



# Heatherwood School

December 2016



## A word from our Principal, Mr. PAUL HILLS

While the year seems to have rushed by, I am sure that there are many experiences that each member of the community will remember as

being special.

For some of our community, the thoughts of 2017 will be of new experiences, having finished school, and taking on the challenges that entering their post school option present. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. For others, the focus will be on Christmas, the New Year and returning to school to encounter new and exciting experiences in what will be a very exciting year for all members of the community.

I would like to thank each member of the school community, students, parents and carers, staff and the many volunteers that have supported the school throughout the year, for without your support the school could not continue to offer programs to the students that best suit each individual's needs.



**I hope that everyone has a very happy and safe Christmas, and restful and peaceful beginning to the New Year.**

**Last day of Term 4 Tues 20 Dec  
early finish 1.50 pm (NOT 2.50 pm)**

## 2017 Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	30 January - 31 March <b>Students start Wed 1 Feb 2017</b>
School Vacation	01 April - 17 April
<b>Term 2</b>	18 April - 30 June
School Vacation	01 July - 16 July
<b>Term 3</b>	17 July - 22 September
School Vacation	23 September - 08 October
<b>Term 4</b>	09 October - 22 December
School Vacation	23 December - 28 January 2018

Date	Event
<b>Wed 1 Feb</b>	<b>STUDENTS FIRST DAY, Term 1</b>
Mon 6 Feb	Trade Kitchen opens
Wed 8 Feb	Photo Day
Tues 14 Feb	Whole School Information Night 7pm
<b>Mon 13 March</b>	<b>Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Tues 21 March	Harmony Day
Term 1	Heatherwood 'Disco' (details TBA)

# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

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## Lesley Foster Assistant Principal

### Reports

Reports were sent out to all parents/carers last week.

In the case of separated families, each parent receives a Report either in the post or given to the student to take home.

If you did not receive a Report, please let the Office know. We trust that your child's Report gives you an insight into your child's learning over Semester 2. We hope that, when you read the Report, you do so with a sense of pride and acknowledgement for your child's effort and accomplishments.

In order to continue to improve our Reports, we asked for feedback in the following questions and would appreciate your comments.

- Do the comments refer to your child's learning goals/outcomes? Yes/No
- Have the Reports provided specific information about your child's learning/progress? Yes/No
- Have the reports provided ideas for your child's learning/improvement? Yes/No

A question for each student...

- Have you been happy with your learning this year? Yes/No

Finally I would like to say thank you to all families and staff. It has been a delight to work with you, to see your child grow and develop and know that 2017 will be another year of great expectations.

**Enjoy a safe and happy holiday.**



## Braham Morris Assistant Principal (Student Well-being)

On the one hand, 2016 has gone so very quickly, yet on the other it does seem so long ago that we

welcomed in the new school year way back in late January.

While it would be close to impossible to capture everything that has been achieved this year, I sincerely hope your child has had a year of success, joy, a little bit of healthy challenge, and ultimately progress, growth and development.

I hope you have a safe, relaxing and refreshing Christmas and New Year and enjoy the summer break.

**I look forward to welcoming you all to a new school year in 2017.**



# HORTICULTURE



# SRC for 2017

Congratulations to all Candidates.

## SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Alicia Ray  
Sebastian Haddad

## SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS

Grace Dean  
Charbel Fajloun

## SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS ~ *on campus*

Isabelle Shattock  
Daniel Livingstone

## YEAR 11 Reps

Serena Ruggieri  
Brohdi Male

## YEAR 10 Reps

Rachael Potter  
Daniel Milone

## YEAR 9 Reps

Holly Wilson  
Ben Chamberlin

## YEAR 8 Reps

Abby McDonald  
Alex

(Please note: **Year 7 Reps** will be appointed  
in Term 1, 2017)

## Co-opted Reps

Grace Eefting Year 9  
~Publicity/Fundraising)  
Amelia Orchard Year 10  
~Newsletter  
Nick Dempsey Year 11  
~ICT Administration

**Lynda Den Elzen**

# Year 12 Graduation







CHEVIOT-RIDE - BLACKWOOD

# Cheviot Ride Bike Camp

Six students from Heatherwood continued a proud school tradition by completing the second annual Cheviot Ride Bike Camp, based at Yea, from 5-9 Dec. Blackwood Outdoor Specialist School has been running the Super Ride and Alpine Ride bike camps for many years. In 2015, they decided to trial a third bike camp and named it after the Cheviot Tunnel - a major feature of the Great Victorian Rail Trail.



**The successful students this year were Rachael Potter, Jessica Dennis, Brohdi Male, Daniel Milone, Dale Atkinson and Ethan Hudson.**



Students from five specialist schools rode sections of the Great Victorian Rail Trail; the total distance completed adding up to 62km. The trail has plenty of hills and is gravel all the way. The riding is long and hard but the scenery is breathtaking, especially crossing the bridge over Lake Eildon at Bonnie Doon. Wednesday featured the highlight of the week where all students rode through the Cheviot Tunnel. This grand old rail tunnel is an amazing experience on a bike, so much so that we rode through it three times!



This year we started in very warm conditions with an incredible amount of flies. By Thursday we were riding in cold conditions with driving rain turning the track into a quagmire. By 2pm on the Thursday we had to abandon the riding and retreat to the safety of the camp ground and some not-so-warm showers.



All in all, this is a very challenging bike camp with plenty of hard work required with just as many rewards and great memories. The students would like to thank our dedicated Bike Ed staff, Michael and Francesca, for making this experience possible.



# Trade Kitchen

On Monday afternoon, the Trade Kitchen celebrated all the students who have participated in the program during 2017 by having an end of year Christmas Party. It was great to see nearly 50 students get together and share stories, laughs and food about the last year and celebrate their successes. They all left with a recipe book of favourite 2016 recipes which was kindly assembled by Trade Kitchen staff member, Deb Heland.

It was a great afternoon and I was so proud of all the students who have stepped out of their comfort zone, gained confidence and learnt new skills in 2016!

**Well done to all involved!**

Gemma Clements



## Junior School News

Wow, what an outstanding year we've had in the Junior School. With so many memories, achievements and fun times it would be impossible to list them all, but here are some of the highlights.

- ▣ ANZAC day commemorations, including an interactive presentation and ANZAC biscuit baking.
- ▣ A wide range of fun and social activities during Friday Rec.
- ▣ Many messy and hands-on science experiments.
- ▣ Camps to Phillip Island, Rubicon and multiple bike camps.
- ▣ Economics excursions to Tunstall Square.
- ▣ Science Week, including an inflatable planetarium and a drone flight demonstration.
- ▣ Excursions to the zoo, immigration museum, lawn bowls and Arts Centre.
- ▣ A wide range of lunchtime activities, including dance clubs, movie club and drawing club.

Well done to all the Junior School students for getting involved in all the fantastic opportunities on offer.

Also, a special mention goes out to Patrick from J6 who managed to break the black board with his palm on the first attempt during their final Martial Arts lesson! This is a feat that has not been witnessed by Emily before. Nice one Patty!

And finally, on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December we had our transition day where students met their new teacher for 2017 and participated in some activities with their new classmates. Good luck in your new classes and remember to keep working hard and making the most of opportunities. Sadly, we have a few students who will be moving on to other schools in 2017; all the best, you will be missed.

**Thanks for a great year, Junior School!**



# A Vegetable's Life

I was a seed, planted into a small garden bed wondering what I'll grow up to be! Will I be a strawberry? Will I be a potato? Or will I be an apple? Who knows but I know I'll grow up into something and become food for the famous!

I sprouted some leaves after a week, maybe I'll become a carrot! Few weeks later it was pouring with rain, no sun just darkness, sad days. More growing and now I have lots of leaves, I must be a HUGE carrot!

The sun is out, I can see my garden more clearly now. It's not as pretty as I thought it was. I see a man coming with a dirty old trowel, I'm afraid. He dug around me and pulled me out, I soon notice that I didn't have an orange end. I was just plain. Old. Lettuce!!

I don't remember much. I think I'm in a truck with all these other vegetables and chicken I think. I was in a crate with other lettuce and they told me we were heading to McDonalds. I don't want to go there! I'll never be served to the famous!

As we all were gathered by the humans, me and the crates were placed in a cold room, it felt nice being cold. Soon I heard children's voices and lots of footsteps running around, the door to the room opened and I was picked up! I was being ripped apart and placed into a burger between bread, tomato and some hot meat and placed into a small box, pieces of me were left behind. We were left on a table for someone to eat us, the lid opened and there it was. George Clooney! He picked us up and took a huge bite. At last my dream came true even if I was in a bad place but it was great!

by Amelia

# Carrot's Life

*I woke up in a soft garden bed on a dark stormy day. My brothers and sisters and I were afraid because we could hear the loud crashes of thunder, then the blinding light from the lightning and there was so much water I nearly drowned.*

*Over time we grew bigger and stronger under the blue sky and the warm sun. I had grown so well I was the best looking carrot in the whole garden bed, with my long thick green hair and perfect orange skin.*

*But that all changed I was ripped from the garden bed by hand then thrown into a basket. As I laid there I looked at the sky hoping to see the sun one more time but all I saw was the dark gray sky with the clouds swirling around.*

*We were tossed into the sink. My family and I were washed picked, shaved my beautiful hair shaved so violently. I saw a silhouette of a man with a knife in a flash my family cried out in pain for a minute as they knocked on death's door the room went ghost quiet, until the rain or was it the tap? Broke the silence.*

*Now it was my turn and with a wave of his knife I was no more!*

By Lachlan



**We hope you enjoy reading these descriptive pieces of writing by Year 9 students; specimens from an activity as a follow up to Nutrition Week this term.**

**Heatherwood is keen to improve writing across the school for all students.**

# Festiva Fara





# 'House' Arts Day

**Visual  
Arts  
Project**

