



HEATHERWOOD NEWS

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Year 12 student, Roger, enjoys the challenge of the high ropes course during his last school camp at Portsea.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 5th	Senior School Excursion
December 6th	Year 12 Formal
December 7th	Year 7 End of Year Excursion
December 11th	Professional Practice Day Students do not attend
December 12th	Orientation Day Year 12 Graduation
December 13th	Year 8 End of Year Excursion Police Sausage Sizzle
December 14th	Year 12 Final Assembly
December 15th	Middle School End of Year Excursion
December 20th	Last Day of Term 4 Students dismissed at 1:45pm
January 29th-30th	Curriculum Days Students do not attend
January 31st	First day of Term 1, 2024
February 2nd	STUDENTS RETURN ON THIS DAY Photo Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Paul Hills



As a poet once said,...' *There was movement at the school because the word got around that Heatherwood has a new builder.'*

Arc3 Pty Ltd is the successful tenderer to complete the yet unfinished building. The new site manager will be onsite within two weeks with the anticipated start date end of January 2024.

There is further news. The new cover over the entrance to the Junior School is expected to be built and completed during January 2024.

In addition to the above there is more great news. The process for identifying an architect to design a new building, to replace Building A, - has commenced. It is hoped that the planning process will be completed during first term and building works will commence late July / August.

I would like to thank you the school community for both your patience and support through what has been a challenging and frustrating time. In addition to your efforts including contacting your local member we have had great support through Mr. Jeff Kennet. On behalf of the community, I would also like to acknowledge the great involvement of Sonja Terpstra – North - Eastern Metro MP. Sonja Terpstra, who visited the school a number of times, organised meetings at the school involving a representative from the Education Ministers office and members of the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA). Without her ongoing commitment and determination, I am sure the process would continue to be drawn out. It's terrific to be able to share this great news.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

A number of students have been found with Vapes at school.

Students found bringing drugs to school or vaping on school grounds will be suspended.

Please support the school in making sure your child does not bring vapes or other drugs to school.

This may mean checking bags and clothing prior to leaving home.

Bringing drugs or vapes to school puts other students at risk and is **against the law.**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Lesley Foster



Attendance – We value your presence at school.

Heatherwood School prioritises school attendance and we promote the notion that every day of school counts. We work in partnership with families to promote high levels of attendance and to investigate underlying factors that may be contributing to low levels of attendance or a reluctance of students to come to school.

Teachers investigate absences of 2 or more consecutive days in order to understand the reason behind the absence and to offer any assistance that may be required to help students return to school as soon as possible.

If a pattern of absence begins to emerge, we work with families to establish an attendance plan, including setting attendance goals and any make necessary adjustments to programs that are likely to promote attendance for that individual. We seek to make school a safe and engaging experience for all of our students so that school is a place where they feel welcome and want to be.

Here are some tips you may find helpful if your child is experiencing difficulties around school attendance:

- * **We want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting us and asking for advice and support**
- * **Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day**
- * **Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea**
- * **Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Braham Morris



Our local Police and Youth Resource Officers are once again putting on a Sausage Sizzle for Heatherwood Students.

The Youth Resource Officers contribute and run sessions pertaining to the Protective Behaviours Curriculum throughout the year and look forward to mingling with our students on an informal basis at the Police BBQ.

It is a wonderful opportunity to create positive connections between the Police and our school community.



Date: Wednesday 13th December 2023

Time: Lunch



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.

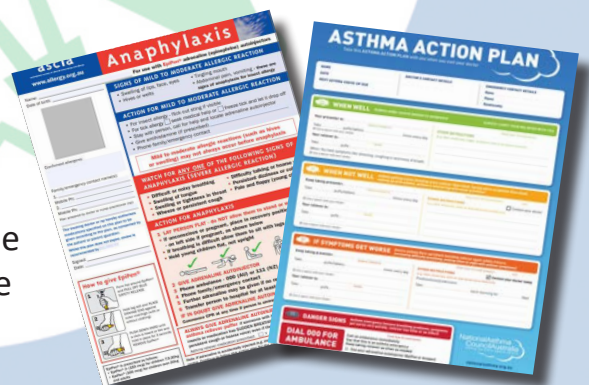
Students picked up **at 2:45pm onward** will be supervised at the back gate until they are collected.

Students must be picked up **no later than 3:00pm.**

****Please remind students to check for cars when walking through the car park.**

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.

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

SENIOR PORTSEA CAMP

Emma Collins

On Monday 23rd of October, 50 excited Senior School students headed off for Portsea on the Mornington Peninsula. The weather looked a little gloomy, but it didn't dampen our spirits. We stopped on the way at Mother's Beach, Mornington for something to eat and a beach walk.

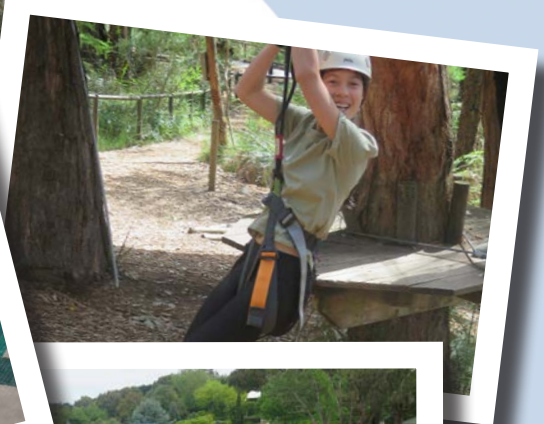
Back on the road again we head straight to Portsea to unpack and get into the first activity. We unloaded the buses and allocated our rooms for the next two nights. Monday afternoon was spent at Shelley Beach where a group of 20 students enjoyed kayaking. The remaining student splashed around the shallows at Portsea Camp's beach. Monday night we played trivia and games.

Tuesday the weather gods were on our side. We ventured out to the Tree Adventure Gardens at Arthur's Seat. Some students chose to do the tree ropes course of varying levels and others wandered the mazes and went on the tube slides. A lot of fun was had by all. Tuesday night was our 80's themed disco night. It really was fantastic to see everyone having such a great time.

We departed Portsea on Wednesday. Frankston foreshore was our lunch destination. Students braved the cold as the storms were rapidly approaching. Overall, it was a fabulous few days away. Thank you to all students and staff that attended for making it such a great camp.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

Sally Campbell

On the 10h of the 11th 2023 at 11am Heatherwood school held a memorial to remember those who fought for Australia in past wars. With a whistle for the Call to Arms by the Caliphate, led by teacher Ewan Wheeler and his year 10 class, the assembly came to order. They marched in with the Australian Flag and lowered it to half mask. Mark Wray McCann oversaw the assembly and the presentation was led by Braham Morris. Deb Weinman spoke about he Legacy promise. Legacy is a charity to support the families of our veterans. Legacy stared in the trenches of the Western Front during World war1. When a soldier said to his dying mate "I'll look after the missus and the kids". This became known as the promise. Bebe Peters began the remembrance with the Wurundjeri Welcome to Country. The school captains Paris presented the Remembrance service which told the story of the unknown soldier and school Abby explained the origin of The Ode of Remembrance and Bebe presented the Ode. With heartfelt Paris discussed what Remembrance Day meant to her and Abby explained the story behind the red poppies. The SRC was represented by Sarah and Medina with a glorious poem called For the Fallen. The whole school fell to silence with the last post and as the last moments of the last post were heard the silence and respect for Remembrance Day was heard around the school. Music was directed by Samson Sahale and Emily Kirkwood.



Abby



100 YEARS OF LEGACY

Sally Campbell



Paris



Bebe



Medina
&
Sarah



SENIORS STEAMing AHEAD

Patrizia Sendeckyj

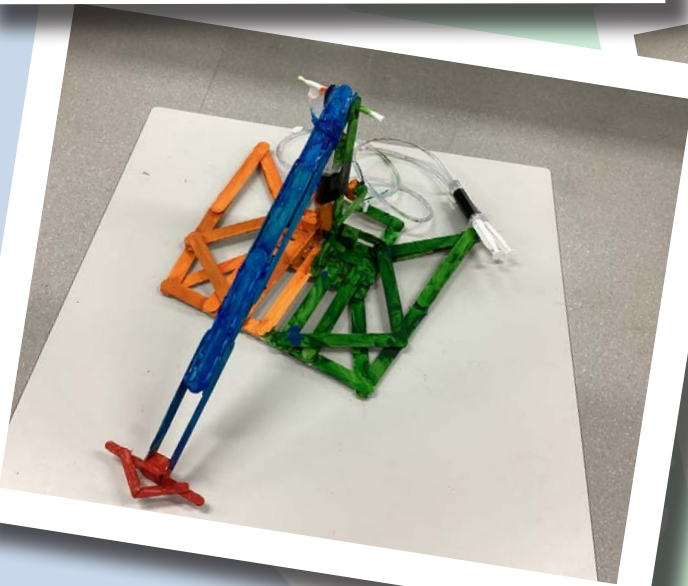
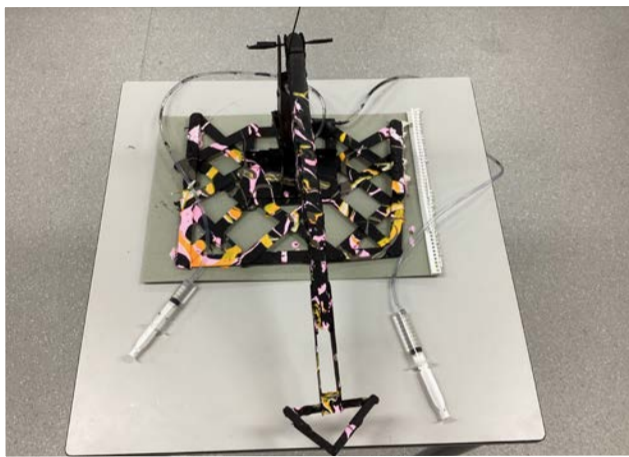
This term our senior students explored the mechanics of hydraulic systems. Working in small groups they followed detailed instructions to create Judobots, powered by water. They applied the principles of engineering that is, keeping it simple, using thought provoking processes and communicating efficiently. This is not always a simple task as the key to communication is being prepared to listen to the ideas of others.

After creating the base, stand, the arm and wedge our seniors constructed and tested the hydraulic system. This part proved to be problematic as they had to ensure they did not have any air bubbles within the tubing. With persistence and focus all our students completed the task well. After decorating and naming our Judobots all our students prepared for the battle of the bots. Each group must try to tip over the bot of another group.



SENIORS STEAMing AHEAD

Patrizia Sendeckyj



POLICE-CYBER SAFETY

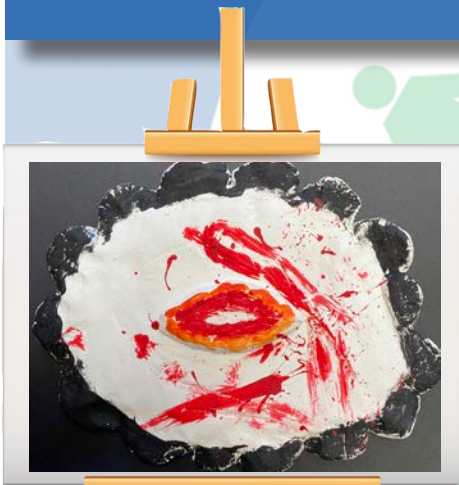
Deb Weinmann

Students enjoyed the Police presentations about not showing private information accidentally while making videos that are shared. Students were able to notice most of the elements in the presentation videos, about being safe online. The presentation was very informative, and students could ask lots of questions at the end. Thank you to Verity and Sarah from Forest Hill Police for showing us their new “Think You Know” presentation and giving students a reminder before the holidays to be aware of protecting themselves online.



ART

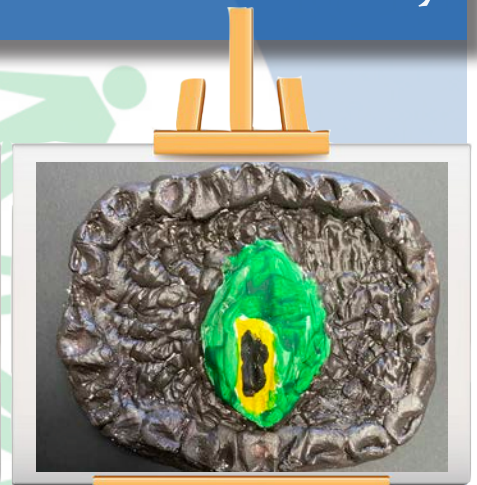
Elise Ladanyi



Hsen J1



Jodan J1



Charlie J2

In Visual Arts this term students have been using art from all around the world as inspiration. The Year 7's explored art from Asia. They recreated The Great Wave painting based off the famous artwork of Hokusai, as well as created clay dragon eyes. The Year 8's created cardboard masks and mud cloth patterned paintings, inspired by traditional artwork from Africa. The Year 9's explored traditional Native American art. They have used paper mache to create animal totem poles and used clay to create thunderbirds. The Year 10's explored South American art and have created a skeleton artwork to celebrate Día de los Muertos. They are currently working on embossing pictures onto metal.



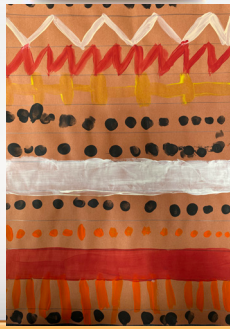
Rylee J2



Ashton J3



Thomas J3



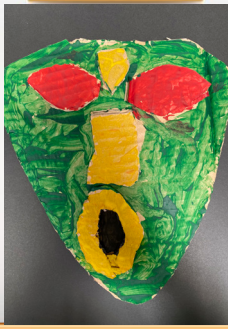
Ashton J4



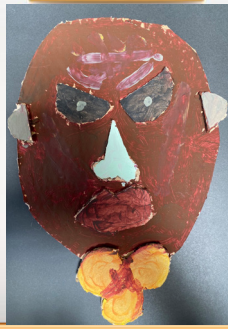
Sapphire J4



Taniesha J4



Marcus J5



Saatvik J6



Mollie J6



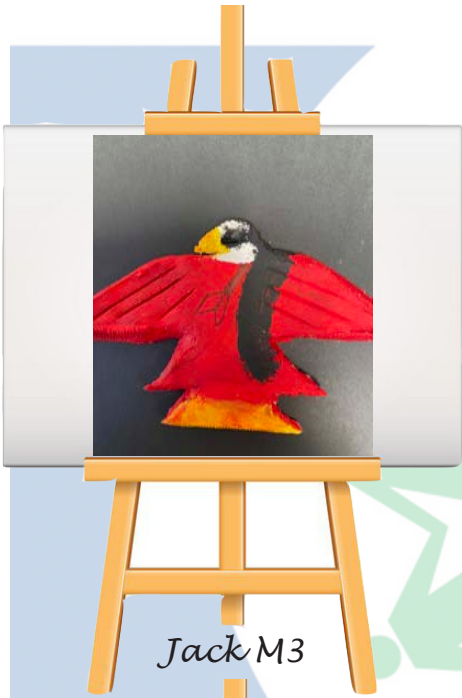
Jack M1



Shaylee M1



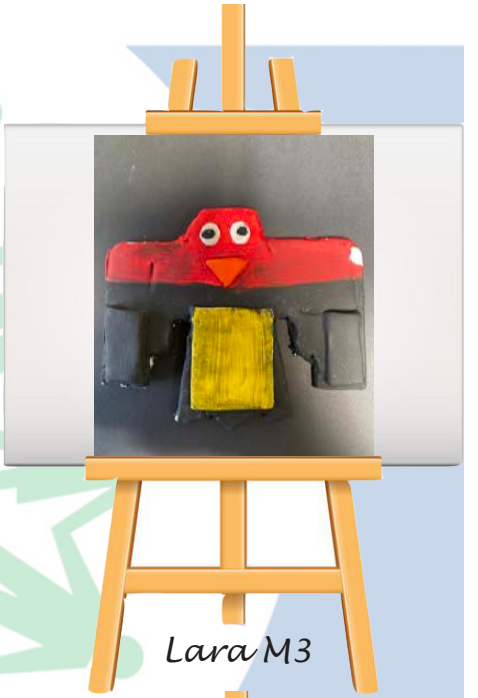
Jake M1



Jack M3



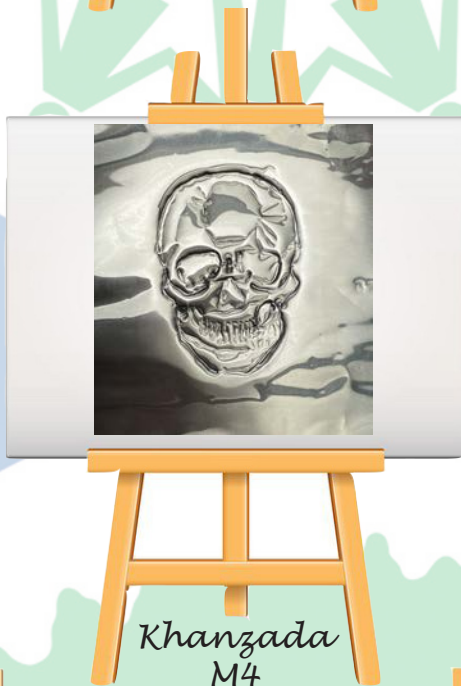
Emily M3



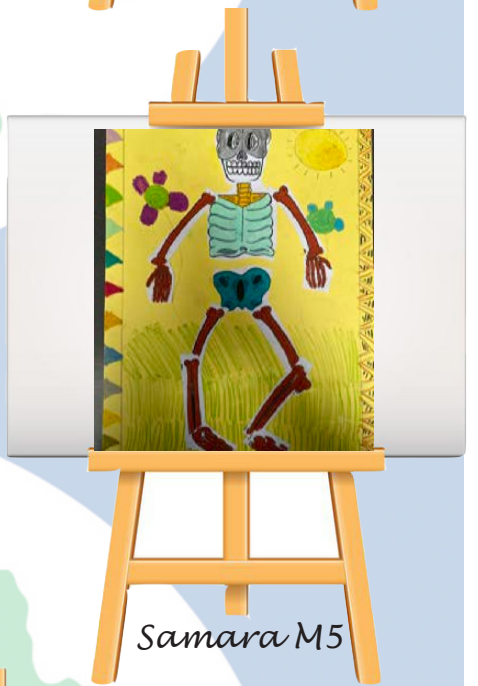
Lara M3



Alvaro M4



Khazada M4



Samara M5



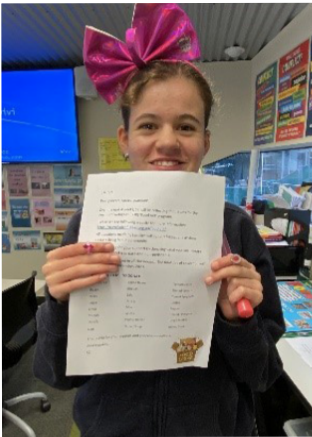
Travis M6



Joey M6

S2 FOOD DRIVE

Amber Ward



Jessica



Ella



Medina



Emily

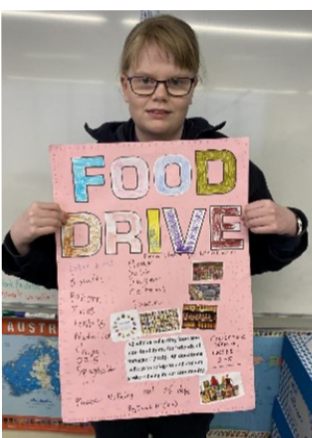
A massive thank you to all parents, students, and staff for your generous donations to the Friends of Refugees (FOR) Food Aid Program.

The 'FOR' Food Aid program provides support to families seeking asylum and refugees frequently at risk of poverty, malnutrition and social isolation.

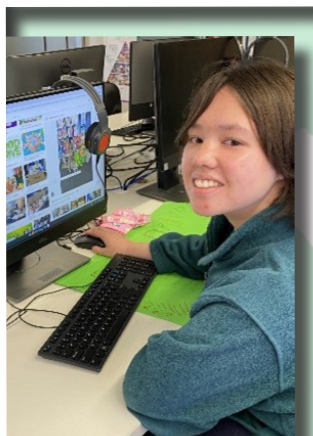
S2 received around 300 items over the 4 weeks of collection at school, and the Friends of Refugees were extremely grateful for all your contributions.



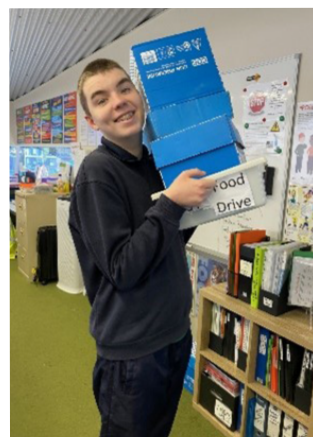
Hashem



Sarah



Caitlin



Kai



Amber

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Vision Statement: To provide a safe and engaging learning environment for each student at our school.

SWPBS is a systems approach to creating the kind of school where all students are successful and included. This is achieved through teaching and reinforcing positive behaviours that align with our three core school values.

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Your Best
3. Be Safe.

The purpose of SWPBS is to identify the effective, efficient, and evidence based supports we can put in place to ensure all students experience success. The evidence based features of SWPBS include:

- prevention
- defining and teaching positive social expectations
- acknowledging positive behaviour
- arranging consistent responses to all behaviour
- maintaining ongoing collection and use of data for decision making
- establishing a continuum of interventions
- celebrating individual and whole school achievement.

Heatherwood SWPBS Ticket System

The ticket system is a key feature of Heatherwood's SWPBS approach as it provides a structure for acknowledging, reinforcing and collecting data on positive behaviours. Heatherwood's SWPBS Ticket System consists of the following steps:

1. Any staff member observes a student displaying a positive behaviour based on the school's values.
2. The staff member fills out an SWPBS ticket with the student's name and the value he/she has displayed.
3. The staff member awards the student the ticket, with verbal feedback on specific behaviour, for example, "Great work Kevin. I saw you including Jane in your game. You're really being RESPECTFUL".
4. The student gives the ticket to their classroom teacher to be added to their total.
5. At the end of the week, each student's tickets are counted and recorded.
6. Student achievement and milestones are recognised with the presentation of certificates at assemblies and individualised incentives through classroom teachers.

SWPBS Ticket

Student: _____

Home Group: _____

Staff Initials: _____

Date: __/__/2023

VALUE SHOWN:

Be Respectful

Be Your Best

Be Safe



SWPBS Ticket

Student: _____

Home Group: _____

Staff Initials: _____

Date: __/__/2023

VALUE SHOWN:

Be Respectful

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Be Safe



SWPBS Ticket

Student: _____

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Date: __/__/2023

VALUE SHOWN:

Be Respectful

Be Your Best

Be Safe



SWPBS Ticket

Student: _____

Home Group: _____

Staff Initials: _____

Date: __/__/2023

VALUE SHOWN:

Be Respectful

Be Your Best

Be Safe



BLACKWOOD SUPER RIDE

Samantha Ditty

Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th November 2023

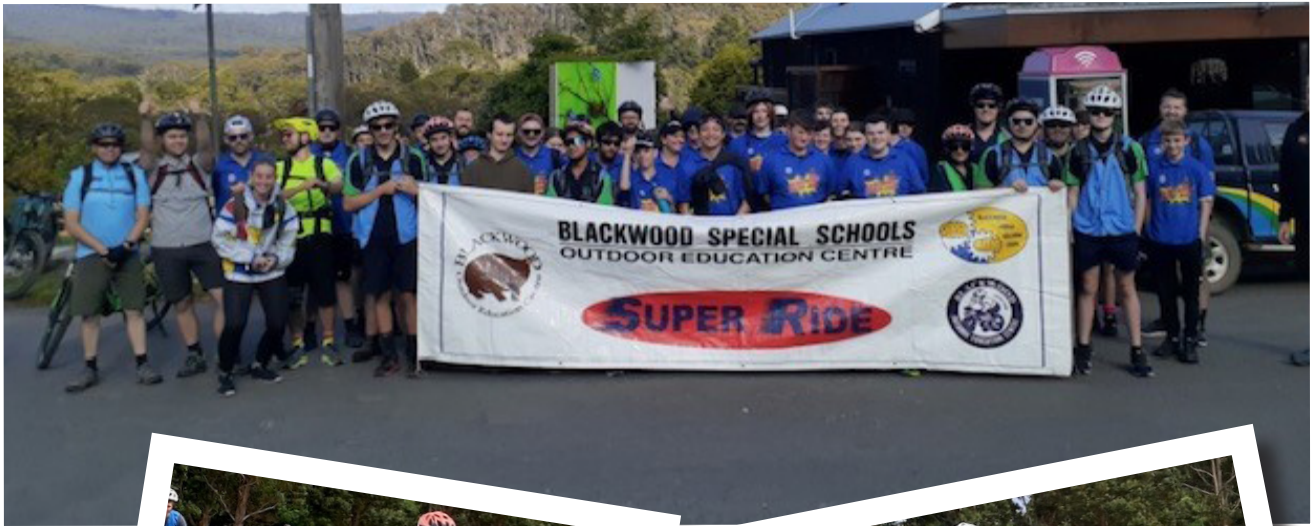
Five strong bike riders of Nau Kim, Oscar Payne, Jay Cecchin, Peter Piosicki and Jack Falkingham accompanying by the staff Lee O'Sullivan, Francesca Hudson and Sam Ditty took to the Blackwood Forest and participated in the annual Blackwood Super Ride Bike Camp.

We were joined by another five Victorian Special Schools completed a 50km course consisting of steep hills, roads and gravel runs through the Blackwood Forest and along a new part of the ride the Domino Rail trail. The starting 7km giant climb of bike riding was mastered by these students and staff too. Great group of students that showed great sportsmanship and gave their all. Special congratulations were to Oscar Payne who won the Max Woolcock award for Heatherwood through overall attitude, encouragement towards others and positive spirit.

On the camping side, we were treated to the blackwood tent shelter location where all tents were fixed and up ready for our arrival, the pool table was quite a success for the boys too. The camp included a special treat of a night out in Ballarat with a Pizza Hut dinner followed by the whole camp attending the movies, such a great way to end a long riding day. Thank you to the staff that supported in making this camp a success for all and the Blackwood Outdoor Education group that provide these extended opportunities for all.



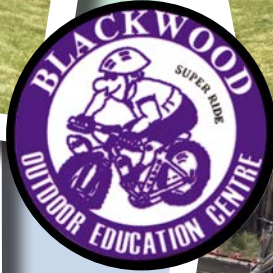
*Back row L-R: Lee, Sam, Francesca, Jay & Peter
Sitting L-R: Nau Kim, Oscar & Jack*



Jay



Oscar



Jack



Oscar





Peter



Jack



Nau Kim



Nau Kim



Peter



Jay



SSSSA INDOOR CRICKET & OUTDOOR SOFTBALL

Sam Ditty

Friday 24th November 2023

Heatherwood entered 2 Cricket and 2 Softball teams into the Term 4 Interschool Sports program. The students pushed through the warm weather to play many rounds and finals. They showed determination and great skill development which was evident over the four rounds of practice leading up to the carnival day. Heatherwood students displayed teamwork, communication and the ability to listen to the coach's game strategies. Well done to all students and thanks to all staff for another successful Interschool Sport year.

Results:

Cricket A Grade- Heatherwood Runners Up



Jake



Alex



Peter



Back row L-R: Campbell, Oscar, Matthew, Lucas, Nau Kim, Zaine, Rhye, Blake and Mitch.

STUDENT SPORTING SUCCESS

ANDREAS LAWRENCE – STATE BASKETBALL TEAM

Andreas Lawrence was selected as an Development Player for the Victorian Men’s State Basketball Team after attending weeks of tryouts.

This is a huge start to Andreas’ future basketball aspirations to represent Australia with the Australian Men’s Intellectually Impaired Basketball Team – The Boomerangs.

Andreas’ will now attend training with the squad each week and fast track his learning of the fundamentals of elite basketball.

A tremendous achievement Andreas!



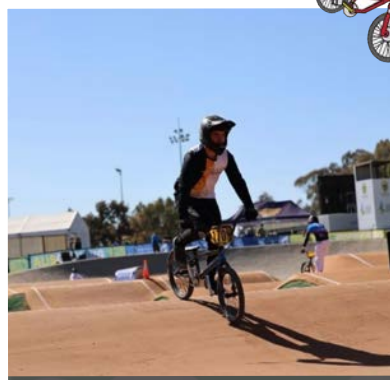
JACK FALKINGHAM - NATIONAL BMX CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jack competed at the National BMX Championships in Shepparton in November. Below is a recount of his experience.

On the Wednesday I raced the last round of the National Series. Unfortunately missed out on semi finals by 1 spot. Friday was the Australian Titles and there was 57 riders in my age group. I missed out on quarterfinals which meant unfortunately I was done for the day.

Leading into the National BMX Championships, Jack has to make a 100% commitment to training for the entire year with a BMX coach, fitness coach and nutritionist. As part of his team. Jack worked on his bike to make sure he was ready to compete to the best of his ability.

Congratulations on a successful year Jack!



STUDENT SPORTING SUCCESS

JASMINE HOSE - AUSTRALIA PARAMATILDAS

Jasmine has been a member of the Australian ParaMatildas for one year with the dream of one day representing Australia at an international event. The ParaMatildas are the first Australian national soccer team for women and girls with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injuries and or symptoms of a stroke. <https://www.paramatildas.com.au/our-story>

Jasmine has attended camps at the Centre of Excellence in Canberra, (AIS), and trains with her soccer team to improve her fitness level and skills.

During a recent friendly match between Australia and Nepal, Jasmin was selected to assist the Nepal team as they were a player short. Jasmine jumped at the opportunity to demonstrate her outstanding soccer skills at an international level.

Jasmine said, "It was hard playing against my friends and teammates, but I love playing soccer at a top level I enjoyed helping the players from Nepal but I want to play for Australia in the future."

Congratulations Jasmine and good luck with your future soccer dreams!





SCHOOL HOLIDAY ALL ABILITIES TENNIS CLINIC



8th and 9th of Jan 2024

9.30am-11am



RUN BY HEAD COACH MARK BRODAM AND HIS TEAM OF COACHES
THIS PROGRAM IS SUITABLE FOR THOSE WITH PHYSICAL AND/OR
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES- ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME

OUR TENNIS CLUB IS WELL KNOWN FOR OUR WEEKLY ALL ABILITIES
PROGRAM WHICH WE HAVE WON NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR, SO FOR
THOSE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY !

**WHERE: FERNTREE GULLY TENNIS CLUB
2A GLENFERN ROAD, FERNTREE GULLY, VIC, 3156**

BOOK IN 1 OR 2 DAYS

\$30 A DAY OR \$50 FOR 2 DAYS



WHAT TO BRING:

- TENNIS RACQUET
(CAN BE BORROWED IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE)
- DRINK BOTTLE
- SNACK (WE WILL HAVE A BREAK)



**FERNTREE GULLY
TENNIS CLUB**

**CONTACT HEAD COACH MARK BRODAM TO BOOK
E: PRESTIGETENNISFTG@GMAIL.COM
PH: 0421 034 534**

HEATHERWOOD FB PICNIC

Anne Basel

To all the families of Heatherwood,

Please feel free to join us for a casual picnic and BBQ, to come together as a community in a relaxed environment, as we farewell the end of a challenging year and welcome the new year that will be filled with positive changes.



Date: December 3rd

Time: 12-3 approximately

Location: Wally Tew Reserve

(Grassy patch between oval and playground)

6 Brenock Park Dr, Ferntree Gully



BYO EVERYTHING (lunch/snacks, picnic blanket and drinks)

Parking available near playground, behind library and near oval.

There are a couple of public bbqs available so if you are using them please bring cooking utensils.

Y INCLUSION SERVICES

Melisa Versace



Y Inclusion Services Y Journeys have released our new camp dates for January – June 2024. We will be returning to some of our most popular camp locations in Lady Northcote, Camp Manyung, Lady Dewar Lodge and Camp Wyuna just to name a few as well as checking out some new ones.

Our application form to an online form however if you would still like one to be emailed to you just ask and the team can do that.

To get the first chance to lock in one of our camps please see the link below for the camp program that suits you! Places are limited so please get in quick.

Here is the link to the website - [Camp bookings - The Y Inclusion Services \(ymca.org.au\)](https://ymca.org.au)

