |

Canteen Manager Vicki Allan

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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.

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**NORWOOD PRE SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

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

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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  
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

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