



Heatherwood News

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IMPORTANT DATES

03-Oct (Mon)	First day of Term 4
10-Oct (Mon) - 21-Oct (Fri)	Year 10 Work Experience
24-Oct (Mon) - 26-Oct (Wed)	Senior Portsea Camp
01-Nov (Tue)	Cup Day Public Holiday* *Students do not attend school
02-Nov (Wed) - 04-Nov (Fri)	Blackwood Super Ride Camp
14-Nov (Mon) - 17-Nov (Thu)	Year 8 Nilahcootie (Auscamp) Camp
14-Nov (Mon) - 23-Nov (Wed)	Senior Queensland Camp
13-Dec (Tue)	Statewide Orientation Day

Message from the Principal



The building works continue, and you may have heard from your child that a lot of machines have been on the school site digging and moving soil. Unfortunately, this has created a degree of mud but as the weather warms the soil will dry and works will be able to continue, and foundations can begin to be constructed.

Congratulations to Zaviar Hodge who successfully completed a 5-week Hand Brake course in Dandenong. Zaviar was one of the few students who was able to complete the course. The students received basic training in automotive vocational preparation, car maintenance, tool recognition industry insight and automotive repair.

The school has reviewed its mobile phone and uniform policies. These policies will be placed on the website, but all families will get a copy of the procedures that support the policies. To be successful the school must work in partnership with its community to bring about positive outcomes for our students.

During term 4 there are a significant number of events including 5 camps, Year 10 work experience, curriculum and planning days, common professional day, reports, graduations, orientation days to mention just a few. It is very important to plan effectively and communicate information regarding any changes that impact on students or programs. Please keep the school informed of any changes to your child's routine that may impact on their attendance at school.

Thank you for your support for your child's ongoing education and involvement in the school.

Enjoy the school holidays and stay safe and healthy.

Paul Hills – Principal



Child Safe Standards



This year will mark five years since the release of the final report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Royal Commission was a defining moment which saw Australian institutions being held accountable for a litany of failings that compromised the safety of children.

A positive outcome of the Royal Commission was a complete overhaul of the way that we monitor child safety and the policies, procedures and culture that we instil to try to prevent children from being exploited and in the way that we respond when concerns are raised.

On July 1 this year, Ministerial Order 1359 came into effect in Victoria. This updates the governmental requirements around our protocols to ensure that we comply with 11 Child Safe standards - an increase on the seven listed in the previous standards. The changes include standards that encourage organisations to make adjustments to account for cultural differences. There is also a greater emphasis on empowering children and engaging with families on this topic.

These have necessitated a number of changes to our documentation, policies and our practices with regards to our Child Safety program. Our Child Safe team have worked through these changes and they have been endorsed by the School Council.

At Heatherwood School we strive to ensure that we maintain best practice through our recruitment processes; regular review of policies and incidents; education of staff, volunteers, families and students; and establishment of a culture which provides for developmentally appropriate discussion around child safety and maintains open lines of support and communication for those who require it.

We invest significant time, energy and resources into training our staff on best practices and on educating students in language that they can understand on relevant issues of consent, appropriate boundaries and who to go to if they have any concerns.

We recognise that creating the most child safe environment involves strengthening our student-centred culture in which each student is comfortable to express themselves and feels that they can trust those around them to support their interests.

In line with the new Ministerial Order we have revised our Child Protection Policies and our Codes of Conduct. These, Policies and procedures will be publicly available on the school's website and on Sentral for the community to be aware of.

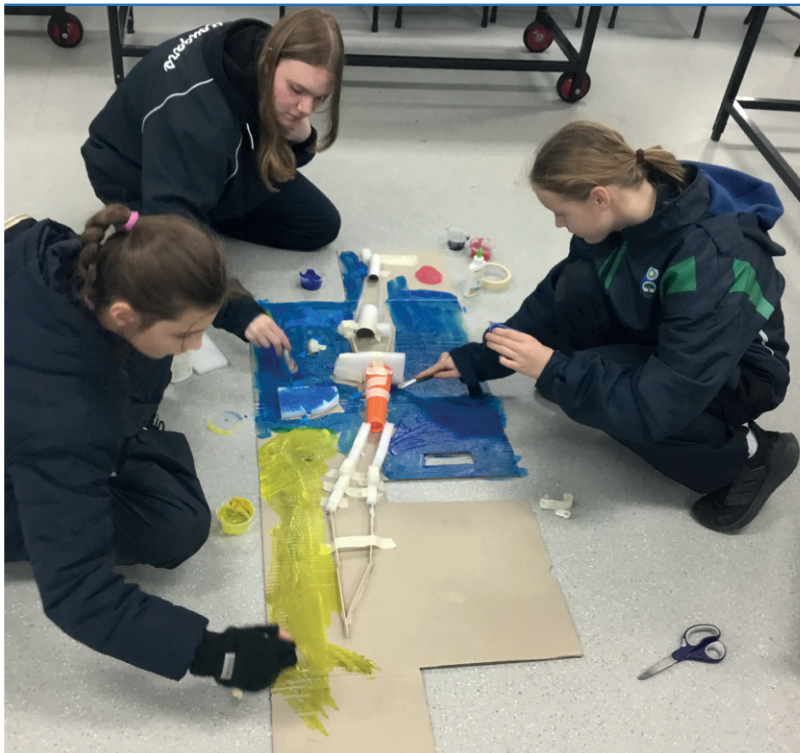
I encourage you to familiarise yourselves with this information as a true culture of child safety involves all our community members working together to be vigilant in protecting our children and supporting them to thrive both within and outside of school.

If you have any further questions regarding the new Child Safe Standards please contact the school.

Braham Morris – Assistant Principal



Science Week 2022



The theme for Science Week this year was '**Glass – more than meets the eye.**'

To make glass, sand must be melted until it reaches approximately 1700°C which is approximately the same temperature a space shuttle reaches as it re-enters earth's atmosphere.

So here at Heatherwood – we got creative! And had fun along the way.

Year 7s made a marble run – complete with a GLASS marble. They got creative and had turns and twists and drops and jumps routes for their marble. Great work Year 7s.

Year 8s made a sugar GLASS cookie. Not for eating of course! With lots of trials and errors especially in relation to the best shape to form our dough, they finally got to crush their sugar lolly which when melted formed a coloured glass centre.

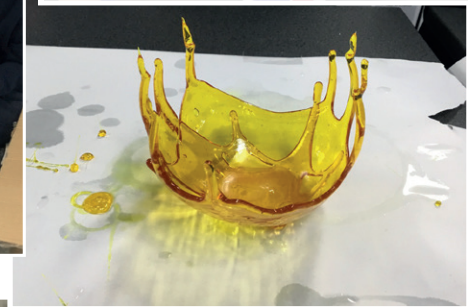
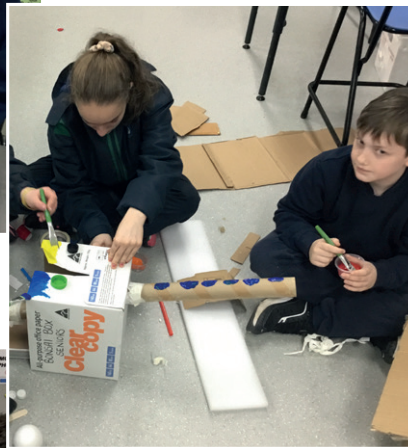
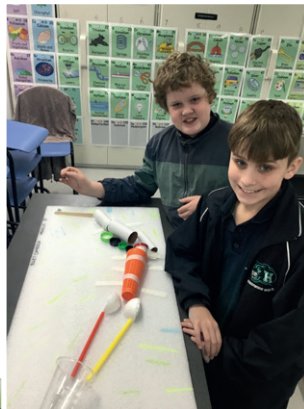
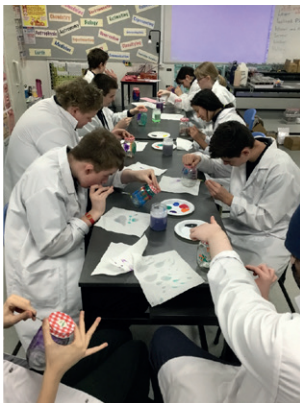
Year 9s made a decorative GLASS tiled container. covered of course in GLASS tiles. The trickiest bit was making them stick to the jar. The hardest bit was cleaning the grout – that was time consuming!

Year 10s created a decorative GLASS night light. They painted their jars in their unique designs and added lights to create their distinctive light show.

Year 11s and 12s made sugar GLASS bowls. Using balloons filled with water as moulds, sugar was melted to 150°C and poured, with teacher assistance of course, over the balloon to create the most unique, colourful, and extremely fragile GLASS sugar bowl.

Everyday we had a school quiz and an information video about how glass is made and used. With the support from all Heatherwood staff, our students had a very successful Science Week.

Patrizia Sendekyj – Science / STEAM



Book Week 2022



It was exciting to see so many students who helped make our dress up day such a huge success. The theme of Book Week was Dreaming With Eyes Open, which refers to students being able to let books take them into another place in their imaginations. Some costumes were quite extravagant and many showed their abilities to create a character using materials or clothing readily available at home. Great to see so many teachers taking part in the fun too!

Bernadette McCaffrey - Library Teacher

Zoo Excursion



On Tuesday 2nd August, S1 went to the Royal Melbourne Zoo. It was a perfect day, the sun was shining and we were able to film at various locations for our Zoo News report.

Everyone enjoyed the day, completing filming for our ads and the presentations. After lunch we had time to look around at some of our favourite animals.

A big thank you to Sally and Emily for helping out on the day.

Emma Collins – S1 teacher

Year 9 Charnwood Camp

My favourite part of camp:

Jade: Spending time with everyone.

April: Archery.. and going home to my phone.

Peter: Going skiing at Mt Buller.

Oliver: Skiing because it was fun.

Zaviar: It had to be cutting wood because it's something I'm good at doing it.

Tyler: I didn't like camp.

On Monday the 8th to Thursday the 11th of August, year 9 students went on camp to Charnwood. The drive was long, boring and painful. Google maps told us it should have taken 2 1/2 hours and it actually took us more like 5 hours because Braham kept stopping. When we finally got to camp we settled in and got given camp groups.

Some of the activities were archery, wood chopping, making damper, flying fox, a bush walk, had a campfire and went to the snow.

Wood chopping was Zaviar's favourite activity. When we went wood chopping, everyone had a go with the axe and wood splitter to split the wood for the fires. Some people found it really hard and didn't get any wood cut but Zaviar and Oli smashed out at least 50 pieces. Zaviar even got an award from the camp staff for his ability to cut enough wood to keep the fire going.

Archery was April's favourite thing at camp. We did it on the first day, it was fun but not something I would do all the time. It was hard to hit the target and no one got a bullseye.

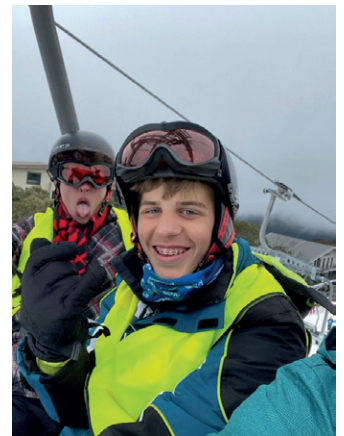
On Tuesday morning Erin and April woke up and figured out we had lost our voices and for the whole time we were at camp we were talking in our own language. Throughout camp Emily also lost her voice. Then after camp Deb and Wendy eventually lost their voice too. Mt Buller. Wow. It was Peter's favourite thing about camp. We went to Mt Buller on Wednesday. We started on a private lesson first and then when we got used to it Peter, Henri, Oscar, Ethan and Oliver went to the top but Oscar, Ethan and Henri left us then. It was pretty cool getting the ski lift up to the top. Then it was Peter, Braham and Oliver were the only ones there doing the skiing. I (Peter) was a super star doing the skiing, we did 4 hours straight of doing it.

Jade's favourite part of camp was spending time with everyone and hanging out together. She had her bestie in her camp group.

Our lowlights of camp were definitely the rooms, people keeping us awake at night, and the long drive to get there. Tyler even found a dead mouse in the hammock. He gave camp -1 star, which is okay, camp isn't for everyone. The rooms were old, smelly and grimy. Some of them didn't have heating and it was freezing at night.

Overall, everyone had a great time on camp. It was fun.

M2



M7 Activities



Basketball

I like basketball because it's fast and fun. I enjoy playing basketball on Wednesday morning with my class. I like it when Ewan umpires us. He makes it fair.

Anysha Stevenson

Anglesea Camp

Year 10 camp to Anglesea was great. It was fun with my friends. I loved surfing with them.

Ella Miles

Flights And Kites!

Every Friday in periods 5 and 6 we do Friday Recreation with Ewan Wheeler. When it is not raining and wet we go out to the oval to fly the kites. If it is raining and wet we stay inside and watch a movie on kites. Every week we have the time of our lives having fun flying kites and having fun with friends

Annika Best

L-Plate

Four of my mates and I got our L plate license with VicRoads. It was Hashem Shadid, Lachie Norris, Annika Best, Noah Cunliffe. I had to go to VicRoads to give them information about me. I waited for half an hour to get my license. They may ask you if you want an app for your phone or would you like the log kit book for learners. Because of Applied learning I was able to get my license.



Friday Recreation

For Friday rec we do sports in the disc with Mark W M, Deb W and Liz M. We do dodgeball, basketball, soccer, tea ball, great wall of China for a warm up.

Hashem Shadid

Minecraft

I play a Friday recreation game called Minecraft in M2 Erin Perrys room. We learn things like how to control our player and also has multiplayer which you can host a world. You can join the world via join code which the host has at the top of the menu.

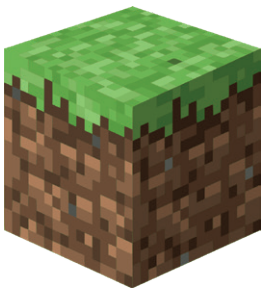
I like being in my own world where I can host and let other people join.

Minecraft also has codebuilder which you can follow tutorials and learn different things. I like making explosion by TNT and building lots of rollercoaster in the world.

In survival you collect resources and craft lots of armour to survive the night.

In creative you can build whatever you want and can activate chat by pressing t on your keyboard.

Jarrett Myers



Anglesea Camp

I have enjoyed my time in year 10. Ewan has been a good teacher. I have great friends in Noah, Lachie and Jack. Year 10 Anglesea Camp was a good time and I enjoyed the surfing.

Noah C