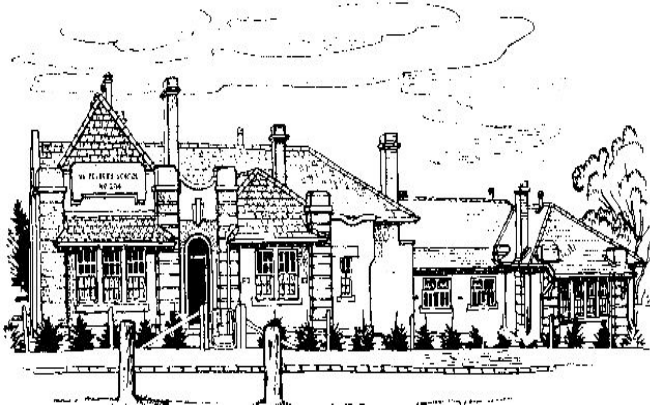


Heidelberg Primary School No 294

A History of Excellence Since 1854

A snapshot of Heidelberg Primary School for parents of prospective Preps in 2010



Note: School tours will be offered on Saturday 16th May 10:00am -11:00am. The school will be open to visitors on Wednesday May 20 from 9.00 - 11:00 as part of Education Week

ENROLMENT, CLASS STRUCTURE AND CLASS SIZES

- The 2009 enrolment is 315 students. This reflects our upward trend of the last 7 years. The school's student enrolment ensures a strong community spirit at the school. Students know each other well and feel comfortable playing with others from various year levels across the school.
- In 2009, there are 13 classes: 3 x Prep, 4 x Grade 1 / 2, 4 x Grade 3 / 4, and 3 x Grade 5 / 6. In 2010 we are working towards having three prep grades as a result of our building project.
- In 2009, an Early Years Literacy coordinator, 2 x integration aides, a Reading Recovery teacher and intervention teaching (focusing on our English as a second language learners) support our junior classes.
- Prep students have 'buddies' of senior students assigned to them from the beginning of the year to help the younger children settle in and to give them an older friend in the playground.
- All Prep students meet individually with their class teacher who evaluates their current understandings in Literacy and Numeracy soon after they begin school. This allows us the opportunity to best meet each child's individual's needs. There is no need to prepare your child for this as we have no fixed expectations of the students. These meetings occur on a Wednesday in February
- Teachers of the Prep students are experienced and keen to teach in this area of the school. They plan together to make sure that all students experience the best possible curriculum. Every effort is made to ensure that our youngest students have an enjoyable and positive entry to school.

CURRICULUM

- All students at HPS take part in a Start Up Learning Program (SULP) at the beginning of each term. The purpose of this special program is *"to provide students with life skills that enable them to be self motivated, goal oriented and positive, risk taking learners to achieve ongoing success"*. The SULP supports the understanding of our school values of Integrity, Cooperation, Care and Respect and the core teachings of the "You Can DO IT" program that operates through out the school - Confidence, Persistence, Getting along, Organisation and Emotional Resilience. In 2009 all classes have begun to incorporate the Habits of the Mind into their classroom program. The sixteen Habits of Mind provide children with a set of skills to enhance the individual learning process.
- The junior classes undertake a 2 hour Literacy block each day devoted to Reading and Writing and Speaking and Listening. Children are grouped according to their skill development and in Reading each student is matched to a text that provides the right balance of challenge and success to ensure continuous improvement and sustained confidence.
- An Early Years of Literacy Coordinator supports this Literacy block. Parents who have been trained as Parent Helpers in Literacy work in the classrooms alongside the classroom teacher. This training is offered each year so you will have the opportunity to join this program.
- Students who do not achieve the expected target in Reading during their first year at school may be eligible for Reading Recovery lessons during Grade 1. The Reading Recovery teacher runs her sessions in the cottage.
- The balance of the school day covers Mathematics (supported by an Early Years Numeracy Coordinator) and Integrated Studies which includes the areas outlined in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) that is implemented in all schools in Victoria;
 - Physical, Personal and Social learning including; Health and Physical Education, Interpersonal development, Personal learning and Civics and citizenship
 - Science
 - Interdisciplinary learning including; Communication, Design, Creativity and Technology, Information and communications technology, thinking processes.
- Incursions and Excursions are offered to children throughout the year. These events are designed to support the classroom program. It is expected that all students attend.
- In 2009 we installed Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms and provided extensive professional development. The children at HPS are excited by the innovative curriculum delivery that has been afforded by the interactive whiteboards and the new iMAC's.
- HPS has a graduated camp program involving all students from Prep-6. In the prep year children attend the Prep Breakfast.
- Currently, students from Prep to Grade 6 at Heidelberg Primary School attend the following specialist classes each week:

VISUAL ARTS	An hour of art and/or craft activities
SCIENCE	An hour lesson in a specially dedicated Science room
INFORMATION	An hour session with the classroom teacher and the ICT

TECHNOLOGY (Computer)	Coordinator in the Computer Centre. This is supported by ICT in the classroom.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	An hour lesson with the classroom teachers assisted by a specialist PE teacher. Prep students have weekly Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) sessions in Terms 2 and 3 with their class teacher
JAPANESE	A one hour session focusing on the teaching of the Japanese Language and culture. This occurs throughout the 7 primary years of learning
LIBRARY	Weekly book borrowing sessions are taken in the library by the classroom teacher

- The Primary Music Institute offers keyboard lessons and a recorder instrumental music teacher offers lessons at school each Wednesday. Parents pay for these lessons.

TRANSITION

Heidelberg Primary School offers a comprehensive transition experience for both the enrolled pre-school children and their parents. In Term 4, 2008, the children are invited to school for several classroom experiences of specialist programs (art, computer, and physical activities), morning tea/picnic and a final morning session in the classrooms with their 2009 teacher. **Parents and pre-school children can visit the school on Open Day (during Education Week on Wednesday May 21 from 9.00 - 11.00 in the day and from 7.30 - 8.30 in the evening).**

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Council requires students to wear school uniform. This can be purchased from Stewarts of Ivanhoe. The shops new address as of March 2009 is 283 Lower Heidelberg Road, East Ivanhoe. The same coloured items can also be found at K-mart and Target stores. School broad-brimmed hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. We also operate a pre-loved uniform sale several times a term.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

The HPS Out of School Hours Care program is fully accredited by the National Child Care Accreditation Council. Children can be cared for before school from 7.15 a.m. Breakfast is provided prior to 8.00 a.m. After school care is available from 3.30 until 6.00 p.m. A snack is provided after school. Children are involved in a variety of worthwhile activities under careful supervision. Very young children, e.g. new preps, are able to rest/sleep after school on stretcher beds.

BOOK CONTRIBUTION AND OTHER COSTS

- In 2009 the School Council asked parents to contribute \$210 for the year to help pay for the pens, textas, paper, exercise books, photocopying and other supplies associated with the daily program. There is no book list. School Council has yet to set the amount for 2010; however, no significant increase is expected.
- We ask that all Prep students purchase a HPS "take home" bag. This is available from Stewarts of Ivanhoe also.
- Parents of Prep students are asked to supply an art smock and a box of tissues (A library bag will be supplied). Parents are asked to pay for excursions, visiting shows, Prep breakfast and other special events as they occur throughout the year.

SWIMMING POOL

HPS is fortunate to have a heated indoor swimming facility on site. Students of Heidelberg Primary School have regular access to the pool and weekly swimming lessons for the junior students with trained instructors are offered at a very low cost. This year our preps are taking part in a swimming program in Term 4.

CANTEEN

The canteen adjoining the new multi-purpose facility offers lunch orders and snacks daily. There is a focus on both healthy food and the occasional treats!

ENROLMENT

We are unable to tell you the precise structure of grades at this time because so much depends on our actual enrolment numbers.

- Enrolments for 2010 are accepted at any time and preferably before September 1, 2009. In fact the earlier the better! A waiting list will be commenced should enrolments exceed the ceiling set by School Council.
- The current situation at HPS is that there is an enrolment ceiling for the school. This has implications for prep enrolments.
- Enrolment forms are available from the office.
- Parents are requested to enrol AT ONE SCHOOL ONLY so that each primary school can plan its classes for 2010 as accurately as possible.
- Please contact the school office (9457 2259 or 9458 2218) to arrange a tour or to chat with the Principal (Janet Ringrose) or the Assistant Principal (Graham Jackson) if you would like to know more about Heidelberg Primary School.
- Completed enrolment forms should be returned to school. Please bring the following with you. Copies will be made and originals returned to you.
 - Proof of birth - e.g. birth certificate, extract, Health Centre card, passport
 - Your child's immunisation certificate. One can be obtained from Banyule Offices at Turnham Avenue Rosanna if you take along all your records.
 - Visa information (if applicable).

BUILDING PROJECTS

During 2009 extensive building works will be conducted. We are to have one new classroom constructed and the refurbishment of two other rooms in the main building. In addition extensive maintenance and upgrading work will be carried out throughout the school as a result of the National Pride federal grant. We also anticipate being successful in obtaining a new classroom block with six new classrooms and withdrawal rooms to replace the existing buildings in the lower playground.

Thank you for your interest in our school. We look forward to working with you in partnership to offer your child/children an exciting and rewarding primary school education at Heidelberg PS. Comprehensive information can be obtained from our Information Manual for 2009 or you may like to visit our school website: www.heidelbergps.vic.edu.au.

Janet Ringrose