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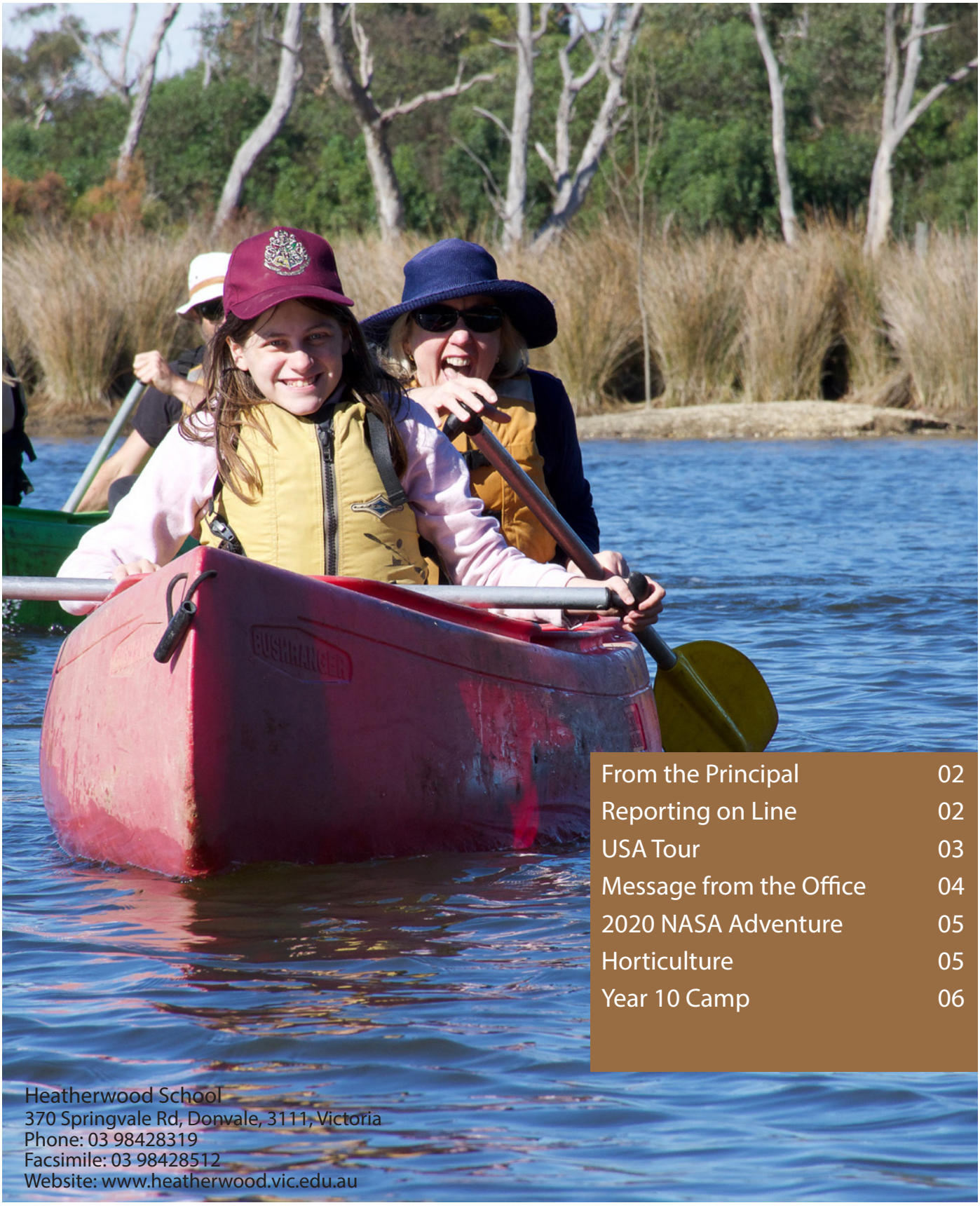

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

12/6 14/6	Wed Fri	Year 7 Phillip Island Camp
20/6	Wed	Debutante Ball
28/6	Fri	Last day of Term 2 Finish at 1:50pm

On Line Reports Semester 1

The feedback we have received from families on accessing online reports this semester has been positive and the School Council has supported this method of providing reports to parents. All parents have been contacted by classroom, specialist and principal class staff so that any questions or discussion can take place. Parents can now save all children's reports on any device for current and future use.

I will be assisting any parents who may need some help and if necessary, demonstrating the process on a computer here at school.

Within the next three weeks, a letter will be generated and sent to your address.

It will contain: web address, username, password

which you will use to access your child's report. For families with more than one child at the school, one login will suffice. We use this same process for Mathletics, so the process is familiar to students and many parents. At this stage the school is intending to open Reports for reading on Wednesday the 19 June. Before this, families will be receiving a letter describing in detail, exactly what to do to access reports.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping the school become more sustainable in our contribution to society.

Lesley Foster – Assistant Principal

From the Principal

Excitement is building as our Debutante Ball draws closer. While the students are practising in a relatively limited space they are working hard to achieve a great evening. Don't miss out so order your tickets for an event which you won't forget.

Heatherwood greatly values input from not only it's present community but from members who have left in previous years. This feedback is then used to improve outcomes for our current students and families. We are currently surveying students who have left in the last two years to gain an understanding of any challenges they encountered transitioning from school to their post school option. Their feedback may result in changing or strengthening our transition programs and practises. If you would like to contribute with your ideas please contact me.

Just a reminder that parents, carers and other visitors to the school DO NOT go directly into the school without going to the office. This is to ensure the wellbeing of our students and all members of the community. I would greatly appreciate the communities support and co-operation with this matter.

As a school we are currently reviewing the way we provide and receive feedback to each other as a staff and to our students, families and the general community. You may be asked to participate in a survey which again will provide a greater insight into not only our current practises but also areas or strategies that can be improved.

Thank you for your involvement and interest in the school and your child's education.

Paul Hills - Principal

2019 USA CAMP

is just over 80 days away!

17 students and 5 staff are getting very excited for the time of their lives going on a 24 days camp to the USA & Canada.

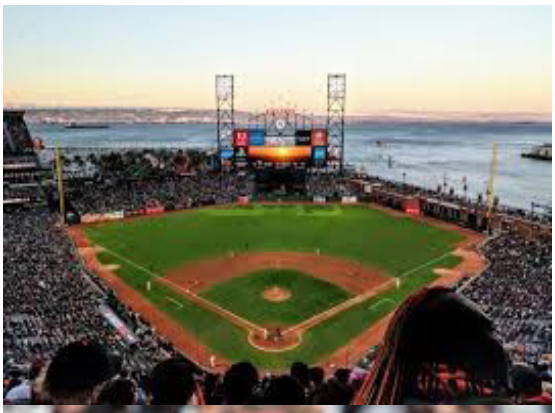
The students have paid off the cost of the camp ($6750) over the past 18 months by learning how to budget using their personal Disability Support Pensions.

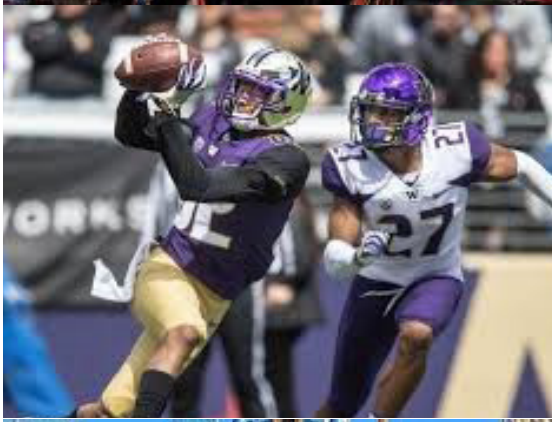
The tour will include such exciting opportunities as exploring

- San Francisco for 4 days – Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, cable car ride, a San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball Game
- Seattle for 3 days – Space Needle, Nike Town, Pike's Market, University of Washington Football match
- Alaska Cruise – 1 week cruise on the Norwegian Bliss. We visit Glacier Bay, Skagway, Ketchikan, Victoria and Juneau & use the ship's awesome activities - water slides, go car track, laser tag, shows & so much more!
- Vancouver for 4 days – Grouse Mountain, Gas Town, Stanley Park, Metro town – largest mall in British Columbia,
- Los Angles for 4 days – 2 days at Disneyland, tour of LA including Hollywood, Hollywood Boulevard & Santa Monica Pier.

This is the 6th USA/Canada tour that has been offered at Heatherwood School with tours being offered every 2nd year. All previous Heatherwood tours have been a great success with stories & adventures to cherish forever. We are highly confident that the 2019 tour will be awesome as well!

Jo Larkin - Sport and Rec Teacher





Message from the Office

Congratulations!

The 2019 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards were held on Wednesday 22nd May, at PWC Southbank, which recognise the achievements of people with disability.

Emily Shiell was a finalist for the 2019 Marg Angel Junior Sportsperson of the Year.
Emily was in the Top 3 of Victoria for this Award

Well Done, Emily Shiell!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

WINTER IS AROUND THE CORNER

HOODIES ARE NOT PART OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

NAVY/ BOTTLE GREEN POLAR FLEECE TOPS ARE ACCEPTABLE

2020 NASA Adventure

Thank you to Year 9 and 10 families who have returned their expression of interest regarding 2020 NASA Adventure. This term we will be sending a letter home confirming we have received your expression of interest and details of an information evening to be held in Term 3. If your child is in Year 9 or 10 and has not received an expression of interest letter or confirmation of interest, please send a note to school so that we can pass on this information.

Patrizia Sendeckyj - Science/STEAM coordinator

Horticulture

Junior classes have been propagating plants from cuttings.

Max Moyle - Horticulture Teacher

Year10 Anglesea Camp

I like using the industrial dishwasher on camp. I was in the first group to do the dishes.

We did many activities, bike riding, archery, canoing, bush walking [night walk], and surfing. My favourite was washing dishes.

We had great food, it was yummy and some chilli in the butter chicken.

We had a camp fire each night, I helped collect fire wood and listen to music, I enjoyed this camp.

We had lots of fun at the camp!

Ethan lim - M4