



Heatherwood News

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IMPORTANT DATES

9-May (Mon)	Year 10 Auscamp
12-May (Thu)	
23-May (Mon)	Year 11 Work Experience
3-Jun (Fri)	
1-Jun (Wed)	Professional Practice Day*
10-Jun (Fri)	Curriculum Day*
13-Jun (Mon)	Queen's Birthday Holiday*

*Students do not attend school

24-Jun (Fri)	Last Day of Term 2
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Message from the Principal



We are beginning the term with a very optimistic view that we will have a whole term without any disruptions due to lockdowns or any significant impacts of the Covid 19 virus.

Heatherwood like many other schools is experiencing difficulties replacing staff who are absent or on leave. Unfortunately advertised positions are also difficult to fill. The school is committed to ensuring that every class has a stable teaching and learning environment. As a result, we have made the difficult decision to cancel some specialist programs and with the cooperation of those teachers they will become classroom teachers.

As a school we are still required to follow all Covid 19 protocols and procedures. We will continue to inform you if a student tests positive in their classroom or on the bus. If a student becomes unwell, parents or carers will be contacted, and a pickup requested. This is to ensure everyone's wellbeing. A curriculum day is scheduled to be held on June 10th and a Professional Practice Day for all staff is to be held on June 1st. Students are not to attend school either of these days.

We appreciate that students and families are still adjusting to being back in the school full time and again as in the previous term our focus in on the student's wellbeing. We will continue to strive to ensure students have a sense of stability and predictability in their day to establish feelings of being safe. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Paul Hills - Principal

VCAL Cricket Day – Senior School

On 29th of March S1 ran a Cricket day with some of the junior school classes. We were very grateful for J1, J2 and J4 who helped us out by participating in the activities.

S1 students ran a warmup game of Octopus before they showed the junior students how to bat, bowl and the rules of Kanga Cricket. We played cricket over a double session on the caged basketball courts.

This was the first time the senior students have conducted a sports session like this and everyone did extremely well. You should all be proud of your efforts. Thanks again to the junior school teachers and students for your help on the day.

Emma Collins - Senior School Teacher



Heatherwood Community Mashup



Heatherwood Community Mashup was sponsored by Manningham City Council, Heatherwood School Council and Heatherwood Student Representative Council. This concert was organised to enhance student wellbeing and originally welcome the students to 2022.

After two false starts and cancellations due to covid restrictions the Heatherwood Community Mash Up went ahead on the last week of term 1 April 7th 2022. It was a devastating two years in which students were in lockdown for over 200 days and the SRC, Lynda Den Elzen with David Gall decided to organise a concert to improve school morale and the Heatherwood community spirit. The first artist the students wanted to invite was Kutcha Edwards because of his long standing history with the school in developing the Heatherwood community to acknowledge the Indigenous students in our community. In broadening the community development Rudely Interrupted was also invited. Rudely Interrupted is a group of award winning musicians with disabilities. The Heatherwood Community Mash Up traversed the culture of the Heatherwood Community cohort and provided an important outlet for student and staff wellbeing. The concert was inclusive and promoted the pride in indigenous and disability communities that the Heatherwood school supports.

The SRC 2021 year 12 students, who organised the concert, were welcomed back to Heatherwood to host the concert. The City of Manningham mayor, Cr Michelle Kleinert attended and the Heatherwood VET Hospitality program provided a covid safe lunch for all our guests. Kutcha Edwards, Rudely Interrupted, SRC, staff, students and the Mayor had time to meet and chat over a stunning lunch which was conducive to relaxed conversation and reengagement as a community.

The students were so excited and the environment was different to our last two years of isolation. The students had not been to a concert or incursion for over two years and sat docilely for 10 minutes when the artists started to perform, but the great sounds and rocking music inspired them to dance. The students left the gym with huge smiles on their faces and the Heatherwood Community Mash Up artists were surrounded by happy students. Staff also boogied and enjoyed having a whole group gathering. The Heatherwood Community Mash Up proved a huge success to our community. A special thanks to Fred Li for technical set up and students of the Heatherwood SRC for helping with set up, covid protocols and crowd management.



PE

Life Saving Victoria- Year 7 Inclusive Day

Fantastic day during Term 1 for our Year 7 students to Hampton Life Saving Club to participate in the Life Saving Victoria All Abilities Swim and Water Safety Beach Carnival. Students got to practise some vital water safety skills and have fun in a supportive and interactive environment in the bay beach water. We even got a great story on the channel 9 news!

Interschool Soccer & Hockey season

Term 1 Interschool Soccer & Hockey concluded with three out of our six teams coming in as runners up in their respective sports and grades. Well done to all staff & students in getting Interschool Sports back up and running this year.

Results:

Soccer Girls Grade- Runners Up to Emerson School

Hockey A Grade- Runners Up to Emerson School

Hockey B Grade- Runners Up to Naranga School

Interschool Tennis Vic Come & Try session

Tennis Victoria provided some students with an opportunity to develop their skills and begin some friendly competition against some other like-minded students in some game time playing some modified tennis games. Remember to get down to the courts as a family and keep the skills going.

Interschool Golf Vic Come & Day session

Golf Victoria facilities a come & try session for some students to get the skills and feel of a real golf course at the Edithvale Golf Club. Students and staff came away with a new love for the game and improved on their technique.

House Walk-a-Thon & Cross Country Day

For the first time in many years, we got to see a House Day back in action at Heatherwood. The final day of term 1 was celebrated with our House Walk-a-Thon & Cross Country Day. A time to bring back the house day spirit and see some fun with students and students dressing up in their house colours and enjoying some health and fitness along the way. Fantastic results from the age group Cross Country lap it up races.

2022 Term 1 House Day Winner- Huegill Blue House

2022 Term 1 House Achievement Winner- Pearson Red House

School Sport Victoria (SSV) Secondary Swimming Championships

We had three strong swimmers compete at the SSV Eastern Metropolitan Region Secondary Finals at Ringwood earlier in term 1, James Shiell, Emily Shiell and Phoebe Edwards.

Podium Results:

Phoebe- 2nd 50m Freestyle- Girls 12-15 years Multiclass

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Emily- 3rd 50m Freestyle- Girls 16-18 years Multiclass

James- 2nd 50m Freestyle- Boys 16-18 years Multiclass

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Both Phoebe & Emily qualified through to the SSV State Championships. Had a fantastic experience on race day at Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre and great results too!

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ANZAC at Heatherwood 2022



Our ANZAC memorial was held on the 29th April 2022 at the memorial garden under the flag pole. The week started with an ANZAC project that reflected all the areas of Australians at war. The seniors created a flower wreath that they presented to the local memorial. M7 organised a guard of honour and the school captains read the order of service. It was a solemn moment that the students shared through quiet reflection, an ANZAC poem and a letter from a Turkish mother read by Katherine Walsh added to the solemnity of the moment. The students laid wreaths, poppies and sprigs of rosemary to honour the ANZAC memory. After a minute's silence the students sang the Australian national anthem and listened with extreme politeness to the New Zealand National Anthem.

Sally Campbell - Humanities Team

Paws in Schools



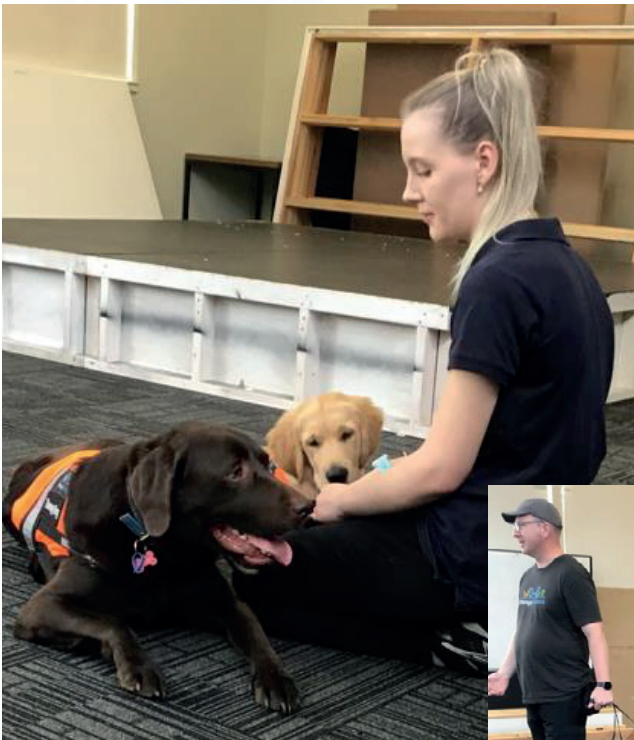
Paws in Schools

By Therapy Animals Australia

On Thursday the 28th April, students in Year 10 were treated to a presentation from Paws in Schools, talking about therapy animals.

This was an Applied Learning initiative from M8 and Louisa to have an information and questions session about what PAWS in schools do and how they help people.

Deb Weinmann



Thank you Louisa and M8



Interested in event planning & production?

KHG FReeZA for All Abilities

Kevin Heinze Grow is seeking young people aged 25 and under with an interest in event planning and production to join the KHG FReeZA for All Abilities Program. Young people with a disability or lived experience of mental health challenges are strongly encouraged to apply.

FReeZA is a Victorian Government initiative that supports young Victorians to get involved in their community by planning and running drug, alcohol and smoke-free events for other young people.

As part of the KHG FReeZA for All Abilities program you will learn new skills, meet new people, and create events for your community.

Meetings will be held weekly on Thursdays 3:30-5:30 at Kevin Heinze Grow in Doncaster

Places are limited so please get in touch with our FReeZA coordinator Lucy ASAP
lucy@kevinheinzegrow.org.au

