



## a word from our Principal... Paul Hills

Dear Parents and Carers

In an attempt to support families with their NDIS planning we are going to run a meeting with a small group of parents / carers who will share their experiences with NDIS.

The purpose is to develop strategies or programs that will ensure successful outcomes particularly for students leaving school.

There are a number of significant issues that need to be considered during the planning process in particular transport and funding access to post school options, especially Year 11 and 12 families.

If you are interested in being involved in a focused group, please let me know. This is a very important opportunity to contribute to supporting the school community, so please give this invitation strong consideration.

The building program is still at the clearing stage. Access to the school from Springvale Road is still limited due to the large trucks carrying large equipment and bins entering and leaving the school. My admiration at the skills of the drivers reversing large and long trailers into the school is immense.

Student reports have been sent home and we would greatly appreciate feedback. Does it provide the information you would like? Does it indicate the areas of growth and possible areas for further development and improvement? We really value your comments. Help us to improve through constructive feedback and suggestions.

Please enjoy the school holidays and I look forward to your ongoing support and involvement in the school during Term three.

## Assistant Principal

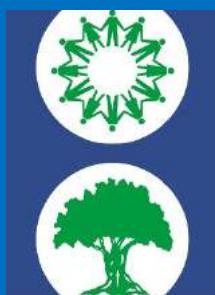
Lesley Foster



Here we are at the end of Term 2 and half way through the year. As we are reporting on the progress of our students, we are also taking stock, what can we do better, what can we acknowledge and what can we celebrate. Our practice is to send out reports to you well before the end of term so that you can make comments, call the class teacher, the school if you have any questions. The report is just a glimpse of the work students do at school and we are more than happy to elaborate on any areas that you may wish to request clarification. Our next Student Support Group meetings will be in week 6. I am encouraging students and parents/carers to fill in the sheet providing us with valuable knowledge which we will, in turn put into our plans for students in Semester 2. In my many conversations with students, both individually and in the classroom, I find that most students know where they want to make improvements in their learning and all students are proud of achievements, regardless of how small or large that achievement may be. We work on the basis that incremental personal gains, the celebration thereof, leads to motivation and continued success, which, in turn, creates a cycle of learning and success. Thankyou to parents and carers for your continued support to the school. Thankyou to staff and students who have adjusted so well to the new conditions because of the building, reduced number of classrooms and play areas. I look forward to a productive Term 3.

### Calendar of Events

Fri 29 Jun	Final Day Term 2 (early dismissal 1.50 pm)
Mon 16 Jul	Day 1 Term 3
Mon 30 Jul—Fri 3 Aug	Year 9 Camp-15 Mile Creek
Mon 13—Fri 17 Aug	Outdoor Ed Camp-Nayook
Mon 3—14 Sept	Year 10 Work Experience
Fri 21 Sept	Final Day Term 3 (early dismissal 1.50 pm)
Mon 8 Oct	Day 1 Term 4



# Heatherwood School

June 2018

# SSG's For Junior School Families

Warren Gaff

## Important Information for Junior School (YR 7 & 8) families regarding SSG Bookings



The mid-year SSG meetings will take place during the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August (week 6 of term 3). For this round of SSG's, Heatherwood School is trialling an online booking system for the **Junior School** SSG meetings. Bookings can be made on a computer, mobile phone or tablet. This process will enable families to make bookings (with instant confirmation via email) and alleviate the need for notes going to and from homes.

The expected sequence for the roll out of this system is as follows:

1. Each junior School family/ carer will receive a letter that provides the following information:
  - the website address ([www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au))
  - an "event code" to enter online so as to access the Heatherwood School SSG page
  - a simple 4-step set of instructions that guide you through the booking process; this includes which teachers you will be able to book (e.g. families may also be able to book Specialist teachers but this is yet to be determined)
  - notes on what to remember and ensure that you do
  - instructions on how to change a booking
2. Bookings will open when the letter is sent out (date to be determined)
3. Bookings then close on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2018
4. SSG meetings begin on the afternoon of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

When you receive the letter regarding the SSG bookings, please ensure that you read it carefully and keep it for your reference.

**Please note:** students will only be permitted to remain at school if a 3PM or 3:20PM SSG booking time is made. Staff will not be available to supervise students for any booking time after 3:20PM. This applies to all Junior, Middle and Senior School families



## Free Dental Check Up and Dental Treatment For Students

Dear Parents / Guardians

Dental Health Services Victoria's School Based, Special Services Dental Van arrived at **Vermont South SS**, Livingston Rd Vermont from June 2018.

During our stay at Vermont South, we are offering care to students attending **Heatherwood School**.

If your child attends Heatherwood, a parent or guardian will need to bring them to their Dental appointment/s. We will remain at the Vermont South SS location for a number of months, even working during the School holidays.

If you would like your child to have a free dental check-up, **please call the number below to schedule an appointment**. The dental van is operational Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at the moment.

All Dental treatment in the dental van is also free of charge.

We are looking forward to seeing your child for a **Free**, dental check-up.

Thank you

School Based Special Services Dental Team  
0419 581 710

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## **Pierre de Coubertin Award – Brandon Matthews**

The Pierre de Coubertin Award, also known as the True Spirit of Sportsmanship medal, is a special decoration awarded to athletes who exemplify the spirit of sportsmanship and exceptional leadership in a variety of sports.

Heatherwood nominated Year 12 student Brandon Matthews to be considered to receive the award to the Victorian Olympic Council and his nomination was accepted.

This is a great honour for Brandon and an award that is well deserved as recognition of his outstanding leadership and demonstrated sportsmanship over many years representing Heatherwood at Interschool Sport.

The Award was named in honour of Pierre de Coubertin founder of the International Olympic Committee. According to the Olympic Museum it ‘is one of the noblest honours that can be bestowed upon an athlete.’

Congratulations Brandon!





# Beanie Day



# SRC

## Lynda and David

**FUNDRAISING: Please note that the free dress day scheduled for Friday 20th July has been CANCELLED. There will be a free dress day fundraiser held later in Term three.**

SRC TERM TWO: Term two has been a busy term for Heatherwood SRC and Ambassadors. The highlight of the term was the SRC lunch with Ryan Smith. The theme of this event was centred around Heatherwood students that volunteer in the community. Many students talked about the work they do in their local communities and what benefits they get from volunteering. These talks were very well received by everyone that attended this event. In Term two the Heatherwood SRC also had a meeting with Paul Hills where a number of items relating to student outcomes and school facilities are discussed. Paul listens to students ideas and suggestions and has some great feedback and suggestions for SRC going forward. These meetings are well attended. Information regarding these meetings is fed back to the student body.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of Heatherwood SRC, I would like to thank the Heatherwood Community for all of your help and support throughout Term two. I hope you have a good break over the next two weeks and Heatherwood SRC look forward to working with you in Term three.



## Junior School News

### Maddie Campanaro

Semester 1 is drawing to a close. Reports have been delivered giving you information on your child's progress. Feedback is very welcome. Year 7 students attended the Philip Island Camp, it was a huge success and lots of fun. It was a very busy camp, jam packed with activities including the penguin parade, giant swing and the flying fox. Students enjoyed visiting Ripple Farm and feeding the animals. A big thank you to all staff for organising a successful camp. Year 8 students enjoyed their Outdoor Ed excursions this term and are enjoying the Bike Ed sessions while making good progress.





# AFL Umpires Course—S7 Sport & Sawan Serasinghe visits

## Rec Class

Jo Larkin

The off campus Sport and Recreation class participated an education program through the AFL in the many different facets of how to be an umpire – field, goal and boundary.

Former AFL umpire Neville Nash, assisted the students with exploring what is involved in controlling a football game. Neville had the honor of umpiring the 1983 Grand Final between Hawthorn and Essendon in front of 110,000 people and talked fondly of his umpiring career. He passed on his knowledge and love of the game to the 20 students who all successfully completed the course.



At the completion of the 2 day course, 6 Heatherwood School students were selected to umpire the Auskick game this coming Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Etihad Stadium. The game is being played between North Melboune and Essendon and will be televised on television.

Congratulations to the class on their wonderful achievement and good luck to the following 6 students for Sunday – Rachael Potter, Jessica Dennis, Nathan Guegan-Hill, Daniel Milone, Shant Gedik and Robert Weller.



Emma Collins

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, the Senior school students were lucky enough to have a visit from Australian Badminton Champion Sawan Serasinghe. Sawan was lucky enough to compete in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and the 2018 Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast.

The Senior school students have been studying the



Commonwealth Games during Term 2 so the visit from Sawan tied in nicely with what we have been learning in class.

Sawan spoke about his training regime, travel around the world and the different competitions he has been lucky enough to compete in. The students were able to ask Sawan questions about his busy life and competing in Badminton tournaments.



We thank Sawan for his time and the informative talk on sporting life. We wish him all the best for future competitions and we will be keeping track of his progress.

# A WORD FROM PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

Emily Sauvarin

Well done to all students from year 7 to 12 for your participation in the units of Identity and Respectful Relationships. It has been wonderful to see the students having discussions and listening to different ideas and points of view in an open and respectful way. Students from all year levels have participated in social problem solving activities and identified help seeking strategies for a range of scenarios.

Sexuality Education starts next term! A letter has been sent home in the diaries outlining the topics covered in the course. Remember if you have any questions about the program or do not want your child to participate in specific parts or entirely please contact me at the school.

## FABULOUS WEBSITES FOR PARENTS!!

### Family Planning Victoria (Box Hill Clinic)

If you would like some additional support on how to talk to your child about sex ed or answer difficult questions that your child may ask relating to puberty please visit the Family Planning Victoria website. There are tip sheets for talking to young people with a cognitive disability. You can also call them for advice.

<https://www.fpv.org.au/for-you/people-with-a-disability/talking-to-children-with-cognitive-disabilities>

Freecall 1800 013 952 Telephone 03 9257 0100

### Parent Guides: The A-Z of Protective Behaviours for Parents.



This website is excellent for parents and carers or anyone that would like to understand more about the world of a teenager. Information, statistics, advice and support lines relating to youth mental health, sex, drugs and alcohol and social media can be found on this page as well as parent support group chats.

Please check out [www.parentguides.com.au](http://www.parentguides.com.au)

*Have a safe and restful holiday break.*



# SKILLS

# KITCHEN



## Year 9-Thai Stir Fry



# SPORTS NEWS

## Sam Ditty

### **Athletics Victoria All Schools Cross Country Championships (Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Bundoora Park)**

Congratulations to Daniel Milone (S7) achieving the 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Under 20 Boys Para event running the 3km race in a fast time of 10:28 mins as part of the All Schools Cross Country Championships alongside mainstream state and private schools.

### **SSSSA Soccer & Hockey Carnival Day (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at Knox Regional Football Centre)**

South-East Special Schools Sports Association (SSSSA) was lucky enough to partner up with Hockey Victoria and the Victorian Police Hockey Club members this year at the annual Soccer & Hockey Carnival. We had great support from the Police members umpiring our Hockey matches, participating in a showcase match between Police hockey members and our previously selected All Stars hockey players from a range of special schools. The support and involvement from the Victoria Police was great to see, we even had a chance to interact with the police squad car and police horses developing our event into a well-rounded community event. We hope this support will continue into the future. Thankyou.

Heatherwood School entered a range of teams into the SSSSA Soccer & Hockey Carnival Day to compete against the other South-East Special Schools in a long and competitive day. Many students showed great skills in both Soccer and Hockey that have been learned and developed over the Term 2 interschool sporting season.

#### **Results:**

Heatherwood School took out Premiers in Soccer A Grade (first time ever) over the reigning premiers Emerson School. Heatherwood School Soccer C



Grade gained the premiership title with the progression through semi-final to grand final meeting Naranga School in the final.

Heatherwood School Hockey B Grade runners up against a strong Rossbourne School team. All other teams performed well too.

### **SSSSA Lawn Bowls Carnival Day (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Donvale Bowls Club)**

Some Interschool Sport students participated in a new event to the South-East Special Schools Sports Association (SSSSA) calendar being the SSSSA Lawn Bowls Carnival Day. This event was conducted in partnership with Bowls Victoria and local Lawn Bowls Clubs. Heatherwood School participated in the carnival located at Donvale Bowls Club alongside students from surrounding school suburbs from Emerson School, Eastern Ranges and Yarra Ranges SDS. Heatherwood students displayed teamwork, positive encouragement to all players and great bowls skills.

Activities were part of the Junior Jack Attack kit and some real bowls included at this year event. The day was fun and engaging allowing students to maximise their bowls skills and gain points for their school teams. Thank you to the Bowls Victoria staff and the many Donvale Bowls Club volunteers that worked closely with the Heatherwood students to develop their skills and provide a great opportunity to learn the sport of Lawn Bowls!

#### **Results:**

Heatherwood School six teams took out the top 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> places. Great skills by all students involved.

### **House Athletics Day (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Heatherwood School Oval-Last day of Term 2)**

Looking forward to the House Athletics Day, fingers crossed for good weather! We wish to see staff and students in their house coloured clothing and in good team spirit ready for a day of fun and fitness. The day will be a day of lots of Athletics events including:

Field Events (Long, Jump, Shot Put, Vortex)

Track Events (100m, 200m, 400m)

Year 12 vs Staff Indoor Soccer Matches (Afternoon session)

In the event of wet weather, a House activities will be held in indoors in classrooms.

#### **Sam Ditty**

**PE Department (Enquiries email: [ditty.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ditty.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au))**



# SENIOR'S AMAZING RACE!







**BTYC**  
All Abilities



BTYC All Abilities is a fun and inclusive gymnastics program that develops fundamental movement skills for children with an intellectual disability. The aim of the program is to develop life skills including confidence, self-esteem, body awareness, movement foundations, along with strength and flexibility.



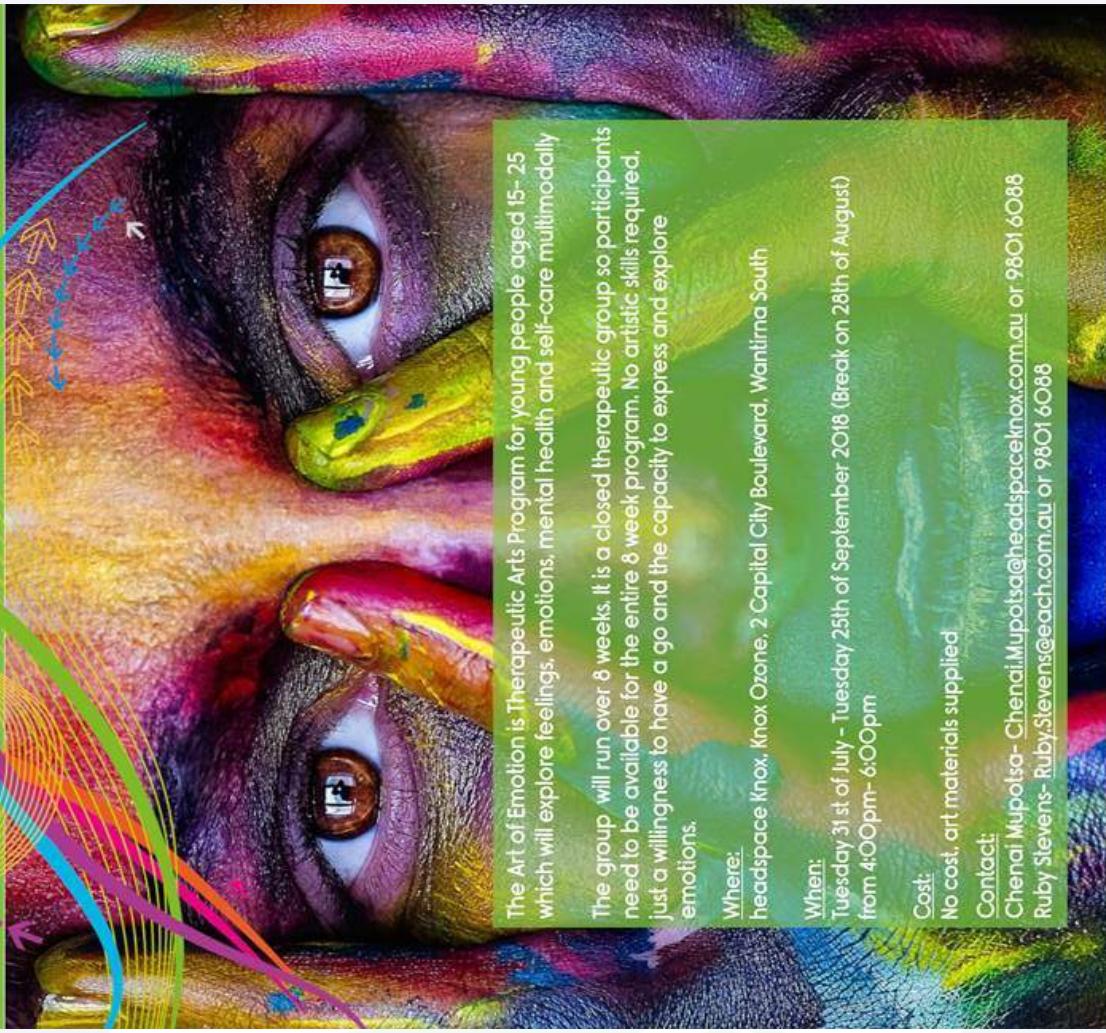
Classes run Monday through to Saturday with the following times:  
3.00 - 3.45 pm Monday to Friday  
8.00 - 8.45 am Saturday

Classes are suitable for children aged between 5 to 18 years of age.

The cost is \$15 per class with a \$65 yearly registration fee.

The NDIS funding may be able to be used to help pay for classes.

# The Art of Emotions



The Art of Emotion is Therapeutic Arts Program for young people aged 15-25 which will explore feelings, emotions, mental health and self-care multimodally

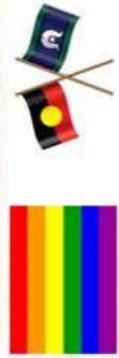
The group will run over 8 weeks, it is a closed therapeutic group so participants need to be available for the entire 8 week program. No artistic skills required, just a willingness to have a go and the capacity to express and explore emotions.

Where:  
headspace Knox, Knox Ozone, 2 Capital City Boulevard, Wantirna South

When:  
Tuesday 31st of July - Tuesday 25th of September 2018 (Break on 28th of August)  
from 4:00pm- 6:00pm

Cost:  
No cost, art materials supplied

Contact:  
Chenai Mupotsa - Chenai.Mupotsa@headspaceknox.com.au or 9801 6088  
Ruby Stevens - Ruby.Stevens@each.com.au or 9801 6088

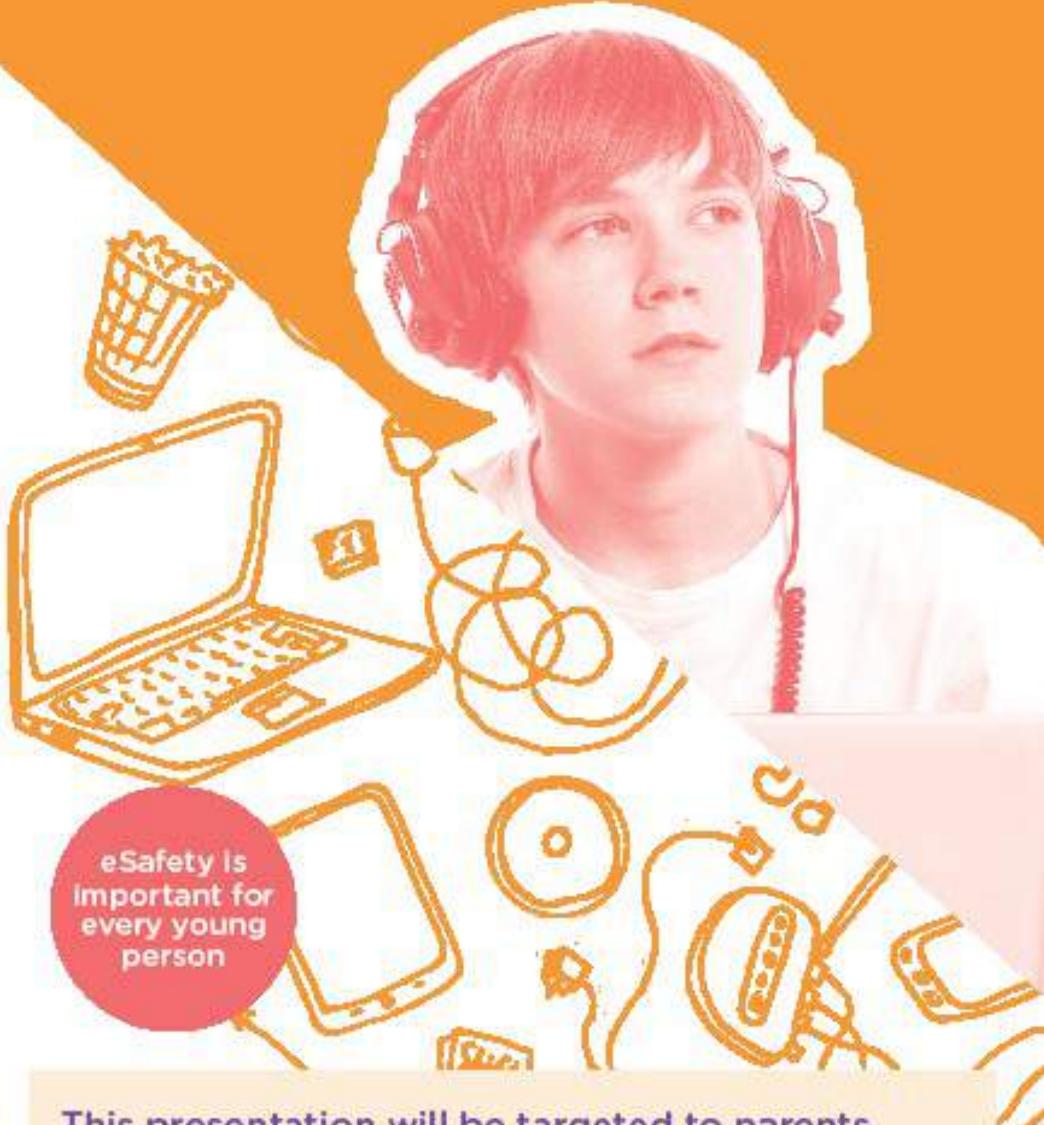


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# Knox Youth Services

# Cyber safety week



This presentation will be targeted to parents, carers and young people aged 10-18 years.

Come and hear from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and learn how to:

- Deal with online stranger contact
- Have a conversation about online issues including cyberbullying
- Support your child using online safety resources
- Report serious cyberbullying and image based abuse
- Manage screen time and excessive use
- Manage apps and privacy settings
- Have a conversation with your child about their online brand

- How young people use technology and the risks they may be exposed to
- Strategies for the safe use of the internet
- Useful links to the Offices eSafety resources is provided

To register, complete the online booking form at [www.knox.vic.gov.au/parentworkshop](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/parentworkshop)

For more information contact Michelle 9298 8311 or email [michelle.pascoe@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.pascoe@knox.vic.gov.au)

Wednesday 18 July 2018, 6.30-8.30pm  
Knox Council Civic Centre, Room 4  
511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South

Cost: Free  
Bookings are essential

In partnership with



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