



Heatherwood News

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Samuel Johnson Heatherwood School Visit

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I would like to thank all members of the community for their support during these interesting times, but I believe if we continue to work together we can find some new and creative ways of meeting some of the current challenges.

Heatherwood is working with a strong positive belief that through new and innovative ways we can ensure that our students education will not be lost. We are investigating all the possibilities that can be explored using remote education strategies.

Thank you to the members of the school community who took part in the School Council elections. I appreciated that we had a number of parents who were willing to nominate for the council. The newly elected members of the council are Stuart Broadley, Michelle Payne and Rosanna Pingitore. I look forward to working again with an active enthusiastic council which represents the whole community and offers ongoing support for the school.

We have two new staff starting at the beginning of second term. Chris Murphy is our new woodwork teacher and Bronwyn Sherar is our new social worker.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and secure holidays and be assured that the school will continue to support the education and wellbeing of its students.

Paul Hills - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

April

14/04 TUE STUDENT FREE DAY - Students do not attend school

15/04 WED First Day for Term 2 *AT THIS STAGE

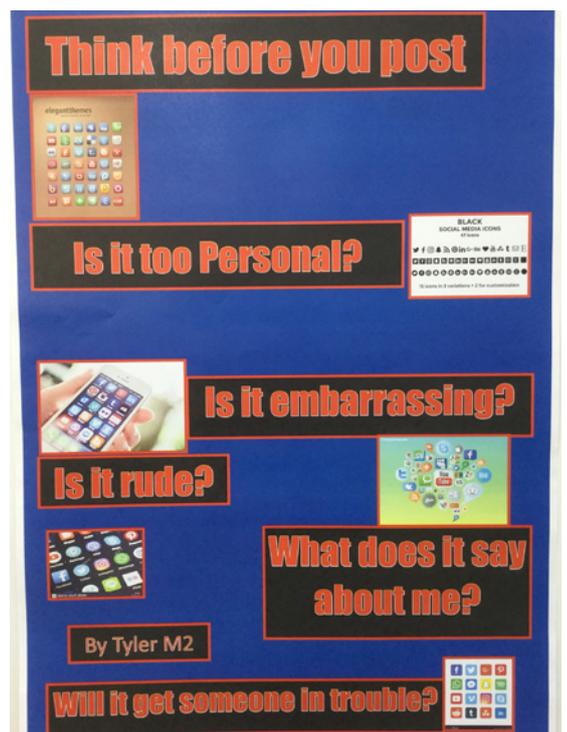
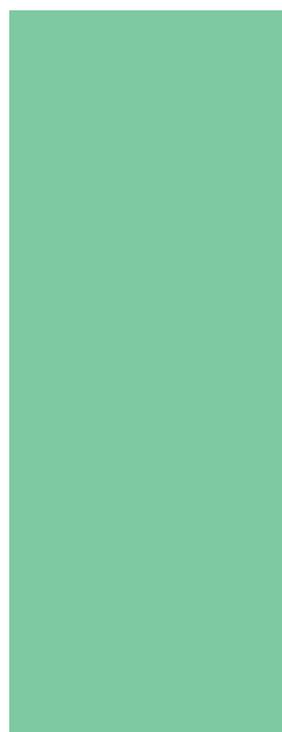
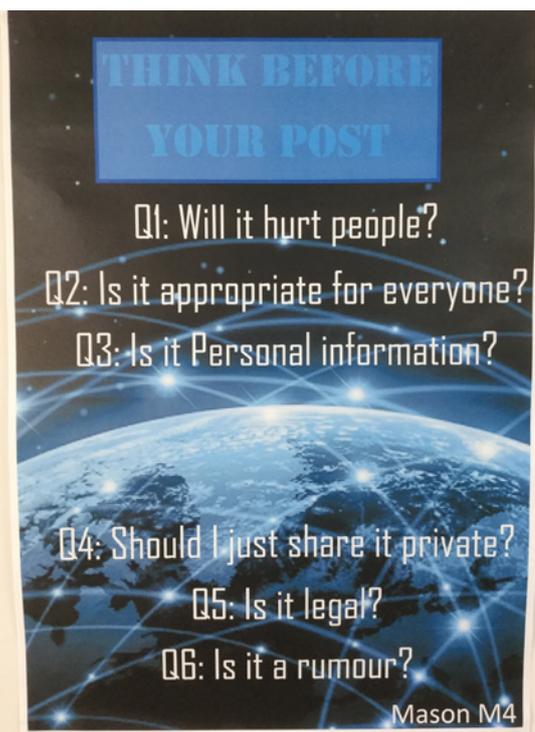
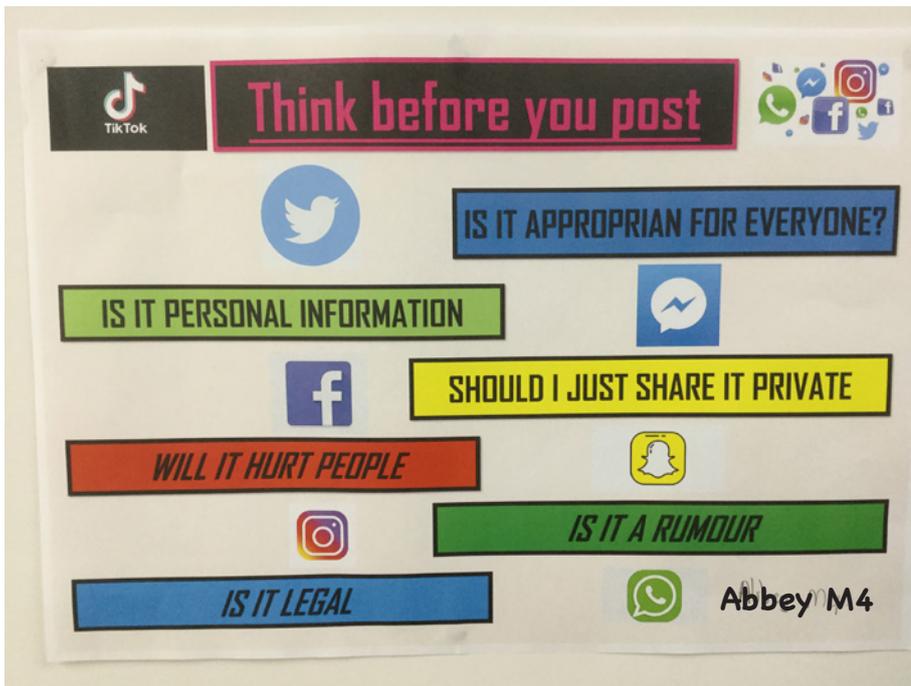
ICT

Year 9 students have been working on their visual communication and design skills to create posters that clearly communicate a message to their audience. The focus was on making decisions around appropriate font styles, text size, colours, images and spacing on the page. This message is designed to get students to 'Think Before You Post' online. Key questions include:

- Is it hurtful?
- Is it too personal?
- Is it embarrassing?
- Would I want my nanna to see it? (Is it okay for anyone to see?)

There were some brilliant, clear and very striking poster created. Well done Year 9s!

Michael Benne - ICT



PE NEWS

Interschool Basketball & Beach Volleyball Carnival Day (Friday 13th March at Dandenong Stadium)

Heatherwood School entered four Basketball teams across the grades of A grade, B grade, C grade & Girls grade and one team in the Beach Volleyball competition throughout Term 1 Interschool Sport. Well done to all students that represented Heatherwood in Interschool for Term 1.



Heatherwood School Carnival Day results:

- Basketball A Grade- Made it to the semi-finals
- Basketball B Grade- **1st Place Premiers** in a Grand Final against Emerson School
- Basketball C Grade- Made it to the semi-finals
- Basketball Girls Grade- **1st Place Premiers** in a Grand Final against Rossbourne School
- Beach Volleyball- 3rd in Pool A

School Sport Victoria (SSV) Eastern Whitehorse Secondary Division Swimming Finals (Thursday 5th March 2020)

Three students from Heatherwood School took up the opportunity to compete in the recent SSV Whitehorse Eastern Metropolitan Secondary Division Swimming Finals. Emily Shiell (J5), James Shiell (M3) and Robin Gaber (S1) represented Heatherwood School in some 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke Multiclass events. Great experience for our students to compete in a 50m indoor swimming pool under race conditions. Well done to all students achievement first place in their events!



Tennis Australian Open (January 2020)

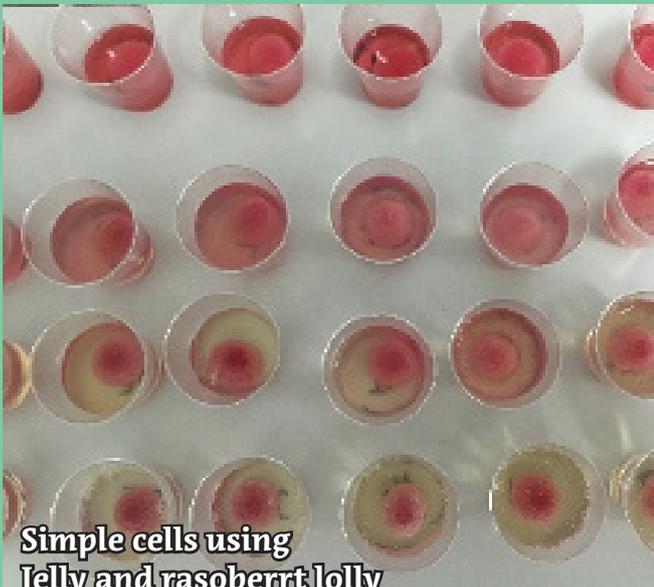
Great news to hear that Tyler McPherson (S6) and Nathan Guegan-Hill (2019 Graduate) teamed up in the Tennis Australian Open-People with an Intellectual Impairment event. In the doubles, they played in a group of 4 doubles teams, winning 3 out of 4 matches. They also competed in singles matches, Tyler was seeded 6 at the beginning of the competition, and both Tyler and Nathan were in the same pool and achieved a great standard of tennis. Tyler went through his pool undefeated and then played in the quarter finals. Fantastic to hear about students achievements in major sporting events.

Sam Ditty - PE

STEAM

A great start to Science for the year. This term our Year 7s are exploring the *Diversity of Life*. They have classified and identified the characteristics of living and non-living things. They have also successfully made a simple cell model using gelatine and raspberry lollies. Our Year 8s are studying **Human Systems**. We have commenced the topic by creating a life size cut out of our body outline. We will add the organs of our human systems such as our circulatory system, respiratory system and digestive system. Our Year 9s are discovering the world of **Microorganisms**. We have started this topic by creating our own unique microbe using playdough. We will research both useful and harmful microbes, how infection spreads and the body's natural defences, which fight infection. A very timely activity considering current events in the world. We extended this topic throughout the year levels by discussing, demonstrating and practicing effective hand washing techniques to avoid the spread of infection. Year 10s are studying **Genetics**. We have commenced by looking at the breakdown of the human make up. That is that human cells have a nucleus, which contains a chromosome, which is formed by DNA. The students then created their own DNA model.

Patrizia Sendeckyj - STEAM



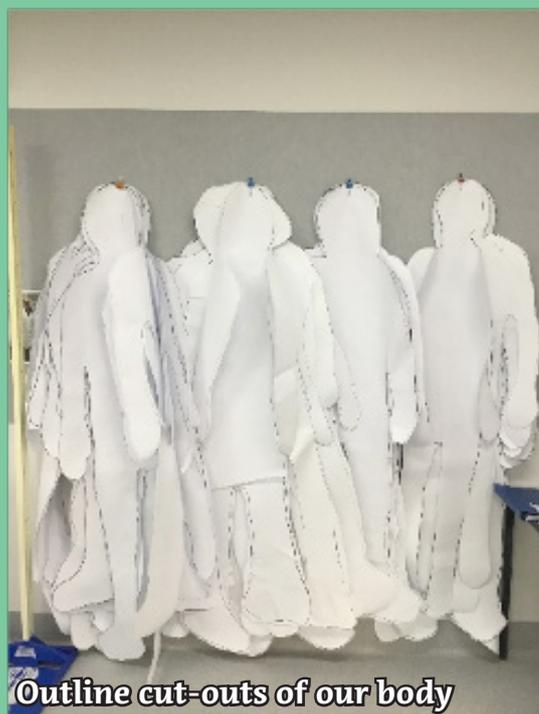
Simple cells using
Jelly and raspberry lolly



Our own microbe



DNA models



Outline cut-outs of our body

PROPOSED READING CLUB



We are currently seeking expressions of interest from parents and carers in relation to a “Before School Reading Club”.

The Reading Club would be coordinated by a group of Education Support Staff who would work individually with a student on a nominated day of the week.

The aim of the club is to enable students to practice reading , learn additional strategies and build confidence on an individual basis without the peer pressure of reading in a group which can sometimes inhibit students reading. This club would be available to students across all year levels and reading competencies .

Please be advised this program would take place outside of regular school hours between 8:30 - 9:00AM. Therefore, any students participating in this program would have to be delivered to school independently by a guardian on the day of the session. Any students taking part in the program who travel on public transport would be required to be at school by 8:30. Further details to follow in Term 2.

David Gall - Education Support

SRC NEWS

The annual Good Friday Fundraising Appeal for Monash Children’s Hospital and School which was due to take place on Friday March 20th has been postponed and will now take place later in the year.

The candidate list of Year 7’s requesting to be elected to SRC has been finalised with interviews taking place in the first week of school resuming after the holidays.

David Gall & Lynda Den Elzen - SRC



ART PAINTING WITH PLASTICINE

Students at Heatherwood have been working on advancing their skill set by exploring a different art technique each fortnight. The bellow artworks were created after a week of clay techniques.

Julie Burbidge - Art



Cat by Charli Luttgens, Year 8



Monster by Sat Khint Sat Khint, Year 7



Doughnut Man by Sukanda Burke Year 10



Mona Lisa by Mason Leggett, Year 9

LIBRARY

Welcome to the 2020 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. Now in its 16th year, the Challenge continues to encourage young Victorians to pick up a book and jump right in.

Since it began in 2005, the Challenge has inspired more than 3 million young Victorians to read more than 50 million books. Even more, it has helped these same young Victorians discover a lifelong love of reading. So, to everyone taking up the Challenge – good luck and have fun.

At this time, the Challenge can be particularly valuable as it can assist students who may be required to spend time learning from home if schools remain closed for any length of time.

Students can be provided with log in details and they will find a list of suggested books. To obtain your students log in details, please email me at mccaffrey.bernadette.m@edumail.vic.gov.au These books cater to a wide range of abilities and are suggestions only. However, **it is not necessary to log in to the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge to take part.** It would be helpful for our records if you keep a list of any books read to or read by students. Any book that a student chooses to read will be added to their list whether or not it appears on the official Challenge list.

Books or stories read to students count toward the Challenge. So far this year, all students in Junior and Middle schools have had at least six books read to them during library time.

The website <https://www.storylineonline.net/> has a huge selection of storybooks read by famous people and can be accessed by students.

At the completion of the challenge, all successful students will receive a certificate.

Please remember, this challenge can be both enjoyable and educational.

Good luck!

*Bernadette McCaffrey - Heatherwood Librarian
Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge Coordinator*



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

During Term 1 we have been very pleased to welcome Liz McLean to Heatherwood.

Classes have settled into developing good routines in hygiene and food safety in the kitchens.

Year 7's have enjoyed making lunches while learning some basic knife skills.

Year 8's have cooked a variety of egg dishes while learning about the importance of breakfast.

In learning to use staple foods, Year 9's cooked pasta dishes while Year 10's easy meals have included Hamburgers, San Choi Bau and Tacos.

Any tasks that students can be involved with in the kitchen during the extended holidays will help them to practise and further develop the skills they have learnt over the last few weeks at school.



Lynn Penrose - Food Technology





HOSPITALITY

Term 1 has been busy for the Hospitality students, learning new techniques, improving skills already acquired and understanding new terminology.

We have learnt the importance of eggs in our diet and their diversified use as we have prepared dishes from breakfast, lunch and dinner to cakes.

Next they began to cook simple main dishes. The first dish, a tomato based risotto proved highly successful with all students and all declared it yummy.

