



# Heatherwood News

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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**
	** Students are dismissed at 1:45pm, one hour earlier.
11-Jul (Mon)	Term 3 starts

# Message from the Principal



It was with great sadness that I had to inform the school community of the passing of Mr Tony Walker the Heatherwood drama teacher, master of ceremonies and a great supporter and positive advocator for the school.

Tony started at Heatherwood in 2010 and his passing has highlighted the important roles he played in the lives of many of our students. He was a great showman, told great stories with a loud voice, had a loud laugh, wore bright clothing (especially a green hat), always had time for everyone and was always positive. Students recalled how he helped them feel positive about themselves, encouraged them to try new things and always found things for them to do that made them feel important. He made the whole class smile and talked about Shakespeare. As a staff member nothing was too much trouble for him, he was very willing to do everything asked of him.



Tony was a great storyteller, an extremely positive person who saw the good in everyone. Tony really was the showman of Heatherwood and will be greatly missed by all members of the school community.

Rest in Peace Mr Tony Walker and thank you.

Paul Hills - Principal



# Volunteering at Puffing Billy



Ali Basel volunteers at Puffing Billy Lakeside Station Emerald every Saturday. Ali's love for the historic steam train is impressive. He can tell you the intricate details of the different engines, train times and the people who work to keep Puffing Billy operating so efficiently. Ali knows everyone and everyone knows Ali. His world revolves around Saturdays. It was my pleasure to visit Ali, meet the people who operate the station and keep the miniature railway operating. The steam pouring from the train on a cold Autumn morning in a picturesque setting on the lake was a sight to be seen and I felt I had just stepped into an Agatha Christie novel. Congratulations Ali for work and love of steam trains.

Lesley Foster - Assistant Principal

# Year 10 Camp (May 9<sup>th</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup>)



On the 9th of May to 12th of May 2022 32 year 10 students and 5 staff from Heatherwood school went to Auscamp Anglesea camp lodge. We all met up in our classrooms where we were counted off by our teachers. M7 and M8 went on one bus and M5 and M6 went on the other. Ewan drove one bus and Braham drove the other one. It was about a 2-hour drive down to camp. We did bike riding, Archery, Canoeing, Low Ropes, Rock Climbing, Tour of Anglesea and Surfing.

Annika Best - M7

# Outdoor Education



Year 8 and Year 9 students have been busy in Term 1 being engaged and active on a variety of Outdoor Ed excursions, taking advantage of the warm weather and the easing of Covid-19 restrictions.

Year 8 students did a great job participating in water safety and indoor body boarding at the Monash Aquatic Centre, followed up by an enjoyable morning hike at Lysterfield Lake to visit the resident kangaroos.

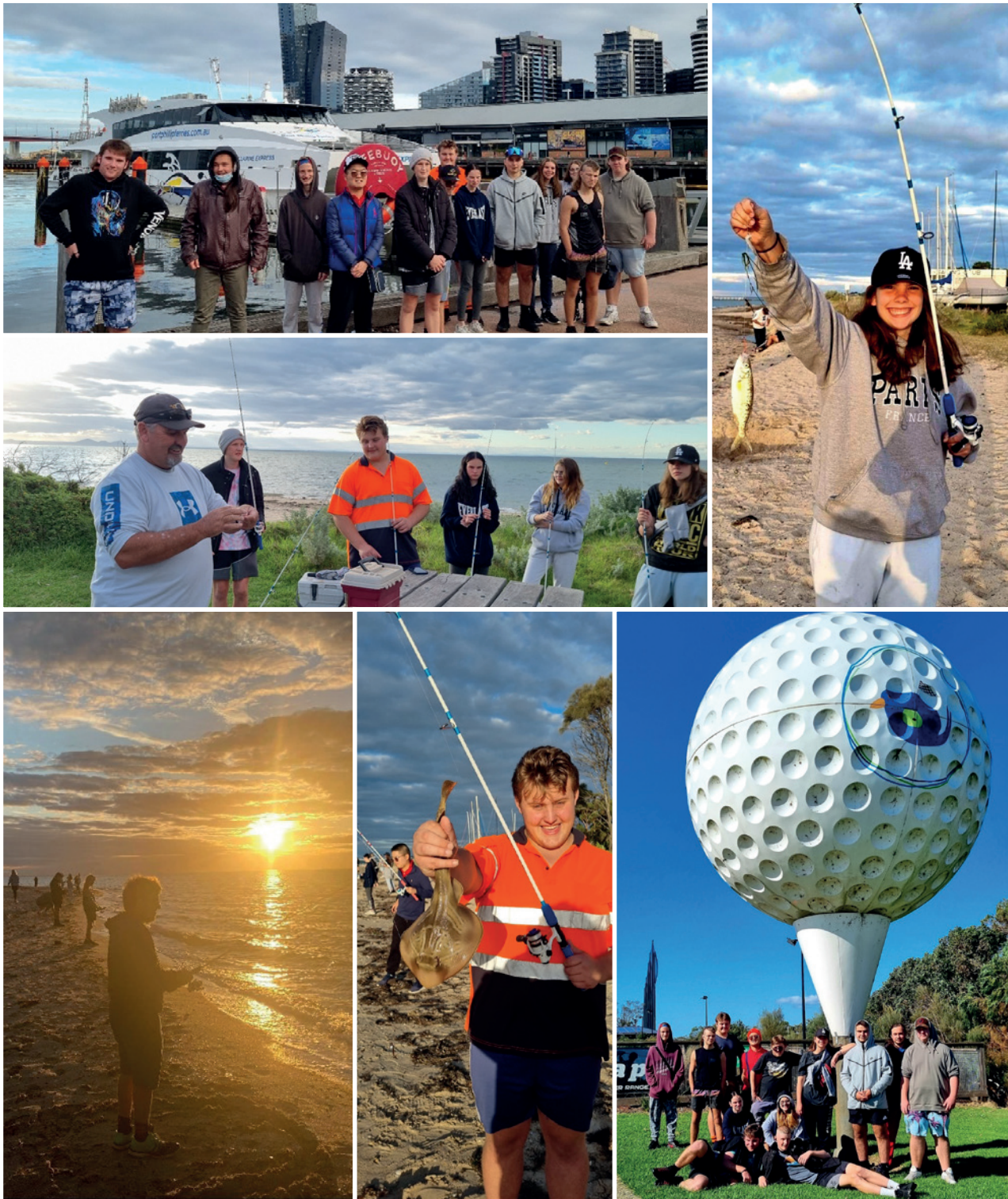
Year 9 groups have practised surf safety and stand-up surfing on the Mornington Peninsula at Point Leo, before applying this knowledge in more challenging waves at Ocean Grove.

Outdoor Ed encourages students to plan ahead, to take responsibility for their own outcomes, and to be prepared to take on risks in the outdoors in a positive way. Well done on a great job from all participants this term.

Anthony Lenaghan - Outdoor Education Teacher



# Portarlington Camp



In week 2, the Sport and Rec class ventured to Portarlington for 3 days of adventure. Catching the Port ferry from Docklands, exploring the beach, mini golf, caravan park accommodation activities, and fishing with “The Jigman”.

It was brilliant to get away on camp again and make memories with our classmates.

Jo Larkin - S5 Class Teacher

# Year 7 Phillip Island Camp 2022



On Monday May 2nd 2022, the year sevens went to Phillip Island for camp. It was a long drive to the campsite, where we got our cabins, unpacked and got ready for some activities.

We drove to The Nobbies first. We went into the centre and saw the Antarctic Adventure exhibit. There were lots of activities, videos and information all about sea life. We then walked around the path to the blow hole. We took lots of pictures.

We then had sausage rolls and drove around to the Penguin Parade. The penguins were so cute! We watched the penguins walk back up to their burrows and huts. They were very close to us. There was also a giant penguin called Maddie- which was our teacher dressed in a penguin onesie.

On Tuesday we got into our groups and did some activities. We did the flying fox, giant swing, trampolines, go karts, archery and the Circatron. Some of the activities were fun and some were a little scary.

After the activities we went to Churchill Island. We were able to pat some animals like the donkeys, cows and sheep. We watched the whip cracking and the working dog display where Billy the dog rounded up all the sheep. Some of the students also gave cow milking a go!

We went to the park for afternoon tea, then to watch the sunset at Cape Woolamai. It was a very beautiful sunset. We got lots of photos. We then had dinner and watched a movie.

On Wednesday, we packed everything up, got on the bus and went to the koala park. We saw some koalas sleeping and one was awake and eating. Finally we went to San Remo to watch the pelican feeding.

After all our adventures, we finally got back on the bus to come back to school so we could go home.

It was an awesome and amazing camp.

Jensen, Alicia and Justin – J1



# High Rolling on the Alpine Ride Bike Camp

April 4th - April 8th, 2022



Congratulations to Middle and Senior School students Oli Wandmaker, Piotr Piosicki, Rhy Cammiade, Jessica Hill, Angie Burke, Charlotte Munro and Oakley Wagg for completing the annual Alpine Ride Bike Camp with staff members Anthony Lenaghan, Sam Ditty and Francesca Hudson. The camp was held in the last week of Term 1.

This event is run every year in the Myrtleford region of north-eastern Victoria and involves students and staff from around 10 specialist schools from across the state. Support is also provided by staff and volunteers from Blackwood Outdoor Specialist School, Victoria Police, Myrtleford Football/Netball Club and St Johns Ambulance.

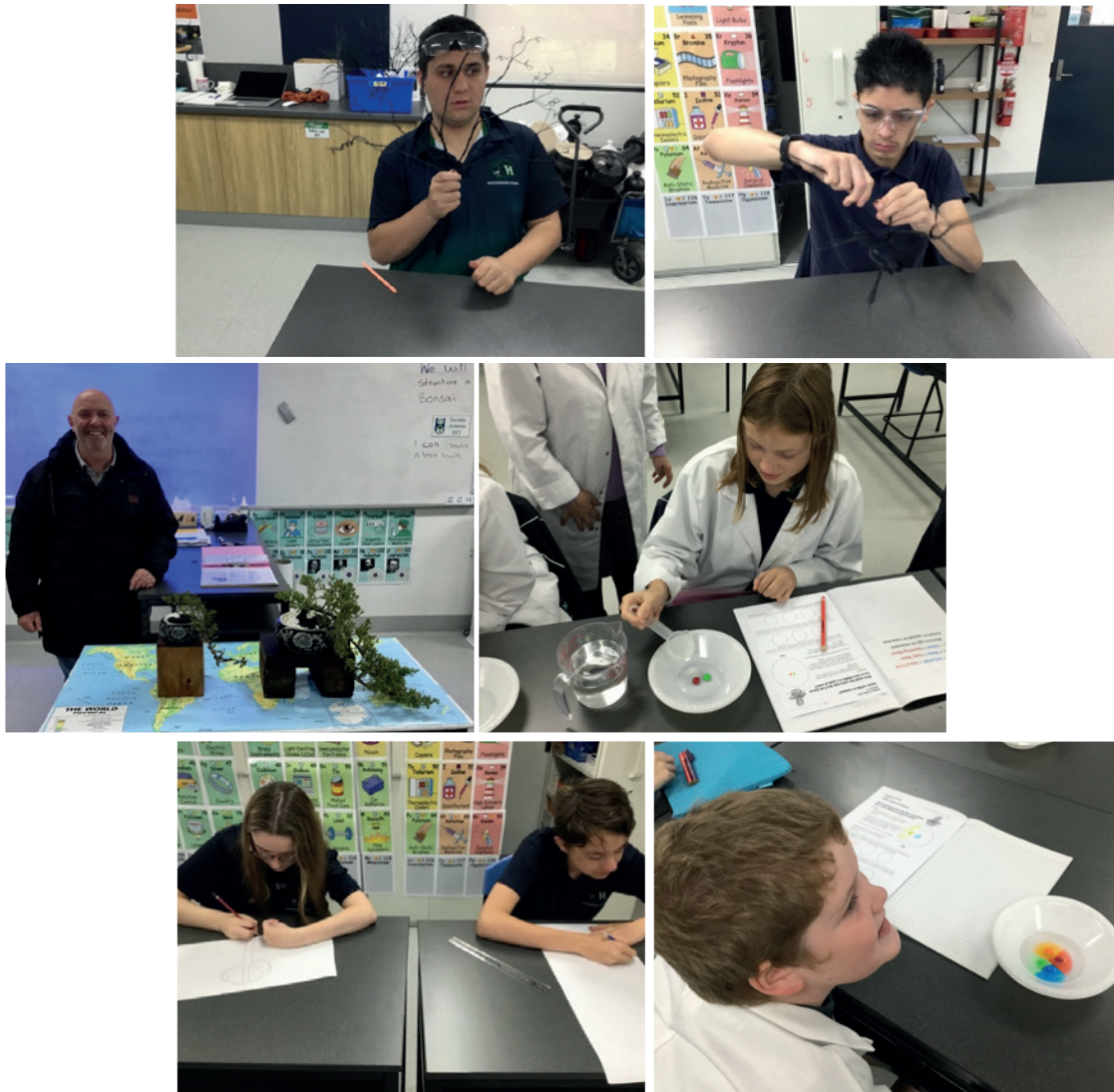
During the Tuesday and Thursday, students participated in group bike riding along the 106 km course between Beechworth and Bright using the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail. The trail is an old train track converted to a bike path back in 1999. Students spent the Wednesday resting their legs while sightseeing on the spectacular Mt Buffalo plateau.

Each year we award the Max Woolcock Medal to the student who gave the most tenacious, supportive and team-oriented performance effort on the camp, and during the 8 weeks of training. This year's winner was Oakley Wagg from Year 12.

All students should be proud of this significant achievement. We are so happy to see some camps up and running again. Congratulations to all.

Anthony Lenaghan - Outdoor Education Teacher

# Science in Term 2



After exploring our world in the Biological Sciences in Term 1, Year 7 to 10 students are now focused on Chemical Sciences. Our Year 7s are creating solutions, separating mixtures and discovering that M&Ms are not only for eating, but depending on their sugar concentration can demonstrate whether colours collide or combine. Year 8s are focusing on the three common states of matter and how particles of matter behave differently. Year 9 are studying the elements on our Periodic Table focusing on how elements are organised. They are identifying how their name, symbol, atomic number and atomic mass is determined. In year 10 we are focused on chemical reactions, exploring what we know about chemical change and subsequent reactions. Our Senior students Year 11s & 12s have commenced their Bonsai project. They are learning the processes and difficulty in creating a living work of art. Students are designing and constructing their own wire bonsai model. This will start them off in producing their own living plant, complete with pot made from our 3D printer.



# Attitudes the School Survey

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The 'Attitudes the School Survey' is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

Students from across all year levels will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child and your child has the right to skip questions, refuse or withdraw from the survey at any time.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period of Monday 30th May to Friday 10th June. The survey takes around 20-45 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

If you would like more information, please contact the school or visit:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>

Nigel Ross - IT Learning Specialist

