



# HEATHERWOOD NEWS

## DECEMBER 2023

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday, December 20th**

**Last Day of Term 4**

**Students dismissed at 1:45pm**

**Monday, January 29th & Tuesday, January 30th**

**Curriculum Days**

**Students do not attend**

**Wednesday, January 31st**

**First day of Term 1, 2024**

**STUDENTS RETURN ON THIS DAY**

**Friday, February 2nd**

**Photo Day**

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Paul Hills



We have come to the end of another eventful year at Heatherwood.

I would like to acknowledge all the students and families who will be leaving this year. Thank you for the contribution you have made to the school.

The Year 12 Graduation held last week really highlighted the growth in the students and what they remembered about their school life. These were mainly about camps and the friendships they had made (funny classroom work was rarely mentioned). Students also appreciated the support they had received from families, friends, and teachers.

I would like to thank the whole school community for the support you have given the school and for your involvement in your child's education.

I wish everyone a restful and safe Christmas and I hope that 2024 is a year of unexpected, exciting events.

## 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



Dear Heatherwood Families,

As we bid farewell to another wonderful school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. The journey we've shared together has been filled with challenge, growth, and cherished memories that will linger in our hearts for years to come.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well being of your precious children. It has been a privilege to witness their curiosity, resilience, and enthusiasm for learning. Together, we've created a vibrant community that thrives on collaboration, support, and a shared commitment to nurturing the potential within each child. As we embark on the festive holiday season, I extend warm wishes to you and your loved ones. May this time be filled with laughter, love, and the simple joys of the season.

Our school is more than just a place of learning. It's a family, and you are an integral part of that family. Thank you for your unwavering support, your dedication to your children's education, and the countless ways you've contributed to the vibrant tapestry of our school community.

For those students who have graduated or are leaving, we hope your future is everything you wish it to be. For our families returning in 2024, we look forward to welcoming your children back in the 2024, ready for new adventures and achievements. For new families, we look forward to getting to know you and working in partnership with you to guide your teenager along the journey of becoming a young adult.

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Braham Morris



On Wednesday 13th of December, we were privileged once again to have our local community Police Officers put on an end of year BBQ for our students. It was a very warm day and all students enjoyed mingling and talking to the police.

The Police sponsored all the food, drinks and treats and also bought along the Police motorbike and vehicles for students to see up close.

The day also coincided with the final Year 12 assembly and parade with some of the Police staying back to watch.

Positive relationships continue to grow with our local Youth Resource Officers and overall, it was a lovely way to culminate what has been a long school term.

Wishing the entire school community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and of course a safe and enjoyable holiday.

# 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.

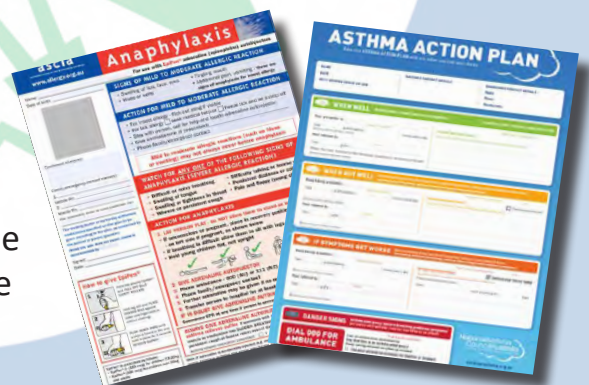
Students picked up **at 2:45pm onward** will be supervised at the back gate until they are collected.

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.

# WORK EXPERIENCE - WALLARA

Emma Collins

Thursday November 30th was our last day of work experience at Wallara Industries in Keysborough. We have been working there each Thursday and complete a variety of jobs like connecting security tags together for Myer, folding clean linen for Box Hill and Braeside Hospitals and assorted packaging for cosmetics and lollies.

Wallara supports people with disabilities and operate logistics at Keysborough, including a number of gardening crews and multiple café and hospitality sites. We have all enjoyed our time there this year and look forward to continuing our relationship with them in 2024.

As a thank you for our student's hard work, Wallara gave us a special lunch on our last day and then presented the students with certificates of appreciation and a gift bag of assorted goodies.



Holly



Jessica



L-R: Jasmine, Bryan, Jay, Dylan, Bailey, Holly, Emmanuel, Chiara, Tyler, Jessica, Kade, Kalan, Noah, Kyle and Emma.



Korey



Noah

# SENIORS FUNFIELDS



The Senior School had a fantastic day of brilliant activities at Funfields, Whittlesea. The students loved the rides and exciting water activities. A big favourite was the wave pool with many students spending the entire day enjoying the waves. The opportunity to attend for free and to make such wonderful memories was thanks to the hard work of Sam Ditty, who was successful in securing a grant to cover costs, and to Katherine Walsh for planning such a huge excursion. Thanks Sam and Katherine. Testament to the smiles on student's faces, Funfields was an excursion enjoyed by all.



Mia



Abbey & Jaiden



Bec, Paris & Heidi

# SENIORS FUNFIELDS



James &  
Madi



Dylan &  
Caleb



Roger



Abbey, Madi, James & Emily



Blake



Jack



Tyler

# 2023 YEAR 12 FORMAL



Lillee & Charlotte



Emmanuel



Eshaan



Kade



Madi



Kiara, Heidi & James



Jacinta, Abbey & Kiara



Heidi, Paris & Lillee





# 2023 YEAR 12 FORMAL



Jaymii & Isabelle



Jasmine & Emma



Luke & Dylan



Jay



Roger



Noah



Jamie & Campbell (ES)



Alex & Caleb



Andreas, Taylen, Jack & Blake

# 2023 YEAR 12 FORMAL



L-R: Keiran, Alex, Joshua, Noah, Kiara, Dylan, Jay, Luke & Tyler  
Seated L-R: Jasmine, Abbey & Charlotte Teacher- Emma Collins



L-R: Roger, James, Issabelle, Jaymii, Eshaan, Jacinta, Madi, Emmanuel & Kade  
Seated: Heidi Teacher- Anthony Leneghan



L-R: Andreas, Jamie, Taylen, Jack, Blake, Paris & Lillee Teacher- Joanne Larkin & Lee O'Sullivan  
ES staff- Liza McCormack, Breanna Shilcock & Campbell Prior

# 2023 GRADUATION INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



## The Menzies Award

The recipient of this award has been recognised for their community service. Heidi Monssen has, for many years, been a CFA Volunteer for the Bayswater & Boronia regions.

Heidi received the award from Mr Keith Wolahan, Federal Member for Menzies.



## The Australian Olympic Change Maker Award

The recipients of this award are recognised for demonstrating the Olympic spirit through leadership and driving positive change in their school or local communities. This year's winners are Jack Falkingham and Paris Deblasis.



# 2023 YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY



Justin Phillpot Sports Award  
Bebe Peters & Blake Collette



Sheryl Tacy Visual Arts Award  
James Troughton



Hospitality Award  
Emma Platt



Certificate 1 Agri-Foods Award  
Jack Falkingham

# 2023 YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY



## ***Australian Schools Bench Press Championship***

The students from the Sport and Rec class trained at Busybodies Gym as part of their studies to compete in the Australian School Bench Press Championship against mainstream schools from across Australia. I am very proud of this years wonderful results with every student receiving a medal and doing their personal best lift during the competition. Congratulations!

<b>Gold Medal</b>	<b>Best Lift</b>	<b>Sliver Medal</b>	<b>Best Lift</b>	<b>Bronze Medal</b>	<b>Best Lift</b>
Paris Deblasis	32kg	Jaiden Battista	60kg	Bianca Lawrence	35kg
Jack Falkingham	75kg	Jamie Delrayne	45kg	Noah Dodkins	60kg
Bec Edwards	22kg	Lillee Fawdrey	45kg	Bebe Peters	25kg
Charli Luttgens	35kg	Taylen Frank	40kg	Andreas Lawrence	40kg
Blake Collette	75kg	Amy McBride	27kg		
Josh Milton	70kg				



**2023 School Captains**  
Andreas Lawrence, Paris Deblasis & Emma Platt  
Absent: James Shiell



**2024 School Captains**  
Josh Milton, Annika Best & Korey Leeming  
Absent: Bianca Lawrence

# YEAR 7 BOWLING & PICNIC



On Thursday 7th December, the year 7s went on our end of year excursion. We left school at 10:30 and headed to Zone Bowling at Forest Hill where students enjoyed two games of Ten Pin Bowling. There was lots of excitement as experienced bowlers joined those bowling for the very first time. There were spares and strikes but no gutter balls thanks to the help of the bumpers! After bowling, we headed to Halliday park in Mitcham to enjoy a picnic lunch and a play on the equipment. We even had a game of tiggy going on as students enjoyed the warm afternoon in the sunshine. It was the perfect way to celebrate our students' successful first year at Heatherwood School.



# YEAR 7 BOWLING & PICNIC



Mach Mach



Evie, Ruby, Holly & Marcus



Jodan



Charlie



Josh



Joseph



Noah

# ART

Elise Landyi



Dannii J1



Will J1



Sapphire J4



Taniesha J4



Jackson J5



# ART

Elise Landyi



Charlotte J5



Jack J6



Jackie J6



Mollie J6



Noku J6

# ART



Tegan J6



Tushar J6



The Visual Arts department received two very generous donations of supplies from Officeworks and Zart Art. Items included coloured paper, paint brushes, markers, laminators, pencils, smocks, paints, glue, pastels and clip boards. Thank you Officeworks and Zart Art.

# YEAR 9 ADVANCE ACTIVE IN NATURE DAY

Matt & Mitchell



Jake & Zaine



Through connections in the Advance Program, Year 9 students were the first to participate in the Active In Nature Program (AiN). AiN seeks to strengthen the roles that parks play in local neighbourhoods, and will engage young people who are less active due to social, physical and cultural barriers that have prevented their involvement in nature participation.

Our students spent a glorious day at Bellbird Park checking out native flora and fauna species before learning some water safety skills and how to paddle the inflatable boats. The journey along the river gave our students a different perspective of the land and what it has to offer us.

The opportunity to meet new people and try new things outdoors was a great way to finish the year!



Nau Kim & Jack



Year 9 students



# HOSPITALITY

Lynne Penrose & Rosie Zappone

For our final week of 2023 the Certificate I students, (Year 11), cooked and served lunch for Certificate II students, (Year 12), and some lucky invited teachers.

A festive table was carefully set, glasses and cutlery polished and a drinks station set up. Emil was Maitre D - meeting and greeting the guests, Annika and Medina served a range of drinks, Derrick and Jarrett plated the meals while Jonathan and Cooper served the table. Guests were impressed with the efficiency of the 'back of house staff' and also enjoyed the work of the 'front of house staff'. Emil thanked everyone for coming with some well spoken words at the conclusion of the meal.

Congratulations to Jonathan Stathakaros for a very successful work experience at Waverley Social Enterprises Catering Division. After completing his first year of Hospitality, Jonathan now has a much better picture of the industry and the theory he has been learning was put into practice.

We are very proud of our graduating Certificate II students . They have grown in confidence as well as building their skills while also showing some fantastic teamwork.

A very big **CONGRATULATIONS** to Emma Platt who won the Hospitality Award for 2023. Emma is a conscientious, consistent and an excellent team member.

Good Luck to all of our Year 12s as you leave Heatherwood. Don't forget us - you are always welcome to come back and visit.

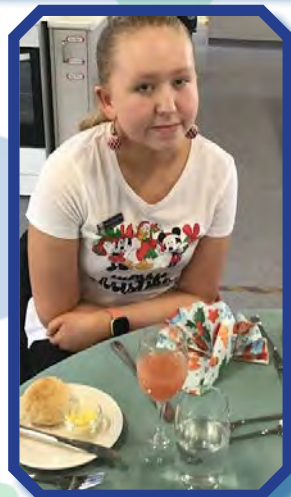




Derrick & Jarrett



Annika & Medina



Emma Platt  
Hospitality Awardee



Eshaan & Amber



L-R: Emma, Tracie, Amber, Fady, Jane, Kaye & Lesley

# STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Samantha Ditty



Heatherwood entered two teams into the State Basketball Championship for 2023. Both the girls and boy's teams competed with great success, passion, outstanding teamwork demonstrating the desire to play to their best potential.

**Girls Team-** coached by Jo Larkin with the assistance of Liza McCormack, played in the grand final against a very skilled Emerson School. The girls played their hardest and never gave up but unfortunately, we lost by 6 points. Congratulations Girls on your Silver Medal.

**Boys Team-** coached by Lee O'Sullivan with the assistance of Sam Ditty, played in the grand final against Marnebek School in a tight game. The game was physical and played in good spirits. Unfortunately, right on the buzzer we lost by 1 point. Congratulations Boys on your Silver Medal.

Thanks to all staff involved in a successful Interschool year.



# STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Samantha Ditty



## GIRLS TEAM

2nd Place Runners Up

Caitlyn Gibbs-Lucardie (J1)  
 Amelia Hladyz-Bailey (J4)  
 Taniesha Baulch (J4)  
 Mikayla Milligan (J6)  
 Hannah Tesselaar (M3)  
 Bebe Peters (S6)  
 Paris Deblasis (S6)  
 Charli Luttgens (S6)  
 Bianca Lawrence (S6)

## BOYS TEAM

2nd Place Runners Up

Liam King-Pascual (M1)  
 Nau Kim (M1)  
 Mitch Langon (M2)  
 Jordan Moyle (M3)  
 Oscar Payne (M6)  
 Andreas Lawrence (S6)  
 Jack Falkingham (S6)  
 Josh Milton (S6)



# DISABILITY, SPORT &

Samantha Ditty

Disability, Sport & Recreation is an organisation that provides and promotes positive health outcomes for people with a disability, through meaningful engagement in sport and active recreation.

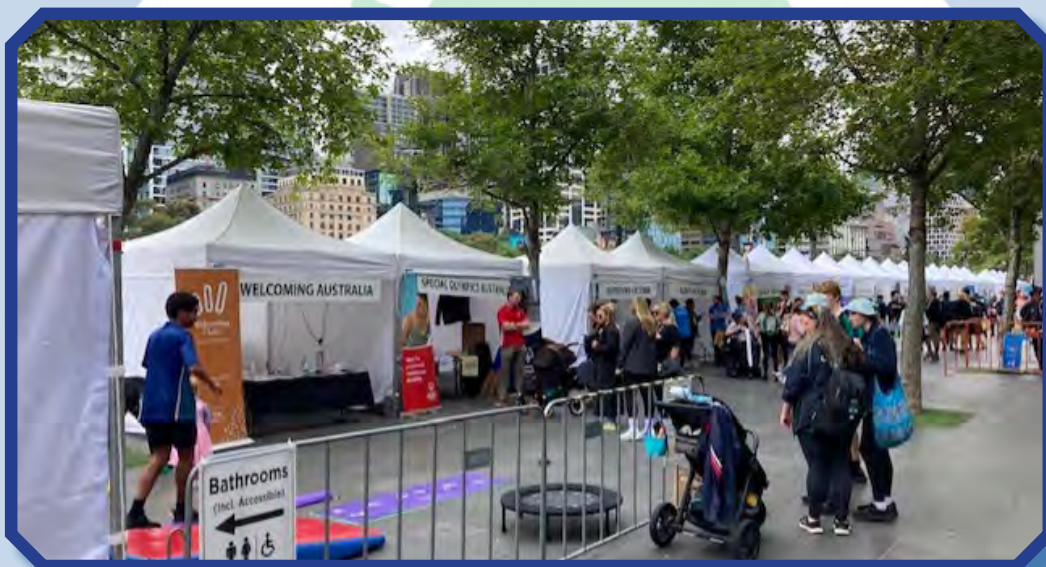
We at Heatherwood School, along with some other special schools and the wider community were fortunate to be invited to participate in the Disability, Sport & Recreation Festival held along the Riverwalk near Crown Southbank and in partnership with the City of Melbourne.

Our Senior Interschool Sport students from Term 4 represented Heatherwood School at this event and participated in many adaptive sports. While they had the chance to interact with many State Sporting Organisations to find out more about the world of All Abilities Sport and Recreation opportunities to pursue, as their schooling comes to an end. Great insight of options that await their future.

As a follow up Liz Tesone (CEO) & Peter Ogunyemi (Education Presenter for Wheeltalk), who is also a committed Richmond Football Wheelchair player, both took up the opportunity to visit Heatherwood School last Wednesday and mix with our students and staff to see what we do here. They came with a fun fidget gift or two for all students to show their support after a challenging year we have had at Heatherwood. Support of these organisations are valuable to our community. Thanks Disability, Sport & Recreation.

## ***Healthy Body, Healthy Minds***

Over the summer break, keep up the exercise, stay active with family and friends and take time to relax ready for 2023.





# RECREATION FESTIVAL

Samantha Ditty



Heatherwood senior students, Taylen, Blake and Josh having a go at some wheelchair activities.



Liz Tesone & Peter Ogunyemi pictured here with students from Yr 12 and Y7 and members of our local police force.

# VERMONT SOUTH SPECIAL

Jo Larkin

Students from the Sport and Recreation class and selected Year 10s attended the VSSS Athletics Day to assist with the implementation of a variety of activities.

The Heatherwood students did an outstanding job, explaining, demonstrating and engaging the younger students in their activity.

Heatherwood Sport and Recreation students have worked with VSSS for numerous years to help make their sporting days a great success. We look forward to continuing the partnership next year.

Fantastic work!



Taylen & Peter marshal the High Jump.



Charli & Mitch take care of the track.



Jamie & Jack smooth out the Long Jump pit.

# SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Jo Larkin



Josh encourages students in the Vortex event.



Phoebe & Noah monitor the Frisbee Throw.



Josh



Paris & Nau Kim

# 2024 DRS KIDS SUMMER CAMP

## 2024 DSR KIDS SUMMER CAMP

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN**

**FRIDAY 16 - SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY  
YMCA CAMP MANYUNG, MOUNT ELIZA**

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[WWW.DSR.ORG.AU/DSR-KIDS](http://WWW.DSR.ORG.AU/DSR-KIDS)

DISABILITY SPORT  
& RECREATION



Our Summer Camp is open to participants aged 7 to 17 with disability, and provides a great environment to improve independence, build social skills and make lifelong memories.

### Key Details

**Dates:** Friday 16th - Sunday 18th February 2024

**Location:** YMCA Camp Manyung, 25/35 Sunnyside Road,  
Mount Eliza VIC 3930

**Inclusions:** Accessible adventure and non-adventure activities, accommodation, meals, photos of your camp experience, personal care and support

**Cost:** \$325

If you would like to express interest in attending, please complete our online EOI form by Wednesday 3rd January.

For more information and to view the 2023 Summer Camp video, please visit: [www.dsr.org.au/dsr-kids](http://www.dsr.org.au/dsr-kids).