



HEATHERWOOD SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2016



A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Mr. PAUL HILLS

The end of term 3 has come with a rush, looking back the school community has achieved a great deal. There have been Student Support Group meetings, camps, excursions and many new learning challenges presented to our students. Thank you too for the support you have given the school and your sons and daughters through your participation and involvement in the school activities.

Term 4 will also present a number of opportunities for the school and its community. The Arts building project will be finished early in the term, plans for the new buildings will be developed, information about the NDIS will become available and planning for 2017 will also begin early in the term.

Information nights for Junior and Middle School families will be held. The Information night for the Senior School was very well supported and I am looking forward to having as many families as possible attend these nights to become involved in their child's education plans for 2017.

Term 4 is also a transition time for our year 12 students and families as they prepare for leaving school and taking up their post school option pathways. It is a time of change for many and given your support and effective planning the school will continue to look forward to the challenge of providing the best education outcomes possible for its students and their families.

DATE	EVENT
SEPT 14TH	LAST DAY OF TRADE KITCHEN FOR TERM 3
SEPT 16TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:50
OCT 3RD	TERM 4 COMMENCES
OCT 3RD	TRADE KITCHEN OPENS
OCT 3RD TO 7TH	AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT CANBERRA CAMP
OCT 28TH	CURRICULUM DAY NO STUDENTS ATTEND
OCT 16TH TO 27TH	NUTRITION WEEK
NOV 1ST	MELBOURNE CUP DAY NO STUDENTS ATTEND
NOV 4TH	SRC FREE DRESS DAY

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YEARBOOK

Orders for the school's Yearbook are about to be placed. The cost for the Yearbook is \$25.00. Only students who have paid will receive a copy. Please check with the office on 9842-8319 to see if payment is required.

* More information about Nutrition Week will be coming out early in Term 4.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL LESLEY FOSTER

I wish all families a safe and happy holiday and thank you for your support to the school this term. It has been wonderful to see so many families coming in for SSG'S to get feedback on your children's learning and progress. It is only with your help that we can provide rich, supportive and knowledgeable learning for your child. As we always say, 'You know your child best of all' and when you share ideas with us, it helps everyone. Thank you. This week the school held a Senior School Education night and families in years 10 and 11 attended. These nights help us to understand the pathways in years 11 and 12 and you can clearly see the options open for your child. At the same time, it gives the teachers a chance to talk to you, to listen to your concerns, to help with your child's aspirations for the future, when graduation truly means establishing a new career out of school. Thank you to all the families who attended. We are only a phone call away and we know that your questions and comments are important and taken seriously.

This week three year 10/11 students from Genazzano, Lisa, Antonietta and Hannah assisted in classrooms with a range of programmes under teacher supervision. The feedback has been very productive from all concerned. Thank you to staff and students for making this experience worthwhile.

Anne Connell will be taking leave starting from Term 4. We wish Anne well and thank her for the contribution she has made to the school. We are currently interviewing for a teacher to take her grade and will be informing families of more details when a teacher is selected.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Some of the students in J6 have decided to enter a 'Welcome to Australia' competition through the popular news and current affairs program Behind the News on the ABC. The competition has three drawing categories; "Welcome to Australia", "Favourite Place" and "Favourite Thing". Students from around the country can submit a drawing to Behind the News and go in the running to have their drawing selected for a welcome book that will be handed to all future refugee and migrant children when they arrive in Australia. The idea to enter this competition came from the students of J6 after watching a news clip about refugee children. The drawings are coming along very nicely and we aim to submit them by the end of term.

More information can be found at <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/topic/welcomebook.htm>

Emily Sauvarin



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Tree Surfing with M8 and M9

Our final Outdoor Ed excursion ever?? No!! We want more! Especially if it's anything like Tuesday's adventure in the trees. The rope course was challenging, not just for those who are nervous about heights, but in terms of strength, agility and coordination too.

We felt sooo good about ourselves after completing the course. It was a great feeling to know we had conquered our fears, and achieved beyond our expectations. The zip lines and the grass slides were exhilarating as well, with our initial hesitation replaced by a determination to have another go.

Thanks Anthony, Francesca and Ryan, for once again proving that learning can be exciting!!



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Ponyland

As part of the Advance program for year 9 students, a group of 10 students is completing a horse riding, farm and horse management program in beautiful Christmas Hills and Wonga Park. The students have looked at fencing, planting shelter belts, grooming, pastures and feeding, saddlery and of course riding. We have negotiated our horses through a course involving turning, weaving, stopping and general horse control. Next week our final celebration is a horse show at Parkview, the students have overcome initial fears and are now confidently manoeuvring their horse around the arena.

Well done to all the students in this program.

Robin Vierke



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Report on Work Experience by Serena Ruggieri

I worked at Bread Street Bakery for two weeks starting the 25th of July to the 5th of August. My time started at 7:00am. I got to the bakery at 6:30am every morning and when I got there I washed my hands, tied my hair up and put an apron on. I then got ready to work. I finished at 11:00am and I got my bag and took some bread home. Dad would drop me off every morning and then I would take public back to Dads work. The tasks that I did on work experience included rolling dough, putting toppings on the savoury rolls, spreading icing on deserts, stock take of bread stock, count money, tie bags, putting tins on the racks and bake off. Bake off is when you bake 150 doughs in one day, using a dough machine. My break was for 20minutes and my break time was at 9:45. I went home at lunch time. I was on time and always showed up early. I did not miss any days and yes I was tired by the end of the day. In the future I don't think baking would be something I would continue but I sure learnt a lot and now I'm able to use those skills in the future.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Work experience report by Brittney Moran

Week one of work experience was from the 25th to the 29th of July 2016. I went to Nadrasca , a packaging company. In week two of work experience, from the 1st to the 5th of August, I went to Waverley Industries where I started at 10am and finished at 2pm. Waverley is also a packaging company .



Me at Nadrasca



Me at Waverley Industries

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday August 26th, the Seniors worked together in groups to design and create clothing using only coloured garbage bags and sticky tape. We had some amazing creations, including a bride, a ninja and Katie Perry. The students learnt how to plan, cooperate and problem solve during this activity. The results were quite stunning!



SRC NEWS

Footy Colours Fundraiser- On Friday 2nd September Heatherwood SRC held a footy colours fundraiser. Students and Staff dressed up in the colours of their favourite sporting codes. There were gift vouchers handed out for students from each section of the school that represented AFL and other sports. Staff were showing off their sporting code colours in a photo opportunity at lunchtime. Also, in the Library at lunchtime students came in and watched sports videos. A fun day was had by all and most importantly we raised \$259.35 for children with cancer! Well done everyone!



SRC Elections- SRC elections will take place next term with students from all sections of the school invited to nominate for SRC in 2017. Students will be asked to prepare a speech and outline the reasons they would like to be in the SRC and what they can contribute to the SRC. Voting will then take place with new SRC representatives announced in early December.

Events for Term 4

Fundraising- Free Dress day will be held on Friday November 4th and we will be taking part in "Bandanna Day". Two weeks prior to the fundraiser bandannas will be for sale at a cost of \$4 each.

Week beginning December 5th new SRC announced for 2017.

Some of our staff standing up for their team . Green and blue jumper is Heatherwood!



Winners of gift cards for best team spirit



ROBO JUNGLE

Youth Disco

- Friday evening youth disco for people aged 8 to 18 with a disability
- Live DJ
- Participants must be supervised by a parent / carer
- Quiet spaces provided
- Only available to registered participants
- **To register please contact jenny@iee.org.au 98369811**

Disco Located at: - North Ringwood Community House 35-39 Tortice Dr, Ringwood North. From 6.30pm to 8pm

TERM 4 DATES

FRIDAY 28TH OF OCTOBER
&
FRIDAY 2ND OF DECEMBER

Featuring
DJ Dean
Supreme



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