From The Principal

We are well into the swing of things already with the first three weeks behind us. Our school continues to grow with 63 students commencing the year, an increase of 10% on last year, and a very healthy sign that our public profile is growing. We have attracted many new students from Year 3 upwards from throughout the hills and beyond coming from both public and private school settings. The feedback from our new families is overwhelmingly positive, and no doubt many of you have had a hand in that as you welcome our new parents and their children.

As mentioned in the last newsletter Iain, our groundsman, is unwell and so we have had to cover for him since Xmas. This has been made easier through the work of Jamie McIlwain who did a stellar job on the oval, thank you. Iain is due back at the end of February and one of his first tasks will be to develop a jobs list for a working bee so we can give the yard a spruce up that will get it back to a standard that Iain can maintain. So, to those of you who have offered your assistance, watch this space for the date and time of our first working bee of the year.

I would also like to acknowledge the parents and local community members that have committed to provide regular classroom support across the school this year as part of our Learning Assistance Program. These volunteers are playing a vital role in supporting the development of many learners for whom we have identified gaps in their understanding. As I mentioned last night at Acquaintance night, it takes a village to raise a child, and these parents epitomise this. They also reflect a long held belief of mine; that everybody that walks through our gates is an educator, be they students, staff, parents and family or local community members and that education goes beyond our own children, it is communal.

Acquaintance night was well attended Wednesday night, and given the change in learning spaces for many of our children, this is no surprise. If you were unable to make it please be sure to catch up with your child’s teacher to collect any handouts that were distributed. As I walked around the school during the evening there was a real feel of partnership between home and the class which is vital if our children are to maximise their development in preparation for the future.

Finally I want to alert you all to the amazing jams and relish that have been made by Naomi Wright which are for sale in the front office. The money goes to our chickens and vegie garden. Be quick though, they are running out the door, I know I have enough jam and relish for the next few months!

Regards, Travis
There’s lots to do in the R/1/2 Class

Fitness helps our brains to work well.

Jolly Phonics helps us to learn our letter sounds

We love to be creative and to also try our best at spelling and maths

Five Happy Fish
5 happy fish swimming in a pool.
The 1st one said, “The water is cool!”
The 2nd one said, “The water is deep.”
The 3rd one said, “I want to sleep!”
The 4th one said, “Let’s dive and dip.”
The 5th one said, “I see a ship.”
Then along came a boat and a line went kersplash and away swam the 5 happy fish in a flash!
Hello there.
Now that we are a few weeks into the term (how did that happen!!) I thought I would give you an update on my position.

For those families new to the school, I am the Pastoral Care Worker at Heathfield Primary School and am here to provide pastoral support to students, teachers and families. That support can take many forms. I try to be in the yard when I can to catch up with students and sometimes teachers will ask me to help support students in class. The school garden is one of my responsibilities and students are always welcome to help out in the garden.

For families needing some extra support, I have a number of resources relating to parenting and other issues and also am able to help refer families on to other support agencies.

If you have any questions about my role, or would just like to chat then just catch me in the yard or leave a message at the front office.

For those families that were with us last year, I want to say a HUGE thank you for your support particularly at the end of last year when we were fundraising to help keep my position here. At the moment I am working 5 hours per week and am being entirely funded by community and school donations.

The Federal funding for my position should become available in about week 6 of this term. At that time, my time will increase to 9 hours per week. Unfortunately that is considerably less than last year so I will have to be much more efficient with my time!

I also have some additional hours working in the front office and also doing some maths support with students via the Quicksmart program. If that all sounds as clear as mud, I’m more than happy to try and clarify.

Thank you once again for your wonderful support and have a safe and cool weekend,

Cathy

We Need You!! to ‘govern’ our school.

We can’t do it without you.

Join our Governing Council

AGM Monday March 3rd
Drinks, Pizza & Nibbles from 6.45pm, Meeting at 7.15pm
in the library

**DIARY DATES**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**H E A T H F I E L D P R I M A R Y S C H O O L**

**Bring a gold coin donation on Tuesday morning to enjoy a scrumptious pancake.**

*Serving from 8.20am under the Warrendi verandah.*

*All proceeds to Uniting Care.*

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**Adelaide Hills Hockey Club**

**Hockey Players wanted – all ages**

Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 14s,
Under 18s
Boys and Girls
( adults welcome too )

**Come 'n Try and Registration day**
Sunday Feb 22, 4-5pm

**Juniors training starting in March**

At Cornerstone College (synthetic tennis/hockey surface) Mt Barker.

Enter via bottom gates.

Hockey sticks will be available to loan on the day.

For more information ring:
Sally: 0428 849 753

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**URAIDLA SHOW**

You are invited to attend the **URAIDLA SHOW** which will be held on Saturday 21st Feb at the **Uraidla Oval**.

Gates open at 8.30 am so come along for a great family day out. **$8 for adult and $2 for children aged 5-15 years**

There will be a wide range of sections including cookery, homecrafts, floral art, jams and jellies, cut flowers, art, children's pets and many more. Check out the show book and find entry forms at [www.uraidlashow.com](http://www.uraidlashow.com)

On the day you will see Peppa Pig, Circus Elements and be able to take part in a 1 hour circus workshop. There will be bands, dancers and rides. Yard dogs will return this year and so will the wide range of trade and general interest sites. The Uraidla Sustainability Fair will also run with over 30 stalls.

**Come along for a great day out!**