**Heatherhill Highlights**

**HEATHERHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

**ANZAC Day Ceremony**

On Wednesday, the Senior School Councillors and School Captains accompanied by Mrs Welsh and me attended Legacy Melbourne’s 88th ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance. Our students presented a beautiful handmade wreath they had created.

The Governor of Victoria, Linda Dessau, stopped to comment on how lovely our school’s wreath was. She noticed it was handmade and was very impressed.

**At the Eternal Flame**

Once again, I was proud and impressed by the respectful way our students conducted themselves. We are very fortunate to work with such wonderful children.

**Literacy and Numeracy Tips for the Holidays**

During the holidays many children miss the organisation and structure of the routines of school. Some of them say that they are bored. There are many activities children can do at home without having to be on the computer, iPad, phones etc. They should be playing outside each day, getting fresh air and sunshine. We are very lucky in Springvale to have the Burden Park playground so close. Springvale Library has lots of holiday activities and older children can browse the books and magazines too.

It is very important that the children continue to read everyday, practise their Magic Words and continue to count and practise times tables. There are lots of things they can do at home to continue learning about reading, writing and maths.

Activities could include the following:

- It is important to show your child the value of reading for everyday purposes. Include your child when you read recipes, greeting cards, calendars, shopping lists, food labels, instructions, maps, newspapers, emails, signs, weather forecasts and websites.
• You could read a recipe together and follow the steps to make your child’s favourite meal.
• You could ask your child to read and tick off each grocery item on a shopping list as you buy or unpack them.
• Play a word hunt. Write random words on bits of paper and place them around a room. Say one of the words and ask your child to find the right word.
• Put post-it notes on objects around the house so your child can read and learn new words every day. You could do this in your home language as well as in English.
• Visit Springvale Library – there are unusually holiday activities there as well as books and magazines to borrow. Choose some books together.
• When you are at the market or shops, ask your child to measure and weigh the fruit and vegetables. Say to him/her, “Please pick out 1 kilogram of tomatoes.” Show him/her how to weigh them on the scales. Instead of being a nuisance in the shop, your child could be a big help, especially if they think they are being responsible and helpful.
• Write captions for photographs in your family photo album.
• Write labels for your child’s art works and creations.
• Make words using magnetic letters and stick them on the fridge.
• Make and write greeting cards, birthday cards, and thank you notes.
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Term 2

Term 2 commences on Wednesday 24th April.
Tuesday 23rd April is a Pupil Free Curriculum Day. School staff will be undertaking professional learning and development. Thursday 25th April is a public holiday for ANZAC Day. This will be a very disrupted week, because of the Easter and ANZAC Day public holidays. School Council agreed that it would be a convenient time for the Curriculum Day.

End of Term

School finishes on Friday 5th April at 2:30pm.

I wish all families a lovely holiday – I hope you are able to find the time to enjoy some family time, in the beautiful Melbourne Autumn weather. I look forward to seeing all the students again when school starts on Wednesday 24th April.

Best wishes,
Mary Verwey

From the Assistant Principal’s Desk

Harmony Day

Australia is a diverse and multicultural society – from the almost continuous cultures of our First Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and as such the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day in our library by reading stories that celebrate our different histories and the things that make us and our cultures special.

In our lessons we talked about how important cultural diversity is to Australia and why it is something to be celebrated. We had some time to reflect on those qualities that make us our families and cultures special and draw what this means to us.

Enter past this library this week and check out our Harmony Day display!

Gillian Harris

Libraries with Mrs. Porter

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Heathcote Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2019.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Reading Challenge

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SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

Today, all the Student Councillors, Vice House Captains and House Captains went to the Shrine of Remembrance.

At the Shrine of Remembrance, the first thing I saw was the soldiers. We all took our seats and we listened to all the people who made their speech and it was really good to listen to.

At the Museum we learnt all different kinds of things about the war. I learnt that Mrs Verwey’s dad had been in the war. At the end, we all saw the badges, it was really cool to look at! I felt impressed.

When we went back to school, everyone was absolutely tired, I had a really great time! I also hope we visit the Shrine of Remembrance and the Museum again.

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ANZAC DAY

We are selling ANZAC Badges at the Office for $1.00