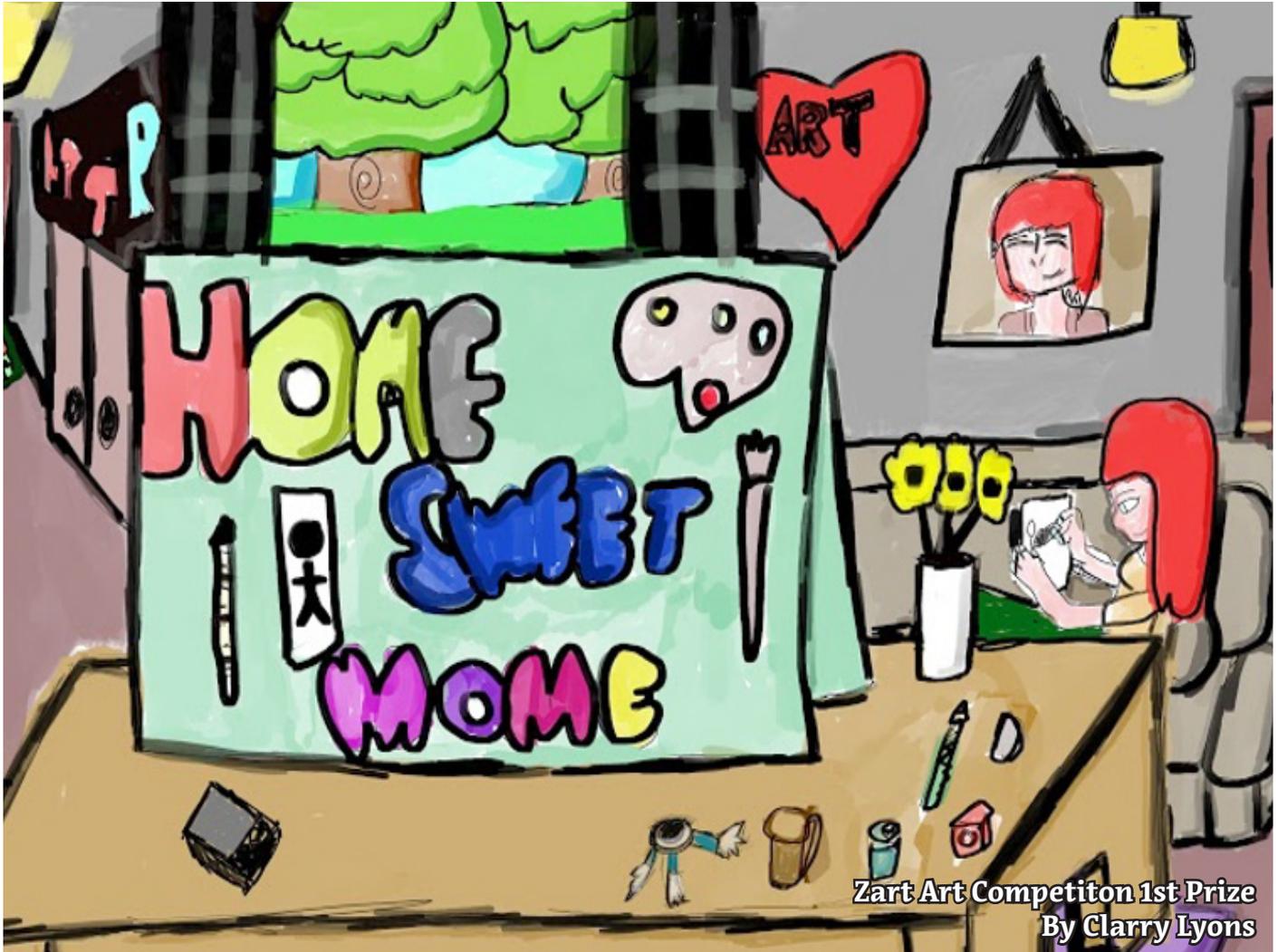




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Zart Art Competition 1st Prize
By Clarry Lyons

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Important Dates

5th June (Friday)	Curriculum Day *Postponed
8th June (Monday)	Queen's Birthday
26th June (Friday)	Term 2 Ends Students dismissed at 1:50pm* <u>*Students can therefore be expected home one hour earlier</u>
13th July (Monday)	Term 3 Starts

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers, by the time you read this newsletter Heatherwood will have re-opened and hopefully the majority of students and staff will have returned. I won't repeat everything that you will have read in previous communications, except to reinforce that the schools focus is on ensuring everyone's health and well-being.

I acknowledge that there may be some reluctance for some students or families to have a full return to school but I am sure that over time and with the school and its community working together we can reduce levels of anxiety and have everyone feeling safe.

Please be reassured that we will be doing everything possible to build a sense of confidence, re-establish routines and re-create a positive environment for learning.

Students need to understand the importance of the new hygiene practises and the expectation of fully following them. This will greatly assist the efforts of the school in keeping everyone safe. Your assistance in reinforcing this message will be appreciated.

The majority of the schools programs will run as normal, except at this stage activities outside the school including Interschool Sport, ADVANCE, and Work Experience.

Once again thank you for the great effort and the patience you have shown during the past weeks.

Please contact me if you have any concerns.

Paul Hills - Principal



STUDENT WELLBEING

It is very exciting about our resumption of on campus learning and I trust that you all are as well. It is an excellent time to take stock and be mindful of how lucky we all are. We have all just been through a very different experience in our lives and one we may not experience again. It has been important to look after ourselves and families which we will continue to do, but now is the time to look forward to returning to our amazing school where we all feel at home.

You will notice some differences when you come in on Tuesday as we have seen around our own communities but all the new practices are put in place to ensure everybody's safety and wellbeing.

You have all learnt and grown so much over these last couple of months and all staff at Heatherwood are so proud of you. We look forward to your return, we look forward to you re-establishing relationships with your friends and teachers and most important of all when you are back, if you have any questions or concerns please ask a staff member for support.

Braham Morris - Assistant Principal



MESSAGE FROM OFFICE

School Reminder

It's great having the majority of the students back and I'm confident that they will learn and follow the new hygiene processes very quickly. Your encouragement and acknowledgement that the students are making a great effort following these new rules would be appreciated.

Your co-operation reminding students of the school rules regarding wearing uniform and the use of mobile phones would also be of great assistance. Students are NOT to use or carry mobile phones during school time. This rule is in line with the Department of Education rulings and is to support student's well-being.

Thank you

Heatherwood Uniform - Winter Jacket

Heatherwood School now has a winter jacket option for students.

Description:

Poly Taslon water resistant outer layer

Fully lined with Polar Fleece

Front full length Zip

Hood with Polar Fleece lining

Front pockets with Zips

Velcro Cuff

Windproof

Heatherwood Logo

Sizes: Available in 8 – 5XL

Price: \$70 available to order through the office

Note: A minimum of 10 jackets is required before the school can place the order.



REMOTE LEARNING



We are often told that out of disruption comes great opportunities for innovation, creative ideas and new ways of doing and thinking. The last six weeks of education are unique in our life time providing whole school opportunities and expectations to construct new ways of teaching and learning.

How do we now reflect on this? What have been the gains? What have been the challenges? What have we learnt? What will we do differently? How will we talk about this to others in five or ten years' time?

Firstly, we are thrilled to have students back at school. We very much appreciate the care from families/carers who have supported their children to complete work, to understand, to coach and adjust to learning at home. We also appreciate the teachers and education support staff for developing new ways of teaching and learning. We are very proud of the students who have been able to adjust to learning in isolation and showing us the many ways they like to learn. We thank families for allowing us to zoom into your homes each day to talk, to teach and to support your child in learning. We have also been supporting some students at school to support parents working in essential services. These students have continued to work connecting remotely with teachers and the help of staff at school.

These memories will stay with us for a long time. Some of the highlights over the last six weeks have been:

- Ruby's Kitchen (YouTube) – Ruby is a Year 10 student who demonstrates a recipe each week from her kitchen. She talks to us as she prepares, step by step, noting the ingredients, the recipe and finally the result, Zucchini Slice, Home Made Pasta with a seafood sauce, Scones for Mother's Day and much more.
- Grace's imaginative writing – a trip to the beach with descriptive passages that transported us into another place.
- The School Captains' and Vice Captains' Weekly messages to all the students across the school, bringing inspiring messages, simple activities at home, making, creating, keeping fit, all done with a smile and good humour.
- All the students who have achieved Mathematics awards through hours of practice from home.
- Seeing all the students on Zoom meetings with fellow classmates and friends, the next best thing to being in the classroom together.
- The students who entered into the National Zart Art Award, with Heatherwood scoring an overall winner and other students achieving runners up awards, with many listed in the top ten.
- The Certificate in Hospitality Students continuing their studies each week, all cooking and producing meals. Staff making videos to help students participate in Food Technology.
- Students being able to access Google Classrooms. Science experiments provide an appealing invitation to think and contribute.
- The Physical Education program – exercises, CPR using home teddy bears, all have provided great appeal.

Together we have helped our society stay well and safe with enormous effort and resolve from the Heatherwood community. We reversed the normal scheme of things. Homes became school with parents, grandparents, carers became the teachers, the teachers became the distant planners, advisors and supporters from afar, setting out daily google classrooms and zooming into your lounge rooms, kitchens and studies to make face to face contact with your children. In the distance, we could see parents teaching other children of all ages, every day, setting up routines and places of study for everyone. We admire you for that. Our lives have been tipped upside down and no more so than yours, our families who have willingly joined in and worked with us to provide learning at home for students. We know that this has been hard for some families, harder for others and we thank you for your continued perseverance. We now look forward to seeing students at school, to readjust to a community where friends can meet, share experiences and have fun together. 'Fun and together', something quite alien to us over the last 6 weeks as we have isolated at home. We wish all families our appreciation, we hope you can have a quiet 'cup of tea' as you wave goodbye to your children as they come to school and some of you may say with a sigh, 'I wonder what I am going to do today?'

Lesley Foster – Assistant Principal



Katie Spencer



Clarry Lyons



Keiran O'Brien



Isabelle Costanzo

ART

Heatherwood and the arts department could not be more proud of Clarry Lyons who competed against all secondary special schools across Australia, to take out 1st prize in the Zart Art competition. This is an enormous accomplishment for Clarry and puts Heatherwood on the map as the place to be for up and coming artists.

As well, Katie Spencer and Isabelle Costanzo gained prizes as they were placed in the top five runners up, while Keiran O'Brien was shortlisted as a top ten competitor.

Well done to all who entered.

Julie Burbidge - Art

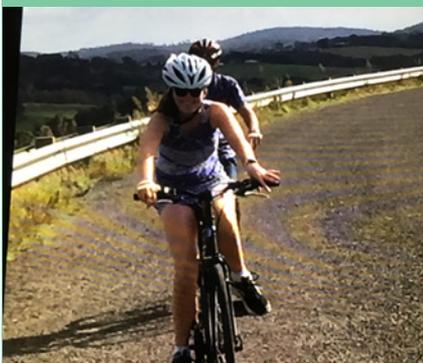
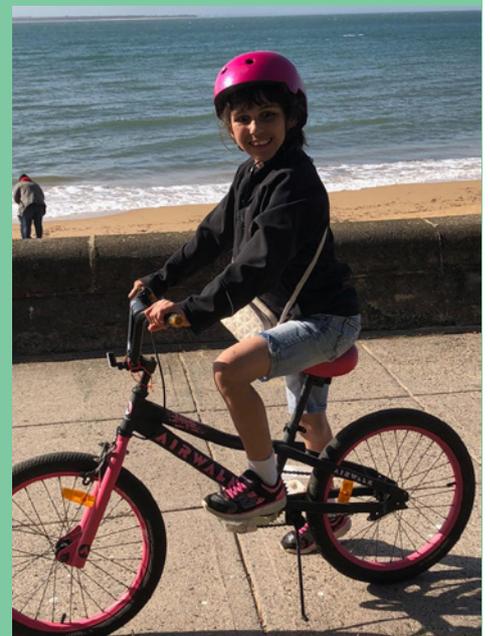
WHEELY GOOD FUN DURING THE LOCK DOWN

Bikes, trikes and scooters have taken over the paths and streets of Melbourne during the recent travel restrictions.

Bike shops around Melbourne have reported a massive increase in sales and repairs, and some bike trails are so busy they nearly need traffic lights!

Heatherwood students have kept the wheely good vibe going by riding with their families and sending in photos and videos via their Bike Ed Google Classroom. Every week the classroom has posted a home-made bike video with Anthony's family helping out, with students joining in and sending in answers to questions posted each week, Enjoy these photos of our students keeping busy on wheels during the remote learning period.

Anthony Lenaghan - Outdoor Ed



SRC

MEETING WITH RYAN SMITH

Ryan Smith MP. has had a long association with Heatherwood SRC. On Thursday 14th May David Gall and Braham Morris organised a Zoom meeting with Ryan. Many SRC members attended and listened to Ryan outline what he has been doing during the Covid – 19 restrictions. One interesting thing Ryan talked about is that he has set up a digital community notice board displaying pictures of people doing different activities whilst in isolation. In this meeting, a letter written by a Heatherwood student, Mia, was highlighted. Mia had written to the Prime Minister regarding looking after the environment focusing specifically on rubbish and Australian wildlife. Ryan Smith had responded on behalf of the Prime Minister and wrote a letter back to Mia thanking her for her insight into some important issues. Another part of the meeting, involved Maddison and Emma asking Ryan specific questions as to what life for him looks like. Ryan responded and gave an insight as to what it was like for him working from home. It was a great meeting!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

The Heatherwood SRC would like to welcome all students returning to Heatherwood School on May 26th. The SRC students and staff are ready to support you and listen to you and to receive your ideas relating to student voice.

Lynda DenElzen - SRC

WORK EXPERIENCE

The year 2020 will be memorable for so many reasons. At this stage Work Experience will not be going ahead until further notice, due to businesses being closed or slowly reopening with significant restrictions.

I have contacted Nadrasca, and Burke and Beyond, both currently closed. Parents of Year 12 students are able to make contact with both agencies to discuss 2021 placement opportunities.

Waverley Industries are operating with only about 50% of current clients but are happy to have parents contact them regarding post school option opportunities.

Parents and carers please remember to review or apply for NDIS funding as many post school options require SLES (school leavers educational support) funding before a placement can be secured.

The Disability Support Pension will also provide a valuable stepping stone towards the world of work. There are a range of staff who can help if needed. Stay safe.

Robín Vierke - Work Experience Coordinator

CERTIFICATE 1 IN RETAIL OPERATIONS

Year 11 and 12 students are enrolled in Certificate 1 in Retail Operations. One of the units we are studying this year is about communication.

In week 5, students studied different communication technologies. Students were required to email their Retail teacher, about what they would like to buy. They needed to use correct email formatting,

Here are a few examples of what the students would like to buy in the future.

Hi Christine

In the future I would like to purchase some new games for my Xbox.

Kind regards
Kyle Davies (S2)

Hi Christine,

How are you?

This week I would like to buy AFL Evolution for Xbox. I have to go to EB games to buy it because they don't deliver it.

See you at school SOON

Alvin Jones (S2)

Dear Christine,

I am writing to tell you that I would like to buy an adidas hoodie jumper in the near future.

Kind regards,

Ivory Llewelyn (S3)

Dear Christine,

I would like to buy a motorbike in the future

Regards,

Thomas Knight (S4)

Dear Christine,

I would like to buy something for the future something like a Metallica jumper or a Gucci jumpsuit and something to for u

I'm hoping for it to come late in the next few years like two years

I'm also very excited for it because I'm hoping to use the objects for a long time

Kind regards,

Hudson (S2)

Good Afternoon Christine,

I would like to buy some more Our Generation dolls from KidStuff.

I love Our Generation dolls because of their hair and their accessories. I think they are so cute. I have 5 and would like some more.

Kind Regards,
Lily Schreck

Dear Christine,

I recently viewed your advertisement regarding the sale of some gym equipment on Gumtree.

Can you please tell me if this is still available for sale? What is the condition of the equipment?

Are you able to deliver the equipment if I pay a fee for delivery?

I can be contacted on the above email. Thanks for your time.

Regards
Varami Walai (S5)

PROPOSED READING CLUB

Dear Parents,

Further to the newsletter article in Term 1 we are currently seeking expressions of interest from parents and carers in relation to a "Before School One on One 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.

If your son/daughter is interested in participating in this program, we kindly ask that you notify the office either by phone or email by Friday 26th June 2020.

If you have any questions please contact Bree, Deb or David at school on 9842 8319.

Kind regards,

Individual Reading Club
Heatherwood School

HOSPITALITY

We have been really busy working in our own kitchens this month. Well done to all the wonderful hospitality students who are finding inventive ways to keep up with their passion and dreams of working in this Industry.

Our class started early this week. With the collection of food boxes from school, getting ready for our class on Thursday. The fun has begun. Our first ever zoom cooking session all together was hugely successful. We thought that it would be fun to make Gnocchi Napoletana here are some of our very delicious results. Well done to the unseen cooking warriors just outside of the camera vision, you know who you are!!!!

Danielle DiCosmo - Hospitality

