



# Heatherwood News

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San Francisco Giants, Major League Baseball

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## Important Dates

### November

01/11	FRI	Curriculum Day Students do not attend school
05/11	TUE	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday Students do not attend school

### December

09/12	MON	Graduation Lunch
09/12	MON	Last day for Year 12's
10/12	TUE	Graduation Evening
10/12	TUE	Statewide Orientation morning 9:15AM – 12:30PM
20/12	FRI	Last day of Term 4 Students dismissed at 1:50pm *

\*Students can therefore be expected home 1 hour earlier

## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Welcome to term 4. This term brings to many students and families a sense of change. For some it will generate a sense of anticipation and excitement for others a sense of uncertainty and anxiousness. There are the thoughts such as “What is going to happen next year?” “Whose class will I be in?” For others, who are leaving, “What will it be like not being at school?.” Some students will need encouragement, reassurance and some ongoing support. If you have any concerns about your young adult please contact the school. These are very important times for everyone and we need to work together to ensure everyone feels safe and has a positive and confident attitude to the future.

At the last school council meeting there were discussions around ensuring that the Heatherwood School community maximised the opportunity to have a voice through the council. If anyone has any ideas on how the council could become more engaged with the school community please contact me. Ideas will be presented at the next meeting. Heatherwood wants to continually improve and one way is to have a supportive and active council.

Students are now able to access the new gymnasium, science room and the ICT room which is terrific. It has been a long wait but the facilities now offer great opportunities for our students, who are very excited (and so are the staff).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Paul Hills - Principal*



## ONLINE REPORTS

In Semester 1 this year, all reports were accessed by parents online. The same processes will occur this term when reports are open for parents to read. The web address is <https://heatherwoodstar.abisystems.com.au/> and parents have their own individual Username and Login. Please contact me by email to the school address or phone if you have any questions. We will let all parents know the date when reports will be open for parents later in the term. Thankyou for working with a new system and helping us all to save the trees and environment.

Every Friday, each department runs assemblies. This year the Senior students are take the microphone and run the complete meeting. We have acknowledgment to country, the Australian National Anthem, many certificates for achievements, Student of the Week, Athletics and prizes for students gaining recognition for the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program. I congratulate all students, particularly the Senior students who are delivering the assemblies, for their public speaking and the way they present themselves to our younger students. They are leadership models, acquiring skills each year, showing us that by Year 12, students can gain the confidence and speaking skills to willingly address a large group of students. The picture shows Renee Anger doing a terrific job, announcing the students of the week. Well done.



**Public speaking by  
Renee Anger**

*Lesley Foster - Assistant Principal*



# SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

from 16 October 2019

- The Heatherwood School Council comprises of parent/carer and teacher representatives and oversees the running of your school, meeting 8 times each year.
- We are a representative body and as such expect to meet the needs of our student body as well as the broader Heatherwood community.
- One way of achieving this will be to share with you notes from our meetings with this message being the first.

## Excerpts from School Council Meeting 16 October 2019

- Council reviewed the ICT budget for this financial year. Work will continue to create a long-term strategy to ensure students' technology needs are being met now and into the future.
- In addition to the Finance Committee, Council discussed the need to establish several additional committees to assist parent/carers in navigating their student's progress through school and post school.
- The school has taken occupancy of the new building although the administrative area still has faults that need to be addressed before it can be occupied.
- The school has put together the 2019 - 2022 strategic plan that will guide the school over the next four years. The plan will be available to view from late October.
- Council was presented with some student work that involved learning about symmetry. It was great to see some of the hard work students have undertaken.
- The school is in the process of recruiting a social worker who will be a critical resource in assisting any student who may require additional support.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jack Falkingham competed at the Finals of the BMX Victorian 2019 School Championships on 19th Oct in Bendigo representing Heatherwood in the 14/15 years old Age Category.

Amazing results coming in 2nd Place over the two events. Podium finish.

Such a great day, Well done Jack. Smiling face in photo says it all.



# GLOBAL GAMES BRISBANE 2019

The 5th Global Games were held in Brisbane last week with Heatherwood School past and present students and staff being selected to represent Australia.

Global Games are similar to Olympics where elite athletes with an intellectual impairment from around the world compete in 10 different sports. There were more than 50 countries participating and over 1000 competitors.

**Daniel Milone** - current Heatherwood School Captain - Australian Athletics Team.

Dan competed in the 1500m and 5000m races coming 19th in both events against much bigger, older and more experienced athletes. Dan gave his all and thoroughly enjoyed representing our country and looking forward to representing Australia again.

**Lachlan MacRae & Jamie Phillips - (Graduates)** - Australian Cricket Team.

Jamie was selected as the opening batsmen for Australia where he lead by example making runs and supporting his team mates. Lachie is a medium to fast past bowler who attacked the English batsmen with power and speed. The Australian Cricket team won a silver medal vs England.

**Katie Papworth, Kate Leckenby (graduates), & Jo Larkin (coach)** - Australian Basketball Teams.

Australia entered two teams in the competition, Australia Gold and Australia Green. Katie and Kate were rewarded with the honor of being named Captains of each team. Australia Green won Bronze in a tough match vs France and Australia Gold won silver after losing by 1 point to Japan in a nail biter.

Jo was an Assitant Coach with the basketball teams and attended her 5th Global Games as an official.

**Rachael Potter** - current Heatherwood Vice Captain - Victorian Netball Team. (Demonstration Sport at the Global Games)

Rach was selected as emergency for the Australian Basketball Teams at the Global Games as well as the Victorian Captain at the Netball National Championships where she lead her team to a silver medal losing to South Australia in the grand final.

Heatherwood is extremely proud of our current students, staff and graduates in representing Australia!



Kate Leckenby



Daniel Milone



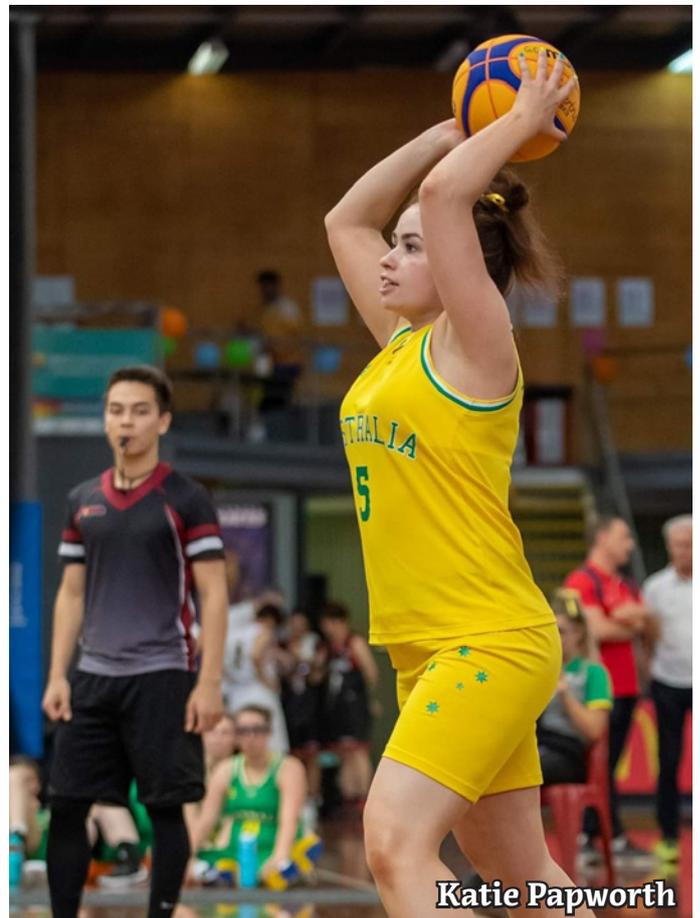
Jamie Philips



Jo Larkin



Rachael Potter



Katie Papworth

# WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Earlier this year, Heatherwood School participated in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program collecting stickers to redeem for school resources. We collected over 12,000 stickers and were able to redeem them for some resources for the students to use during Friday afternoon's recreation program. We have attached some photos.

Thank you once again to the School community for shopping at Woolworths and sending in stickers for us to gain these resources for the school.



## SCIENCE-STEAM

This term we have officially moved into our new Science Laboratory, Yay! We began with a very important orientation lesson about safety in the science lab. Students were shown how to take care of themselves and their equipment. At the commencement of each lesson every student puts on a lab coat and organises their practicum benches.

**This term Year 7 are studying Earth and the Solar System**

Q: What did the Earth say to the other planets?

A: You have no life!

**Year 8 are studying the Rock Cycle**

Watson: Sherlock, what type of rock is this amazing specimen?

Holmes: It's sedimentary, my dear Watson

**Year 9 are studying Essential Energy**

Q. How did Benjamin Franklin feel after discovering electricity?

A: Shocked

**Year 10 are studying the Earth's Four Spheres**

Q: Have you heard about the new restaurant on the moon?

A: Food is good but it has no atmosphere!

*Patrizia Sendeckyj & Suzie King - Science*



**Michael Kirby  
Science Student of the Month**

# BOOK WEEK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

Heatherwood School is celebrating Book Week with a variety of events including a book character dress up day on Friday November 8th. Pick your favourite character from any book and join in the fun. Prizes will be awarded at Section assemblies.

*Bernadette Mccaffrey - Library*



## BOOK DRIVE

A big thank you goes out to Sebastian Charlton who is a Year 12 student and also a SRC representative. Sebastian designed the wonderful "Book Drive" poster which was promoted across the school and also sent out both as a flyer and electronically to the Heatherwood community.

The SRC had a great response to the "Book Drive" and would like to thank everyone that donated some wonderful books. Bernadette has selected some great books for the reopened library.

*David Gall, Lydna Den Elzen*  
SRC



**Sebastian Charlton with  
Library teacher Bernadette Mccaffrey**

# PHYS ED & SPORTS NEWS

## House Team Sports Day (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Heatherwood School)

Students got to enjoy the good weather on the last day of term 3 to participate in a House Team Sports Day whereby all students were involved in one of the following sports for the day. Basketball, Football, Soccer or Bocce. Students displayed great teamwork and skill throughout the house vs house round robin matches, we even saw the competitive nature come out of some students to earn the winning points. Well done to all students who participated. Thanks to all staff for assisting especially our referees/umpires of the games.

### Results

Term 3 House Achievement Trophy Winners: Stosur (Green House)

Term 3 House Team Sports Day Trophy Winners: Pearson (Red House)



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Pearson (Red House)**

It is officially open for sport! We have been thrilled and excited with the new Super Stadium at Heatherwood School. All PE classes are well underway in the new stadium for this term. We have been grateful to secure a Volleyball Clinic on behalf of Volleyball Victoria and run by Maroondah Volleyball Club to kick start our indoor sports. This is such space for our students to strive and excel through sport and the world of health and fitness.

### Warmer Weather Reminder

As the weather is getting hotter during term 4, please remember to bring **hats** and **water bottles** to school every day and especially to active subject like Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Interschool Sport. Please apply **sunscreen** each morning and bring a small roll on sunscreen to school to reapply during the day.

**Stay cool, rehydrate your body and protect your skin- Hats, Water bottles & Sunscreen!**

*Sam Ditty - PE*

## State Tennis Vic Special Schools Cup

(Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, Melbourne Park Tennis Courts, Richmond)

Tennis Victoria conducted a great schools cup event for many Special schools across Melbourne at the amazing Melbourne Park Tennis Centre. The beautiful weather showed off the outside tennis courts and allowed the group of Heatherwood students to perform some of the best hot shot tennis skills and game play in a competition format round robin against many other students from across Melbourne.

The day was supported by the involvement of many Tennis Vic coaches and a large group of Victoria Police officers volunteering their time to assist with game play and umpiring the tennis matches. Heatherwood students were lucky enough to have the famous past Australian Tennis player Todd Woodbridge play along size of students and even team up and play some doubles tennis with them too. Many thanks to Tennis Victoria for a great day of sport!





Stanley Park, Vancouver



Disneyland



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco



Alaska



Dog sled ride, Alaska



Cruise



Cable Car, San Francisco



Alcatraz

## USA TOUR 2019

I enjoyed seeing the bears in Vancouver. They were big and cute.

*Breeanna McCabe*

I loved Disneyland and the scary rollercoasters.

*Ethan Quirk*

I liked relaxing on the cruise and seeing the huskies in Alaska.

*Rhys Bailey*

My favourite part about America was shoe shopping.

*Dean Mitchell*

Disneyland was crazy fun with great weather. It is a big theme park, which has 2 sides with rollercoasters.

*Dale Atkinson*

I liked the Norwegian Cruise Ship on the USA camp because a lot of the food was free. It was fun giving free muffins to Liza.

*Kevin Trinh*

On USA camp I liked the Cruise because we saw Alaska and the ship had a race track.

*Robert Weller*

On the USA trip I liked the cruise going to Alaska to see the glaciers, it was cold. We had to wear warm clothes.

*Shant Gedik*

I liked seeing the Golden Gate Bridge, it was fascinating. I liked the silent disco on the ship and seeing the Hollywood sign was a dream come true.

*Amy Biddle*

I liked Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge.

*Ben Chamberlin*

I liked Alcatraz because it was an abandoned place and the big cruise ship.

*Matt Sobierajski*

The thing I enjoyed in America was being on the cruise in Alaska because I got to go to shows, restaurants and relax in the sun while reading my book. The other thing I liked about the cruise was stopping at local towns. My favourite stop was the train line.

*Mathias Wright*

Disneyland was my favourite place because I got to get photos with the characters and go on the rides.

*Daniel Milone*

I like the cruise the best because the food was so good.

*Zac Clayton Macko*



Fisherman's Wharf

Lumberjack Show,  
Vancouver

# HORTICULTURE

Students are constructing garden beds  
*Max Moyle - Horticulture*

