



HEATHERWOOD NEWS

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Progress is being made with the landscaping near the new build.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 5th-8th	Year 9 Camp
August 6th	PE Swimming - M1/M2
August 7th	Immunisation Day
	Year 7 & Year 10
	PE Swimming - J3/J4
August 8th	PE Swimming - J5/J6
August 13th	Outdoor Ed - J1
	Rock Climbing
	PE Swimming - M1/M2
August 14th	Outdoor Ed - M1
	Warrandyte State Park
	PE Swimming - J3/J4
August 15th	PE Swimming - J5/J6

August 19th - 22nd

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

August 20th	Outdoor Ed - J2/J3
	Rock Climbing
	PE Swimming - M1/M2
August 21st	Outdoor Ed - M2
	Warrandyte State Park
	PE Swimming - J3/J4
August 22nd	PE Swimming - J5/J6
August 27th	PE Swimming - M1/M2
August 28th	Outdoor Ed - M3
	Warrandyte State Park
	PE Swimming - J3/J4
August 29th	PE Swimming - J5/J6

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

Last day of Term 3

Students dismissed at 1:45pm

MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH

First day of Term 4, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Paul Hills



Welcome to third term. I hope everyone enjoyed the break.

During this term we hope to finalise the architectural plans for our new specialist building as well as having most of the external works around our new building nearing completion. While with the weather being wet there is a great deal of water and mud lying around, each day brings us closer to all works being finished. An exciting time for our school community.

Term 3 is often the sneezing, coughing and snuffle time. Please if your child is unwell keep them at home. This will limit the numbers of bugs being spread and hopefully the number of times the school request students to be picked up due to illness. Your cooperation with this will be greatly appreciated.

During the term we will greatly value the community's understanding of the implications of staffing shortages. We will ensure we have home teachers in front of classes but there may be times when we have to cancel some specialist programs and disband classes across the school. This will result in some re-organisation of students into different classes. We hope to have both your understanding and support as the school continues to have its focus being the well-being and education of its students during these challenging times.

SOG's will occur during this term. We would like to have 100 percent of our community involved in these conversations as feedback and celebration of growth is a very important aspect of the partnership the school has with its community.

Planning together will ensure that students get the maximum opportunity to grow and have parents / carers actively involved in the students education.

Heatherwood is moving forward into exciting times we hope everyone will be part of it.

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



There is a quiet air of expectation at Heatherwood. After three years of cold, wet winters, we are now seeing concrete paths being poured and grounds levelled in preparation for landscaping behind the secure fences. The building from the outside is looking complete and small armies of workers are on site in the yard every day. It is exciting watching the grounds take shape. I am sure we will look back on this time and marvel at the strength of the school community to deliver educational programs and support students to learn. We will also wonder at the students who have survived with so little playground space. There have been a number of changes also with staffing.

On behalf of the school community, we send our best wishes to Patrizia Sendeckyj who finished her teaching at Heatherwood at the end of Term 2. Patrizia remains highly regarded for the substantial contribution she made as Science Co-ordinator, Teacher, Head of Department for Senior School, the Leadership Team and the Building Committee are just a few of the contributions she made. Her relationship with students and ability to turn Science into a fun learning environment all contributed to her popularity within the school. We wish Patrizia well in her future endeavours.

Mila Best is now the teacher in the Trade Kitchen since Elizabeth Reid's departure. Mila is working with students from years 9,10,11 and 12. She is very positive, caring and the lunches have been most welcome especially in the cold winter days.

Heatherwood is working with the Education Improvement Leaders in the Department to establish Unit Planners based on the new Victorian Curriculum, 2.0, starting with English and Maths. We thank the three leaders and look forward to the establishment of a lasting partnership. The new English and Maths Curriculum will begin next year.



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.

SCHOOL OFFICE

PARENTS & CARERS

- Please ensure your students' clothes are clearly labelled with their full name.
- Remind your young person NOT to share food with other students, due to health and safety reasons.

CSEF APPLICATION

- The first payment of successful CSEF applications will be paid by early March. Any family who applied for CSEF should have received a 'yellow acknowledgment 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.**

2024 YEARBOOK

- The 2024 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/Carers 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 & PROPERTY INSURANCE

Parent/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.

HEATHERWOOD OFFICE STAFF



Kaye Shilcock
Business Manager



Tammy Gaunt



Blanche Persich



Bree Shilcock

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS)

Sharon Koupparis



Welcome to Term 3. Our focus for School-wide Positive Behaviour Support this term is 'Be Your Best.' Each week, Classroom Teachers deliver a specific lesson around our focus area. Throughout the term, we will be looking at personal values, being a role model and setting goals. When we talk about Being Your Best, we are looking for students who give new things a go, role model appropriate behaviour, make good choices and include others. It's also about being able to set goals for the future and determine progress against these goals. Being Your Best not only relates to a student's school life but also their sporting and recreational activities, friendships and family and eventually, being in the workplace. Tickets are given out by Heatherwood staff and supervisors on the school shuttle buses when they see students demonstrate the values reflected in our matrix. This helps reinforce the use of common language, reminds staff to look out for and recognise positive choices and encourages students to display expected behaviours.

We are looking for ways to promote awareness of SWPBS throughout our school community and last term, all students were invited to create a poster around our SWPBS values of Be Respectful, Be Your Best and Be Safe. These posters were created during class time and in Visual Art lessons with Elise and were displayed in the Junior School foyer. This week, the SRC together with staff voted for their favourite poster in each of the three categories. The posters were of such a high standard that we chose two for each value and each winner will receive a voucher to spend at Trade Kitchen. I'm pleased to announce the winners of the poster competition are:

Be Respectful

Jodan O-J6 (2nd Prize)
Lucas O-M3 (1st Prize)

Be Your Best

Sienna H-J2 (3rd Prize)
Mollie M-M3 (3rd Prize)

Be Safe

Harry O & Tye P-J1(1st Prize)
Estelle O-M3 (2nd Prize)

1st prize winners will receive a \$15 voucher, 2nd prize winners will receive a \$10 voucher and 3rd prize winners will receive a \$5 voucher. This has been a great way to encourage student voice and engagement by designing our posters and having the SRC students help judge the competition. Congratulations to all 44 students who entered. The winning designs will be printed and displayed around the school during Term 3.

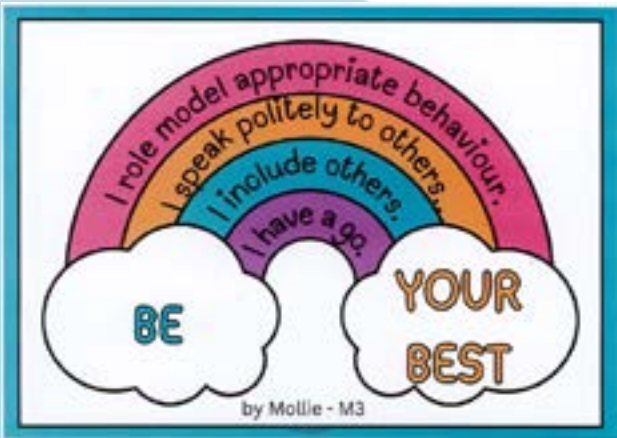
POSTER WINNERS



Jordan



Lucas



Mollie



Sienna



Harry & Tye



Estelle

TERM 2 HOUSE DAY

Samantha Ditty



House Olympics Day
Friday 28th June at Heatherwood School Gym

House Olympics Day was a time for the school to come together and prepare for an upcoming exciting Olympics. Each sub-school has a chance to rotate through 3 different sessions made up of Olympics Trivia, Minute to Win it activities and Sports Event. All activities demonstrating teamwork, sportsmanship and communication amongst the competitors. Well done to all students who participated as part of their house team.

Term 2 House Results

House Olympics Trophy Champions: **Red (Pearson) House**
House Achievement Trophy Winners: **Green (Stosur) House**



TERM 2 HOUSE DAY

CUP WINNERS

PEARSON



Blake & Krystal



STOSUR



Hashem & Bebe



PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP

YEAR 7



51

L-R: Harry, Riley, Isaac, Riley & Jasper
Seated L-R: Alexis, Tye & Amelia



52

L-R: Sadie, Borrell, Dantae, Bethany, Sam, Sienna
& Destiny
Seated L-R: Rachel, Poppy & Tiali



53

Back Row L-R: Lily & Sam
Front Row L-R: Gurnica, Bella, Riley, Mitchell,
Amelia, April & Agrem



**PEDDLE
CARS**



The Peddle Cars
were a huge hit.
Sam

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP

YEAR 7

FLYING FOX



Our favourite activity was the Flying Fox.
Sadie & Agrem

THE GIANT SWING



The Giant Swing was the best!
Tiali & Poppy



ART - NAIDOC WEEK

Elise Ladanyi



J4 Ashton



J6 Charlie



Collaborative School Mural



J4 Xavier



J4 Tapa

2024

PARENT/CARER/GUARDIAN SURVEY



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2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents / caregivers / guardians has been selected to participate in this year's survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from

Monday 29 July and Friday 30 August, 2024

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

J1 OUTDOOR ED

Lee O'Sullivan



**SURF WATER SAFETY
MONASHI WAVE POOL**



Emerald



Tye

L-R: Riley, Corey, Tye, Francesca, Alexis,
Lee & Riley



Alexis



Riley



Riley

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Lee O'Sullivan



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Donna Buang



Riley



Ari & Hamish



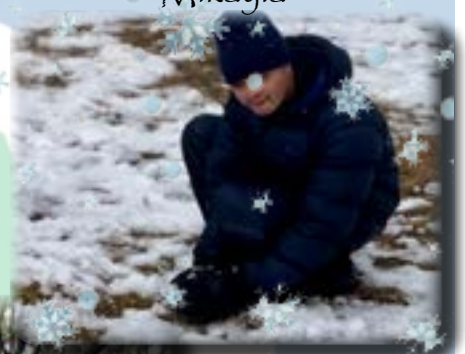
Angus



Amelia, Sapphire, Angus & Mikayla



Sapphire & Amelia



Jensen



Back L-R: Andrew, Hamish, Amelia, Sapphire, Mikayla, Corey, Angus, Marcus & Lee
Sitting L-R: Ari, Riley & Jensen

M2 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Lee O'Sullivan



mt
Donna Buang



Lulah, Charlette &
Tegan



Harry



Kevin



Kobe



Kobi



Tegan



L-R: Harry, Kobi, Caleb, Kobe, Charlette, Lulah, Tegan
& Kevin

SSV STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Samantha Ditty



School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Championships Thursday 18th July at Yarra Glen Racing Club

Eleven students from Heatherwood School competed in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) State Cross Country Championships Multiclass events. Their qualification was based upon their fantastic results in the South-East Special Schools Cross Country earlier in Term 2. The competition day produced some great results from our Heatherwood team. The cross country 3km course was a tough one with plenty of mud and slippery surfaces to accomplish. Well done to the students who gave their best, congratulations to these students for making the State Cross Country finals. Thanks to Sam, Dave & Emily for your support with this team along with the many parents that were able to make it on the day.

Events & Results

Girls 12-14 years Multiclass event 3km
5th Ruby Barlow- J5

Boys 12-14 years Multiclass event 3km
4th Jhye Lardner- J4

Girls 15-16 years Multiclass event 3km
3rd Emily Harding- M6
4th Tegan Morrow- M2
7th Billy Washington- M4

Boys 15-16 years Multiclass event 3km
2nd Lucas Ozergin- M3
5th Nau Kim- M5
20th Hasan Shadid- M4

Girls 17-20 years Multiclass event 3km
4th Phoebe Edwards- S6

Boys 17-20 years Multiclass event 3km
9th Peter Piosicki- S6
Injured Oscar Payne- S6



Lucas



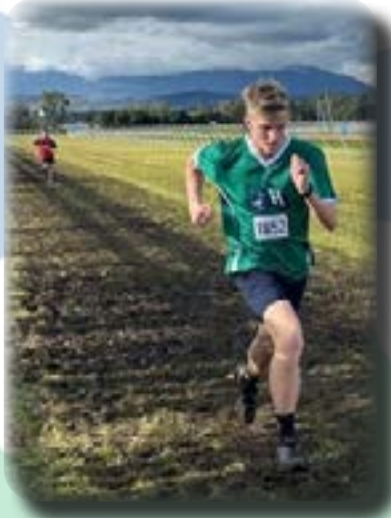
Emily



L-R: Tegan, Lucas, Ruby, Nau Kim, Billy, Oscar, Emily, Peter, Phoebe, Jhye & Hasan



Emily, Tegan & Billy



Peter



Nau Kim, Lucas & Hasan



Ruby



Jhye



Phoebe

SSSA INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

Samantha Ditty



***SSSA Interschool Athletics Day
Friday 26th July at Ringwood Athletics Track***

Students were selected to represent Heatherwood School from results in PE classes and sports related programs at the annual Interschool Athletics Day. Students competed against 7 other South-East Special Schools in a range of Track & Field events from Long Jump, Vortex Throw, Shot Put to 100m, 200m, 400m individual running events along with the highly anticipated 4x100m team running relays.

Thanks for the staff and students assistants that supported in the running of the carnival day.



Ruby



Mikayla



Nau Kim & Rye





Ruby, Amelia, Sienna & April



Sienna



Lucas & Nau Kim



The Athletics Team



WORK EXPERIENCE-ADVANCE

Amber Ward



Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers,

Just a reminder that, whilst your child is out on Work Experience / Advance Program or at an open or supported Work Placement, they must comply with the organisation's work health and safety policies and procedures.

This may mean that your child is asked to wear a mask, hair net or other safety gear, to protect both themselves and other workers. It is imperative that, whilst we are at an external workplace (outside of school grounds), we follow both our school rules and those of the organisation we are visiting.

Thank you for your cooperation.

