



HEATHERWOOD NEWS

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ALPINE BIKE RIDE



2023

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5th	Interschool Cross Country
May 8th-11th	Year 10 Camp
June 9th	Curriculum Day
	Students do not attend school
June 12th	King's Birthday
	Public Holiday
June 23rd	LAST DAY TERM 2
	Dismissal time 1.45pm
July 10th	FIRST DAY TERM 3
September 15th	Last Day of Term 3
September 23rd	Grand Final Public Holiday
October 2nd	First Day of Term 4
November 7th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
December 20th	Last Day of Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Paul Hills



PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT

May 2023
Project update

Dear school community,

I am writing to update you on our school upgrade.

As you may know, in the 2020-21 State Budget, our school received \$10 million to complete the next stage of our masterplan.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it is possible that the project's completion date may be delayed due to the head contractor entering voluntary administration on 2 May 2023. The administrator will secure and maintain the project site while the next steps are being determined.

I am working closely with Victorian School Building Authority to work through the next steps and look towards re-mobilising the project.

I will update you soon once further information is known.

I appreciate your patience at this time.

Thank you,

Paul Hills
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Lesley Foster



We welcome Elise Ladanyi, the new teacher of Visual Arts who started work her in Term 2. We also welcome Clark Burt part time to support S3 with Katherine Walsh. Both these teachers have had experience in government specialist schools like Heatherwood. Kathryn Horgen has moved to J1 to support a Junior Year 7 class while Emma Still is on leave for the rest of the year. Bernadette McCaffrey, an experienced Heatherwood teacher will be taking J3, with support from Diana Puckey, the Tutor Learning Initiative teacher until a teacher can be appointed.

While most of the students in the school have adjusted to high school, can choose friends and are able to make good choices, there are a minority of students whose decision making, choices and behaviour require extra attention. The school works closely with parents/carers /grandparents because we know that you know your child and we want to tap into your knowledge and ideas in order to help your child when he or she is at school. This can take some time, however, when this partnership is established, trust is developed within a shared approach, we are able to find solutions, even if that takes some time. Being happy at school, achieving something every day, getting along with others are basic to both the home and the school. For most students this is a relatively smooth transition, however, for some students this may be difficult and when this happens, we place extra plans, supports and where necessary consequences in place. Finding a program of interest or enjoyment are important as students are more likely to achieve where their interest is high. We welcome parents/carers phone calls/emails so that we can work together to ensure that all your children/our students are able to enjoy school, make friends and feel safe.

The following photos are a small example of students' achieving and the way we celebrate each student's success. Achievement, Success, Celebration is our aim for every student in the school.



Celebration of Mathletics Awards at the Year 8 Assembly.



Celebration of a Year 7 student's sculpture.



Celebration of friends playing Uno in the yard with a teacher.



Celebration of Literacy achievements at the Junior Assembly.



Celebration of Student of the Week for Personal Achievement.

SCHOOL OFFICE



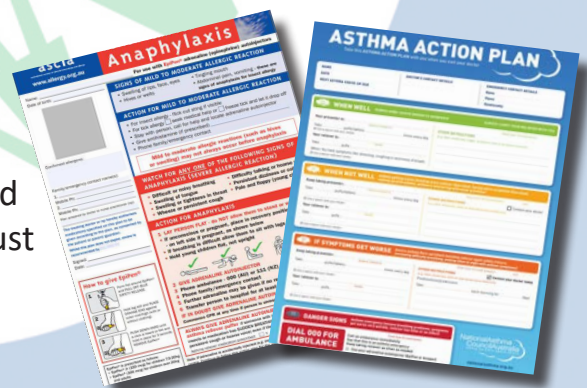
STUDENT SIGN IN AND OUT

Students who are picked up **before 2:45pm** must be signed out by an adult at the office.

Students picked up **at 2:45pm onward** will be supervised at the back gate until they are collected.

MEDICAL PLANS

All Medical Action Plans are renewed annually, signed by a doctor and medication indicated on the plan must be in original packaging and given to the front office.



CROWN & QUINCES BUSES

If at any time your young person is not travelling on the bus to school OR home from school you must do each of the following:

1. Inform the school on 9842 8319 OR write a note in your young person's diary.
2. Inform the bus company- CROWN



QUINCES



BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE BUS COMPANY NEED TO KNOW OF ANY CHANGES THAT OCCUR.

HEATHERWOOD FACEBOOK

We are very happy to share with all the Heatherwood families a new Facebook group that you are all welcome to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/505799341747907>

A private, positive and safe group to connect with others, arrange coffee catch ups, pass on old uniforms, share advice, ask for advice etc.

To access the group please click the following link and answer the questions when applying to join. There are some rules to acknowledge, and all posts will require approval before they will be posted. There is plenty of chat so please don't be shy and come and visit the group.

I look forward to connecting with many more families and help support the group to evolve into a space that bridges the social gap.

ALPINE BIKE RIDE

Anthony, Sam & Francesca

Aiming High on the Alpine Ride Bike Camp
April 3rd - April 6th, 2023

Congratulations to Middle and Senior School students Emily Harding, Nau Kim, Michael Bohuslav, Sean Suridge, Will Blease and Mia Drakopoulos-Chan 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 Wednesday, students participated in group bike riding along the 100 km course between Beechworth and Harrietville using the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail and also the Great Valley Bike Trail.

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 6 weeks of training. This year's winner was Nau Kim from Year 9.

All students should be proud of this significant achievement. Congratulations and a big thank you to everyone involved.



*Nau Kim,
Max
Woolcock
Medal
recipient.*



TERM 1 HOUSE DAY

House Walk-a-thon & Cross Country

Participation



Fun



Active



Encouragement

WALK-A-THON & CROSS COUNTRY

Sam Ditty & Paul Abu-Elias

House Walk-a-thon & Cross Country Day (Thursday 6th April)

The 2023 House Walk-a-thon & Cross Country Day took place on the last day of term 1. The House Colour spirit was in full swing as students dressed up and represented their House, while competing to become house day champions. It was fantastic to see all students get involved by supporting their house teammates or participating in the events.

The winners of Term 1 House Day went to **Blue (Huegill) House**, congratulations on a sensational day.

The winners of the Term 1 House Achievement award went to **Green (Stosur) House** for consistently demonstrating, the schools' values, the willingness to learn and a healthy lifestyle.



2023 HEATHERWOOD CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Girls 13-14 years

1st: Caitlyn Gibbs-Lucardie
2nd: Ruby Barlow
3rd: Dannii Gaunson
Amelia Hladyz-Bailey
Mollie Mercuri
Mikayla Milligan

Girls 15-16 years

Bonnie Rose
Emily Harding
Hannah Tesselaar
Christine Prydderch
Phoebe Edwards

Girls 17-18 years

Emily Shiell
Bec Edwards
Charlie Lutgens
Amy McBride
Bebe Peters

Boys 13-14 years

1st: Rylee Thomson
2nd: Bailey Hoey
3rd: Jhye Lardner
Thomas Russell
Kobe Nealy
Ari Zorian
Lucas Ozergin

Boys 15-16 years

Nau Kim
Jake Emery
Zane Chabchoul
Ollie Bendle
Mitch Langdon
Peter Piosicki
Mathew Whitfield
Casey McCauley
Oscar Payne
Travis Edwards

Boys 17-18 years

Cohen Nicholls
James Shiell
Mason Leggett
Blake Collette
Jack Falkingham
Andreas Lawrence
Josh Milton
Jaiden Battista

BTYC GYMNASTICS, DONVALE

Sam Ditty & Paul Abu-Elias

PE Gymnastics (Term 1 Wednesdays at BTYC Gymnastics, Donvale)

As part of the Physical Education program, J3 students participated in four sessions at the BTYC Gymnastics Centre (next door to Heatherwood School) during Term 1. Students experienced different ways their body can move and create different shapes to assist with fundamental movement patterns. They experienced all the equipment in the gym from trampolines, beams, bars, foam pit and plenty of adaptive foam mat shapes. The other two year 7 classes will attend this excursion during term 4.



INTERSCHOOL BASKETBALL & BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Sam Ditty & Paul Abu-Elias

Interschool Basketball & Beach Volleyball Carnival (Friday 31st March at Dandenong Stadium)

Term 1 Interschool Basketball & Beach Volleyball with three out of our six teams finishing in the top two of their teams in their respective sports and grades. Well done to all staff & students on the great sportsmanship displayed.

Results:

Basketball C Grade- Premiers

Basketball Girls Grade- Runners Up

Beach Volleyball A Grade- Premiers



INTERSCHOOL TENNIS DAY

Sam Ditty & Paul Abu-Elias

Interschool Tennis Day (Friday 31st March at Frankston Centenary Tennis Club)

Better Tennis Coaching provided some students with an opportunity to develop their Tennis skills in some friendly modified games and activities. Students competed against other students from the South-East Special Schools Sports Association (SSSSA). Great sportsmanship and plenty of rally were shown by all. Remember to get down to the courts as a family and keep the skills going.



Phoebe & Emily



Hannah & Taneisha



Kobe & Zaine



INTERSCHOOL GOLF

Sam Ditty & Paul Abu-Elias

Interschool Golf Vic MyGolf Day (Friday 31st March at Frankston Centenary Park Golf Course)

Golf Victoria partnered with the South-East Special Schools Sports Association (SSSSA) organised a 'Come and Try Golf' afternoon. A small number of Interschool Sport students participated in this session and put their skills into action on the golf course. Great enthusiasm and skills were shown by all, with some terrific full swing drives and long-range putts, the highlights of the day.

Please visit www.mygolf.org.au for more information on how to get involved in Golf in your local community.



SSV EMR SWIMMING

Sam Ditty & Paul Abu-Elias

School Sport Victoria (SSV) Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) Swimming (Tuesday 28th March at Ringwood Aquanation Pool)

After a trial and training session, where diving and race pacing was at the focus, 11 students from Heatherwood School qualified for the SSV EMR Secondary Swimming Finals into the Multi-class events. Great experience for our students to compete in a 50m indoor swimming pool under race conditions. Well done to students.

HEATHERWOOD TEAM:

Girls 15-16 years

Phoebe Edwards
Lara Bromfield
Emily Harding
Jade Soll-Francis

Boys 15-16 years

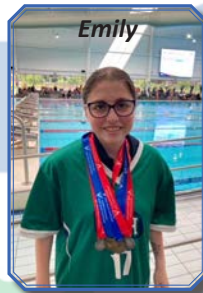
Zaine Farrell
Rhy Cammiade
Mitch Langdon

Girls 17-18 years

Emily Shiell
Bianca Lawrence

Boys 17-18 years

James Shiell



SVV STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sam Ditty & Paul Abu-Elias

School Sport Victoria (SSV) State Swimming Championships (Friday 28th April at Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre)

We had 7 strong swimmers that went on from the regions to qualify for the State Swimming Championships. This is our largest team for the swimming to date. Five were able to take up this opportunity to compete on the day and had a fantastic experience on race day at the big venue of the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. Well done to all students involved on their great results too. Thanks for all staff that were involved in the trials, training, regions, and state events.

Results:

Emily Harding (M3)

- 3rd in the Girls 15-16 years- 50m Backstroke Multi-class
- 2nd in the Girls 15-16 years- 50m Breaststroke Multi-class

Phoebe Edwards (M6)

- 2nd in the Girls 15-16 years- 50m Butterfly Multi-class
- 2nd in the Girls 15-16 years- 50m Freestyle Multi-class
- 2nd in the Girls 15-16 years- 50m Backstroke Multi-class
- 1st in the Girls 15-16 years- 50m Breaststroke Multi-class

Peter Piosicki (M6)

- 4th in the Boys 15-16 years- 50m Freestyle Multi-class
- 3rd in the Boys 15-16 years- 50m Backstroke Multi-class
- 4th in the Boys 15-16 years- 50m Breaststroke Multi-class

Emily Shiell (S2)

- 2nd in the Girls 17-20 years- 50m Butterfly Multi-class
- 2nd in the Girls 17-20 years- 50m Freestyle Multi-class
- 4th in the Girls 17-20 years- 50m Backstroke Multi-class



L-R Bianca, Phoebe, Emily H, Emily S, Peter and James.

TRADE KITCHEN

Elizabeth Reid

Trade Kitchen has been bubbling along nicely. Many students have requested to stay on for Term 2 which is an opportunity for greater skill development and even more fun times. Senior students are researching recipes to include on the staff menus. Here are some Senior students hard at work.



Caitlyn



Caleb



Emmanuel



Krystal



Korey

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Senior 2



School Captain - Andreas



Assistant Principal, Mr Braham Morris conducted proceedings.



School Captain - Paris

ANZAC Day is held on the 25th of April to commemorate the Australian New Zealand Army Corp. Today, on 26th of April, Heatherwood School held a special assembly. We remembered the Australian soldiers that died to keep the country safe.

Young Australians and New Zealanders left their families to go to war. In the Vietnam war young men were conscripted. The school captains, Paris, Andreas, Emma and James led today's assembly. Bebe gave 'Welcome to Country' and Mark Wray McCann talked about the Vietnam war. Katherine Walsh read the note from the Turkish president to all the young soldiers who died, (Ataturk's address to the mothers of the fallen; set in 1934).

All classes laid a poppy. Year 10s were the Caliphate leading in the Australian flags. Braham Morris was the Master of Ceremonies. We listened to the last post and respected a minute of silence. We finished with listening to the New Zealand National Anthem and then singing the Australian National Anthem.



PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

Deb Weinmann

National eSmart Week
Parenting in
the digital
world



If you are interested in keeping your children safe on-line, eSmart is offering a free on-line information session on Monday 22nd May 7.30pm to 8.15pm. To register and book follow the link provided.

<https://www.alannahandmadeline.org.au/what-we-do/prevention-programs/esmart/national-esmart-week>

2023 STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Nigel Ross

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 to 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 on-line during school hours using a purpose built secure on-line survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to 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 15th May through to 26th May. 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 speak to your child's teacher or visit: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>

If you do not wish for your child to complete the survey, please opt out via an email to the school: heatherwood.sch@education.vic.gov.au by 12th May.



Association for
Children with a
Disability

Free online workshop



Teens and Beyond

Do you have a child with disability aged 13+?

Then this **FREE** workshop is for you!

This popular series will give you practical information, skills and confidence to navigate the teenage years. It's the only workshop to bring this information into one place.

More information:

- A three-part workshop. Each session is 2 hours.
- Bookings are essential
- Professional workshop facilitators are parents of young people with disability

Workshop dates:

- Monday 15, 22 & 29 May 7:00pm
- Tuesday 16, 23 & 30 May 10:00am
- Wednesday 17, 24 & 31 May 7:00pm
- Thursday 18, 25 May & 1 June 10:00am

Topics include:

- Financial support
- Getting the right NDIS support for your teen
- School and post-school options
- Wellbeing: friendships, communication, behaviour support and good mental health

Read more and register now



bit.ly/TEENSmay23

Contact us

✉ educate@acd.org.au
03 9880 7000 or
☎ 1800 654 013 (regional callers)

www.acd.org.au



ONEMDA'S TRANSITION INFORMATION EVENING 2023



Are you leaving school soon? If you're looking for what to do next year and beyond...and how to get there...this night is just for you!

Hear all about Onemda's awesome programs and supports, take a tour, and get important information to help you through the transition process.

Come to one of these informative session to hear about:

- ▶ **Onemda's services and supports**, and what your typical day might look like.
- ▶ What you need to know about **your NDIS Plan and funding**
- ▶ What is a **Plan Nominee**? How does this process work?
- ▶ All about **Onemda's Therapy Services**
- ▶ **Transitions**: What to expect in this exciting period!
- ▶ **Hints & Tips** to help you with the pre-planning process
- ▶ **What to consider** when choosing your post-school pathway
- ▶ **PLUS** you'll get a **handy checklist** of some essential 'to do' items to tick off in your final year of school!

We look forward to welcoming you to Onemda, and answering any questions you may have!

SESSIONS AT TWO LOCATIONS:

16th May, 5pm – Doncaster East



23rd May, 5pm – Glenroy



SCAN TO REGISTER! BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

**YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER BY
CALLING US ON 03 9842 1955**

P | 03 9842 1955 E | onemda@onemda.com.au W | onemda.com.au

SERVICE LOCATIONS - DONCASTER EAST | GLENROY | RINGWOOD | THE BASIN | TEMPLESTOWE LOWER

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GET YOUR GROOVE
ON



THE ROTARY CLUB OF DONCASTER
PRESENTS.....

GOOD *Vibrations*

ALL ABILITIES DISCO

17th of JUNE 2023

7PM - 10PM

TENDE BECK SCOUT HALL
5 HIGH STREET, DONCASTER

THEME: FOOTY

BOOKINGS - HUMANITIX

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