



Heatherwood News

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Message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully you would have received and read the letter regarding certain events occurring during this term. I really want to again stress the importance of the Post School Option Expo being held on WEDNESDAY 12th May from 1.00pm till 5.00pm and your attendance with your child. This will be an essential opportunity to become informed about supports and services available post school. It is never too early to build up knowledge about a student's future opportunities. Due to significant disruptions normal classes will not be held on the day.

The school is at the beginning of a new building program. We are currently discussing draft designs with an architectural firm. At this stage the focus of the program is on administration and classrooms in building B which is the main building. As plans progress I will continue to update the school community. At this stage building will not occur until early Term 1 2022.

The involvement of the school community in the school and the resulting support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Paul Hills, Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| 3-May MON - 6-May FRI | Year 10 Camp - Angelsea |
| 10-May MON - 20-May FRI | Year 11 Work Experience |
| 12-May Wed 1pm - 5pm | Futures Expo (Normal Classes Cancelled) |
| 31-May Mon - 2-Jun Wed | Year 8 Camp - Phillip Island |
| 11-Jun Fri | Curriculum Day No Students to attend on this day |
| 23-Jun Wed | Debutante Ball |
| 25-Jun FRI Students dismissed at 1:45* Students can therefore be expected home 1 hr earlier | LAST DAY OF TERM 2 |



As we enter Term 2, we are seeing students steadily start to settle in the school programs. For our new students, they are feeling more comfortable with their routines. They know where to go and what to do. They are starting to develop a new sense of independence. This always makes a young person feel more comfortable and empowered being able to make decisions in a way that is respectful and considerate to others. Best of all we are seeing friendships develop and some of these friendships will remain throughout the students' lives. Students are learning how to ask for help when needed and this helps with impulse control. The best part about 2021 is that we have all our students back on camp. With Outdoor Education and Camps coming up, this is a great way of creating new experiences, teamwork, enjoyable outdoor activities and finding new friends once again. Thankyou to parents, guardians and carers for working with us to help you child. We always say that you know you child best of all and when we work with you, the outcome is far better for students and the community in general.

This year we have introduced a new Management System into Heatherwood. Early next week you will be getting a letter to invite you to download an app and notify the office. Please do this at your by Friday 30 April. Separated families will be able to do this each with a different access. We will be placing the reports on line at the end of this Semester so we are keen to trial this new system out. We are intent on creating non-printed reports for many obvious reasons. If you have been at a school where Sentral has been used before, and if you have accessed online reports before, please let me know. (lesley.foster@education.vic.gov.au)

We are also keen to monitor student participation in all our specialist classes, as well as in the main subjects taught by the Home Teacher. If you have any concerns, please let the class teacher know and we will work together to address this. Sometimes it takes a little while for students to adjust to all our subjects, however, we are keen for them to be involved in all our specialist, applied subject areas.

Lesley Foster – Assistant Principal

City of Manningham Schools ANZAC Ceremony



Leanne Goodwin visited Heatherwood to make our floral wreath with senior students.

Maddie Spencer and Cooper Giles represented Heatherwood.

ANZAC Ceremony at Heatherwood School





Outdoor Education

ALPINE SUCCESS - CAMPS RETURN WITH HIGH COUNTRY TOUR



Five students have represented Heatherwood with distinction on the 20th edition of the annual Alpine Ride Bike Camp held at Myrtleford at the end of Term 1.

This was our first successful camp since way back in November of 2019, and what a stunning return it was.

Students trained hard in the heat on Friday afternoons during Term 1. After driving to Myrtleford and setting up our tent village, we joined in with 12 other specialist school groups to enjoy a fantastic evening at the local footy club, participating in footy drills and a club barbecue.

On our second day the riding started in earnest with a 42 km journey from Beechworth back to the camp sites at Myrtleford. Each school rode as a separate unit, but offered help and encouragement as they passed each other during drink and food breaks.

On the third morning we warmed up some very sore arms and legs and braced ourselves for the massive 60 km challenge of riding from Myrtleford to Bright - and then back again! The Heatherwood students were over the moon upon achieving this significant feat, and were rewarded at dinner with a souvenir medal.

A special medal is awarded to one student from each school for displaying the qualities of ride founder, and retired Heatherwood Assistant Principal, Max Woolcock. These qualities are tenacity, teamwork and helping out others.

This year the Woolcock Medal for Heatherwood School was awarded to Year 9 student Charli Luttgens.

Congratulations to our five successful riders - Phoebe Edwards, Samara O'Toole, Oscar Payne, Charli Luttgens and Luke Retschlag.

And a very special thank you to staff members Martha Noone and Robby Savory for supporting the students on the camp. Well done everyone!

Anthony Lenaghan - Outdoor Education



Work Experience 2021



After 2020 it was pleasing to send a group of Year 12 students out on a Work Experience. Students went to Cafes, Healesville sanctuary, Nurseries, Preschools, and a range of Retail stores. The feedback from employers was excellent and students used their initiative and social skills to shine. One café owner told me the student was bringing him luck. I was also thrilled to see two past students in these work locations.

The Year 11's and some of the Year 12's are next, commencing work on the 11th to the 23rd of May but remembering to allow those Deb Ball participants to attend practice times. A number of the Year 12's will continue placements on a day a week during terms 2 and 3. Well done everyone and thank you to the staff who supported the students at the work places.

Robin Vierke - Work Experience Co Ordinator



Science

Welcome to Chemical Sciences, our focus for Term 2 science.

This term Year 7s will be exploring Solutions and Mixtures. We will be concentrating on Concentrations, mixing Mixtures and finding the solution when combining Solutions. Some of our experiments will include making colours collide and creating our own lava lamp.

Our Year 8s will be study the different properties of different substances. They will learn about the viscosity, elasticity, plasticity and malleability of different items. They will learn how the structure of the molecules in these different structures determine their state.

Year 9s are focusing on the Periodic table as part of their chemistry unit. They will learn how Protons, Neutrons and Electrons are located and how they behave and react. Students will understand that each element has an Atomic Number, Element symbol, Element name and an average atomic Mass.

Through experiments, games and research Year 9s will be able to identify atoms by their number of protons in the nucleus and realise that the number of electrons equals the number of protons in a neutral atom.

Our Year 10s will be concentrating on chemical reactions. They will research what a chemical change is and how it occurs. Our experiments include observing chemical reactions and understanding that a reaction occurs when one chemical acts on another and creates a new chemical. We will be looking at how a simple chemical reaction occurs when we cook our food through the process of fermentation. The students will also focus on the chemical reaction that occurs when making soap. So keep an eye out for some handmade soap coming home.

This term our chess/draughts club continues. Please remind your child that this occurs every Wednesday lunchtime and instructions and assistance is provided for everyone. So all new comers are welcomed. And yes, our outside, oversized chess board is coming along nicely, thanks to our brilliant AgriFoods Team.

Patrizia Sendekyj, Sue King - Science STEAM



M7 ANZAC biscuits



On Tuesday the 20th of April M7 baked ANZAC biscuits for ANZAC day on Sunday 25th April. M7 had so much fun making the ANZAC biscuits with Liz our lovely cooking teacher. Here is a some photos of M7 making and eating the biscuits.

By Madi M7

SRC Good Friday Fundraising Day



The Heatherwood SRC and school community took part in our annual Good Friday Appeal to support the Monash School Children's School and Hospital on the last Friday of term 1, March 26th.

We welcomed Sarah Jane - George from the Monash School who spoke to students at each of our assemblies about how their school helps sick children attend school from the hospital. A special mention goes to Maddi Coulson and Emma Platt who escorted Sarah - Jane around the school during her visit.

Thank you to our school community for supporting this annual fundraiser. The total raised for the day was an amazing \$433.65.

SRC



WASP

Students in S5 were very excited to be able to start their off campus program Certificate 1 in Employment Pathways at Waverley Industries in Notting Hill.

This program also known as WASP (Waverley Advanced Skills Program) is offered to year 12 students. It runs for a whole year and the students are off campus on Monday and Tuesday. The students complete theory work in the morning and then work in the factory, after lunch. Here are photos of the students at work.

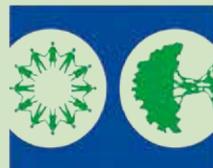
Protective Behaviours

Just a reminder to families they can contact esafety on the below link for advice and information about students receiving unwanted contact from others through their apps. This is a great resource to help start a conversation and gain understanding about safety. This is taught in Protective Behaviours, but would be great to follow up with a conversation at home.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/unwanted-contact>



POST SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY



HEATHERWOOD
SCHOOL

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370-380 Springvale Road, Donvale

Enquiries: **9842 8319**

Enter from Manningham DISC Parking Lot

**WEDNESDAY MAY 12 2021
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

MEET SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR INFORMATION ON:

- TAFE
- Employment Services
- Recreation
- NDIS
- Accommodation
- Day Programs
- Supported Employment

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| SANDWICHES | | | | | |
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| Filling Please circle BELOW | PLEASE TICK | | | | |
| | \$1.00 Salad | \$0.50 each Cheese/Tomato Lettuce | Fresh Sandwich | Toasted Sandwich | Wrap |
| Chicken \$3.00  | | | | | |
| Ham \$2.50  | | | | | |
| Cheese \$1.50  | | | | | |
| Egg \$2.50  | | | | | |
| **Thursday ONLY** Chicken Schmitzel wrap with lettuce, cheese and mayo | | | | | \$4.50 |

| DRINKS | | DESSERT AND FRUIT | |
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| Big M Choc/Strawberry \$2.00  | | Small dessert \$0.50  | |
| Up and Go \$2.00  | | Large Dessert \$1.00  | |
| Water \$1.50/\$2.00 500 ml/ 750 ml  | | Berries with yoghurt \$2.50  | |
| Flavoured water \$2.00/\$2.50 500ml/750ml NO SUGAR | | Fresh Fruit 70c  | |

| HOT FOOD – Every day | | Other Hot food | |
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| \$2.00  Pizzas |  BBQ Chicken |  Dim Sims \$0.50 | |
| |  Hawaiian | Pasta Bolognese \$3.00 | |
| |  Margherita | Fried Rice \$3.00 | |
| | Extras on Pizza \$0.50 | Vegetable pastie \$3.00  | |
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| SPECIALS Thursday only | | Daily Special CHECK THE BOARD | |
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| | Quantity | | |
| Pie \$3.00  | | | |
| Sausage Roll \$3.00  | | | |
| Wedges \$2.00  | | | |
| Jaffle of the day \$3.00  | | | |