



Heatherwood News

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The new building starting to take shape!

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IMPORTANT DATES

27th Feb.– 2nd Mar.	SSGs
16th March	Yr7 & 10 Immunisation
28th March	SSV EMR Region Swim Finals
3rd—6th April	Alpine Bike Ride Camp
6th April	House Day– Wear your House colours
6th April	Last day of Term 1
	Dismissal time 1:45pm
24th April	First day of Term 2
25th April	ANZAC DAY
	-public holiday NO attendance

Principal's Message

Paul Hills

The beginning of the 2023 school has started with a rush. The number of concrete trucks, cranes and deliveries of steel indicate that the building program is going at a great pace.

Thank you for the support we are receiving from our school community assisting with settling students into the new school year. Some of our new students are finding the transition to secondary school a challenge and we are providing extra support to ensure a safe and successful transition and learning environment for everyone.

Communication is very important between the school and its community. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the school rather than leave questions unasked or issues unresolved. It's the partnership between the school and it's community that will bring about the optimum growth in our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement.

Department of Education & Training

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website http://www.heatherwood.vic.edu.au/images/Policies/2022/Privacy_Collection_Notice.pdf

We ask parents to also review the [guidance we provide](#) on how we use [[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#)] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

Amharic	Arabic	Dari	Gujarati	Mandarin	Somali
Sudanese	Turkish	Urdu	Vietnamese		

Assistant Principal's Message

Lesley Foster

Welcome to all our new students, families and carers.

Thankyou to all the families who are contacting us through Meet the Teacher and the SSG appointments. We are all enjoying face to face meetings without the need for masks, being able to see the expression on faces, to smile at each other. This year we have three Year 7 classes and 4 Year 8 classes in the Junior Department. Half of our new students come from primary schools and the other half from special schools. Students are learning to make friends and socialise in a new secondary school environment. We set up as many welcoming activities we can, especially the Welcome Day organised by the Student Representative Council and the School Captains and Vice Captains supporting students in the playground. We know students are a little nervous when they arrive and we see the confidence building, even though we have only been at school for a few weeks. We are thrilled that most of our specialist programs have started and we are looking forward to another year of camps and outdoor activities. The weekly assemblies provide a forum for student achievement with certificates for Student of the Week, Literacy and Mathematics.

We welcome the new staff this year, Ruth Bungay, Year 7 teacher, Linda Fraser, Food Technology teacher, Paul Abu-Elias, Physical Education Teacher, Samson Sahele, Education Support in Digital Technology and Lee O'Sullivan, Education Support in Sport and Recreation.

At the end of March, Heatherwood will be undergoing a four year Review. We will inviting parents to join a focus group to provide feedback. The school has been preparing for throughout 2022, examining our systems, processes and practices. The School Council President, Rosanna Pingatore and members of Council are supporting the school in this process.

Most importantly, I have enjoyed hearing from parents and carers. We know that young people are adjusting to challenges and, at times, this may cause them some distress. If this happens, please call us, as we will work with you, as a family, to overcome problems. You know your child better than anyone and when we work together, we have a very good chance of making a positive difference to all our students. I wish all families and carers well and thank you for sending your son/daughter to Heatherwood.

School Office



Parents & Carers

- * Please make sure all your students' clothing is clearly labelled with their full name
- * Remind your young person NOT to share food with other students. Due to health and safety reasons

CSEF Applications

- * The first payment of successful CSEF applications will be paid by early March. Any family who applied for CSEF should have received a 'yellow acknowledgement slip' from the office.
- * If you have applied and have NOT received this slip, please call our Business Manager, Kaye Shilcock ASAP.

Please Note: CSEF Funds can **ONLY** be used towards **Camps, Sporting Activities and Excursions.**

2023 Yearbook

- * The 2023 Yearbook will **ONLY** be ordered for your student, if the \$25:00 charge has been paid in full.
- * NB: Full payment is required **before** November. Reserve your copy now!

Second-hand Uniform

The school is always seeking to source good quality second-hand uniform items. If you have garments to donate, the school will graciously accept them. Thank you!

Playground Supervision

Parents are reminded that playground supervision is provided from 8.45am on school days until the last contract bus departs after school and that no formal supervision of the playground occurs outside those hours.

Accident and Property Insurance

Parents and Carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance,

- * are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of an ambulance attendance or transport, as well as any other transport costs; and
- * Can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Parents, carers and staff are reminded that the DET does not hold insurance for personal property bought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

School Council

Annie Basel

On behalf of the school council, I'd like to welcome all the families and staff back for a new school year. Welcome especially to the new families, we hope you settle into the new school environment ok, as a parent of a year 7 starting Heatherwood, I can completely relate to the change.

I've been involved with the school council for the last couple of years and it's been a wonderful opportunity to see the "behind the scenes" of our children's school. The work involved with running Heatherwood is a team effort and we appreciate all the work the staff put into making the school the amazing place it is.

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/?ref=share>

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.

WE EAT TOGETHER!

FREE SCHOOL-HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Join us for an exploration of food as a window to cultural diversity this April!

Who: Young people with a disability (ages 5-17).

Where: Irabina Bayswater – 52 Stud Road
Bayswater, 3153 - (03) 9720-1118



Secondary Schools Immunisation Program

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What is the Secondary school immunisation program?

The secondary school immunisation program offers free vaccines provided by the [National Immunisation Program](#) (NIP) each year to students in Year 7 and Year 10.

Year 7 students

- ◆ single dose of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (unless student is immunocompromised)
- ◆ single booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine

Year 10 students

- ◆ single dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine



HPV vaccine schedule change 2023

- ◆ From February 2023, the recommended HPV vaccine schedule for most people has **changed from two-doses to a single dose** course using the same Gardasil@9 vaccine. There is no change to the amount of vaccine that is given in the single dose.
- ◆ The change is based on advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) who have considered the latest international scientific and clinical evidence. **A single dose provides comparable protection as a two-dose course.**
- ◆ Most young people who have already received one dose of HPV vaccine are now **considered fully vaccinated** under this program change and will not need any further doses.
- ◆ There is no change to the dosing schedule for people who are [immunocompromised](#). They should still receive the recommended three doses of the HPV vaccine which are all funded under the NIP.
- ◆ The **catch-up program** for adolescents who missed vaccination at school has also been extended to include young people up to and including **25 years of age**). This will allow greater access to and equity of vaccination.

Key messages for parents/guardians

- ◆ Parents/guardians of students in Year 7 and Year 10 should **look out for the vaccine information and consent form** coming home from school with your child. **(Sent out in January information packs)**
- ◆ **Read** the vaccine information, **complete**, and **return the signed consent** form by Thursday 23rd February 2023
- ◆ If you choose not to consent for your child to be vaccinated as part of the school-based immunisation program, you also need to return the consent form.
- ◆ For further information about the school-based immunisation program contact the local council immunisation service – **Manningham Council 9840 9333**
- ◆ To learn more about the Secondary school immunisation program in Victoria visit: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools
- ◆ **Heatherwood School immunisation Date – Thursday 16th March**

To receive this document in another format, email the Immunisation Unit <immunisation@health.vic.gov.au>

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Physical Education

Sam Ditty

2023 House Student Leaders

Our annual Welcome House afternoon was held in week 1 of first term to elect out new House Student Leaders. Well done to all senior students who proudly nominated themselves for this role. We are pleased to announce the 2023 House Student Leaders and wish them all the best as they uphold the names of the famous Australian athletes. Congratulations to the following students:

Huegill House (Blue)

House Student Leaders
House Staff Leaders

Taylen Frank (S5) & Bec Edwards (S6)
Liz McLean & Deb Weinmann

Stosur House (Green)

House Student Leaders
House Staff Leaders

Bebe Peters (S6) & Bianca Lawrence (S6)
Emma Still & Rachel Vardy

Pearson House (Red)

House Student Leaders
House Staff Leaders

Jaiden Battista (S6) & Lillee Fawdry (S5)
Emma Collins & Sharon Koupparis

Evans House (Yellow)

House Student Leaders
House Staff Leaders

Jack Falkingham (S6) & Cohen Nicholls (S2)
Mark Wray McCann & Zoran Todorovic



House Leaders (L-R): Bianca, Bebe, Cohen, Jack, Jaiden, Lillee, Taylen and

Protective Behaviours

Deb Weinmann



Parent and carer webinar schedule 2023

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2022. To meet the growing demand, we are expanding the program in 2023 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Term 1

Safer Internet Day (7 February)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

Setting your child up for success online

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Getting the most out of gaming

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.

Navigating online friendships

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Term 2

National Families Week (15 to 21 May)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Online relationships and consent: sending nudes and sexting

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Setting your child up for success online

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Welcome Day

Student Representative Council

We had a great time welcoming all the new students to our school. It looked like the students were making friends and we hope they feel part of our school. If you would like to give any suggestions to improve our school, please come and talk to us.



Student Representative Council welcoming the new students to Heatherwood.

Trade Kitchen

Elizabeth Reid

Trade Kitchen is up and running again for 2023. Lots of fantastic students have been working really well to create delicious food for staff and students.

New to the student menu is a delicious snack box for \$3.50

Due to rising food costs we have had to increase the prices on most but not all items.










A copy of the menu can be found on the following page. (Page 7)











Trade Kitchen Order form Name: _____ Class _____

SANDWICHES







PLEASE TICK

Filling Please circle BELOW	\$1.00 Salad	\$0.50 each Cheese/Tomato Lettuce	Fresh Sandwich	Toasted Sandwich	Wrap
Chicken \$3.50 					
Ham \$2.50 					
Cheese \$1.50 					
Egg \$2.50 					

DRINKS		DESSERT AND FRUIT	
Big M 		Small dessert 	
Choc/Strawberry \$2.50 		Large Dessert 	
Up and Go \$2.50 		Berries with yoghurt \$2.50 	
Water \$2.00/\$2.50 500 ml/ 750 ml 		Fresh Fruit 50c 	
Flavoured water 500ml/750ml NO SUGAR			





Trade Kitchen Order form Name: _____ Class _____

HOT FOOD – Every day

\$2.50 Pizzas Extras \$0.50		Other Hot food	
	BBQ Chicken		Dim Sims \$0.50
	Hawaiian		Pasta Bolognese \$3.50
	Margherita		Fried Rice \$3.50

COLD FOOD – Every day

Cheese, vegetable and kabana snack box \$3.50			
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SPECIALS Thursday only		Daily Special CHECK THE BOARD	
Pie/Pastie \$3.50 	Quantity		
Sausage Roll \$3.50 			
Wedges \$2.50 			
Fruit salad \$2.50 			

Hospitality

Rosemary Zappone & Lynne Penrose



The start of a new year and our Year 11 hospitality students have quickly settled into the routine of the Hospitality kitchen. They are keen and enthusiastic and proud of the dishes they have been creating. Knife skills and workspace organisation have been the focus of our early weeks while producing café style food such as Open Sandwiches, Melts and a Roast Vegetable and Noodle Salad. They are becoming aware of the importance of presentation.



It is very important for all hospitality students to keep practising their skills at home and we urge all parents and carers to encourage your sons and daughters to be involved in the kitchen as much as possible.

