



HEATHERWOOD NEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5th	J4 Outdoor Ed Monash Wave Pool
March 6th	M4 Outdoor Ed URBNSURF
March 11th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
March 12th	J5 Outdoor Ed Monash Wave Pool
March 13th	M5 Outdoor Ed URBNSURF
March 13th	Whole School Incursion Brainstorm Productions
March 19th	J6 Outdoor Ed Monash Wave Pool
March 25th - March 28th	Alpine Bike Camp

THURSDAY MARCH 28TH

Last day of Term 1

Students dismissed at 1:45pm

MONDAY APRIL 15TH

First day of Term 2, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Paul Hills



As this is the first newsletter for the year, I would like to welcome new families and welcome back returning families, to what will be a very exciting year at Heatherwood School.

Thank you to the many families who have taken the opportunity to be part of their child's education by attending the SSG's. I hope you found the meetings worthwhile, and you gained an insight into the educational programs being offered to your child and plans for their growth. Individual Education Plans

(IEPs – long and short term goals) are essential to plan and track students growth.

The feedback sheets are extremely important, please ensure you sign and return them. As a school we will continue to strive to gain 100% of our families attending their child's meeting because the school's partnership with its community is of vital importance to our students' education, social and personal outcomes.

We have exciting news about our building projects. With our main building, the builder appointed last year has been on site and work has commenced. Brick work has started, glass windows have been fitted and some interior work started. It's great for the students to see something happening after what seems to be a long period of time of nothing.

During the next school holidays a cover will be built over the entrance and surrounds of the Junior School which will provide shelter and supply shade.

Also, architects have been appointed to design the new Visual Arts and Food Technology building. They have met with the specialist staff who run those programs to gain an understanding of the schools needs.

So, things are starting to happen.

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



Dear Heatherwood families

Heatherwood extends a warm welcome both to our new families entering Year 7 and our returning students. We are excited to begin this journey with you and want to highlight the values that form the foundation of our school community - respect, safety and support

Embracing a Culture of Respect and Safety. At Heatherwood we prioritise creating a culture of respect and safety. Our commitment to these values is evident in every aspect of our school life. We encourage students to treat one another, as well as

staff, with kindness and consideration. Respect is the cornerstone of a harmonious and inclusive community, where diversity is celebrated, and everyone feels valued.

Safety is our utmost priority. Our school takes comprehensive measures to ensure a secure learning environment exists. We have implemented protocols and guidelines to safeguard the physical and emotional wellbeing of all students. Through awareness, explicit teaching and ongoing education, we aim to instill a strong sense of responsibility for one another's safety in the Heatherwood Community.

Support Systems and Student Voice: We believe in the importance of fostering student voice and providing comprehensive support systems, one of which is our Student Representative Council (SRC). We understand that each student is unique, and all students' perspectives and experiences matter. Our School Captains and SRC members have been actively involved in Welcome Day for new students from year 7 to year 12. They played a large role on the first day of school, checking on new students, introducing themselves and reporting back to staff. Belonging to a new school doesn't happen overnight, but we know it happens more quickly when someone says hello, starts a conversation or puts forward an invitation to play a game together. Feeling valued helps all our young people adjust and enjoy the new experiences here at Heatherwood..

Leadership Opportunities: We are proud to offer various leadership opportunities within our school community. From School Captains, House Captains, SRC, to the variety of responsibilities offered in every classroom. These positions empower students to take on leadership roles and contribute to the overall development of our school. Through these roles, students learn valuable skills such as teamwork, communication and responsibility.

Our commitment to positive behaviour is embedded in our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program. This initiative focuses on recognising and reinforcing positive behaviors, creating a school culture where every student can thrive. By emphasising a proactive and positive approach, we aim to cultivate an environment that promotes learning and personal growth.

We understand that each student's journey is unique, and some may face challenges that require additional support. We are dedicated to working closely with students, families, and teachers to address any barriers to learning. We prioritise student wellbeing, providing a range of support services to ensure that every student feels valued, heard, and supported.

As we start the new school year, we encourage all families / carers to engage actively in our school community. Your involvement strengthens the bond between home and school, creating a collaborative environment that enhances the overall experience for your children. Our school is more than just a place of learning. It's a family, and you are an integral part of that family.

If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to support your child's success, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here for you, and we look forward to a fantastic year where respect, safety and support are paramount.

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

DEPT. of EDUCATION & TRAINING

SCHOOL'S PRIVACY POLICY

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

If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using the available technology, 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:

Amheric

Arabic

Dari

Gujarati

Mandarin

Sudanese

Turkish

Urdu

Somali

Vietnamese



Work has recommenced on the new building with windows going in and brickwork going up. Everyone is excited to see the progress unfold.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS)

Sharon Koupparis



Heatherwood School is a School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPBS) School. School-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) is a framework that brings together school communities to develop positive, safe and supportive learning cultures. Our positive behaviours centre around the three main values of Be Respectful, Be Your Best and Be Safe. We will be looking at all three values in term one, followed by a focus on one value each term for the remainder of the year.

SWPBS helps schools improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people. When SWPBS is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Students and staff benefit from:

- increased respectful and positive behaviour
- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- increased adoption of evidence-based instructional practices
- a predictable learning environment with improved perceptions of safety and increased attendance.

We are in the early stages of implementing SWPBS at Heatherwood School. All classes in years 7 – 12 have a dedicated period each week that includes explicit teaching on a focus area. Our ticket system is up and running and our next steps are to implement an incentive program. We look forward to seeing the many positive changes to learning and engagement across our school community and welcome any feedback you may have.



Heatherwood School – School Wide Positive Behaviours

	All Settings	Toilets	Yard
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I treat everyone with kindness and respect ✓ I keep school spaces clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I use toilets and taps responsibly ✓ I keep the toilet area clean ✓ I respect others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I play fairly and with kindness ✓ I put rubbish in the bin
Be Your Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I always have a go when trying something new 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I role model appropriate behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I include others ✓ I speak politely to others.
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I keep my hands and feet to myself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I tell staff if the toilets are unclean or unsafe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I use the equipment safely ✓ I report any problems to staff on duty

2024 HOUSE CAPTAINS



HUEGILL
Christina & Oscar



EVANS
Gevie & Amy



PEARSON
Blake & Charli



STOSUR
Hashem & Bebe

Welcome Yr 7



J2 and Sport & Rec Students
L-R: Amy, Nau Kim, Sadie, Kayde, Sam, Oscar, Bethany, Sienna, Borrell, Tiali, Poppy & Dante. Teacher- Rachel



J3 and Sport & Rec Students
L-R: Lilly, Agrem, Riley, Mitchell, Liam, Isabella, April, Bebe, Peter, Phoebe & Sam. Teacher- Gurnica

welcome



The Sport & Recreation Certificate students took time to welcome the Year 7s with a fun activities afternoon. There were several stations of various ball activities for the students to participate in. The stations were manned by the senior students, who explained, demonstrated, and encouraged the younger students to join in. Lots of fun was had by all which was seen by the smiles on the Year 7s faces.



J1 and Sport & Rec Students
L-R: Harry, Jasper, Tye, Amelia, Josh, Alexis, Mitch, Taj, Jamie & Riley.
L-R: (seated) Jay, Bianca, Rye & Emerald
Teacher- Issac





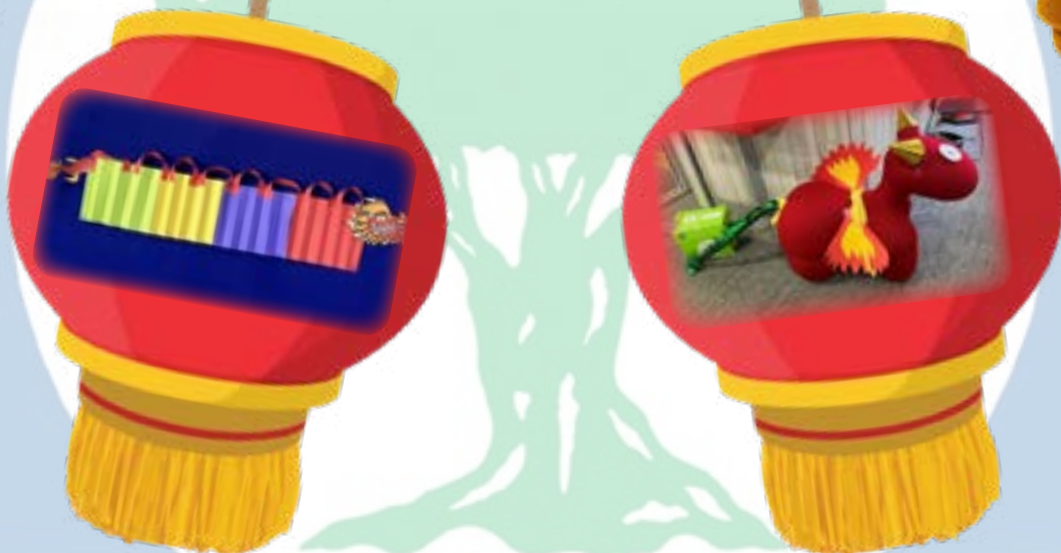
CHINESE NEW YEAR



To acknowledge and celebrate Lunar New Year, students and staff made Dragons, here's a selection of our creative efforts. Art classes continued the theme and Trade Kitchen made sure dumplings were on the menu.

Our judges (SRC) were impressed. "Really good job!", "Unique!", and "Cool, swirling around!"

The winning class was Rachel's J2 and second place went to Sally's S3.





CHINESE NEW YEAR



J2's Winning Entry

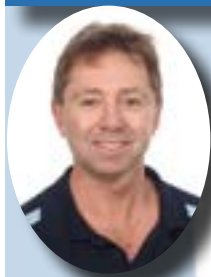


Second place S3



LAPS FOR LIFE

Anthony Lenaghan & Senior 5



Heatherwood Dolphins Take the Plunge for Youth Mental Health in March

The logo for 'Laps for Life' features the text 'Laps for Life' in white on a blue rectangular background with a wavy bottom edge.

Hello Everyone,

The Year 12 students of S5 have undertaken a class project to promote the LAPS for LIFE fundraiser for swimming laps throughout the month of March.

We will be raising awareness and money for REACH OUT, an on-line youth mental health service.

The logo for 'REACH OUT' has 'REACH' in black and 'OUT' in purple, with three dots between them.

My class, S5 will be busy over the coming weeks promoting the event, tracking the swimmer distances and monitoring our progress towards the fundraising goal of \$1000

So far, 3 Heatherwood staff and 2 students have signed up to swim laps for youth mental health as often as they can during March. Our team is called the Heatherwood Dolphins.

Here is the link to the Heatherwood Dolphins Laps for Life page - so far we have 5 swimmers, with more in the pipeline: <https://www.lapsforlife.com.au/fundraisers/heatherwooddolphins>

Our swimmers so far are myself Anthony Lenaghan, Deb Weinmann (Protective Behaviours Teacher), Lesley Foster (Assistant Principal), Linda Fraser, (Food Tech Teacher), Sally Campbell, (S3 Teacher), Emily Shiell (Year 12 student S5), Phoebe Edwards, (S6), Bianca Lawrence, (S6) and James Shiell (past student and 2023 Vice-Captain of School).

I will be aiming to swim 400 laps of the 50 metre pool during March - adding up to 20km.

- Here is how members of the school community can help:
- Donate money to Reach Out via our swim team link:
- <https://www.lapsforlife.com.au/fundraisers/heatherwooddolphins>
- Or collect cash in your class and bring it to S5 in the library
- Send messages of support to the swimmers.

Thank you so much for reading and please give us any encouragement you can!



LAPS FOR LIFE

Anthony Lenaghan & Senior 5



OUR TEAM MEMBERS

MEMBER

Deb Weinmann

Raised so far: **\$238**

MEMBER

Anthony Lenaghan

Raised so far: **\$373**

MEMBER

Em Shiell

Raised so far: **\$279**

MEMBER

James Shiell

Raised so far: **\$279**

MEMBER

Phoebe Edwards

Raised so far: **\$106**

MEMBER

Linda Fraser

MEMBER

sally campbell

Raised so far: **\$55**

MEMBER

Bianca Lawrence

Raised so far: **\$42**



Laps for Life

REACHOUT

Donate

Sign up now



\$300

could provide a moderator to keep the ReachOut online forums safe for 75 young people.



\$500

could provide 120 young people access to ReachOuts vital support services.



\$750

could provide after-hours moderation for 2 nights to keep young people safe.



\$1000

could make a life-changing difference to 140 young people to get the support they need to feel better.

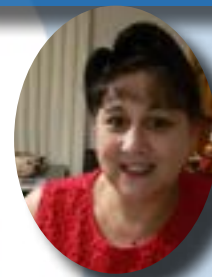


HOSPITALITY

Lynne Penrose & Rosie Zapponne



Lynne- Hospitality Teacher



Rosie - Hospitality Trainer

Our enthusiastic group of Year 11 and 12 students in the Hospitality class have settled into kitchen routines and this month knife skills have been the focus – practicing a variety of cutting techniques as well as knife safety.

Preparing a range of vegetables to serve with crudites, for open sandwiches and melts, and for a roasted vegetable salad where uniform size is needed has helped in developing these important skills.

Presentation and plating of food has been another focus as the students are learning the concept of “*eating with your eyes*”. Students are showing a preparedness to try unfamiliar foods and there were many surprises as they explored the differences in taste with combinations and addition of seasoning or dressing.

We always encourage the students to practice their skills at home and encourage them to help as much as possible in the kitchen.

They are looking forward to hosting the first function of the year – an Afternoon Tea for our new members of staff.



Above L-R: Annika, Jarrett and Dylan show off their knife cutting skills by preparing a Roast Vegetable Salad.



Above Cooper is thinly slicing potatoes, and to the left, Jarrett and Emil are holding back the tears while slicing onions.



Khanzada putting his skills to the test carefully cutting onions.



Clockwise from the top: Derrick, Emil, Rhy, April, Annika, Medina, Dylan, Cooper, Jarrett, Jonathan & Khanzada.

FRIDAY REC. MIDDLE & SENIOR

DANCING



GAMING



KARAOKE



GYM GAMES

BEADING



BOARD GAMES



*You are invited
to the 50th Anniversary*

of

Vermont South Special School

on

Saturday 23rd March 2024

from

2pm to 4pm

*Please RSVP by scanning
the QR Code:*



22-30 Livingstone Road

Vermont South VIC 3133

9802 8199



**JOIN NOW
SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

Our All Abilities program at BTYC Gymnastics is an inclusive gymnastics program that welcomes all children with any kind of disability. We have now introduced levels this year:

Level 1 - no parent/career assistance needed.

Level 2 - may need parent/career but not required.

Level 3 - Parent/career assistance required.

CLASSES AVAILABLE:

MONDAY: 3-3:45 (HIGH SCHOOL AGE LEVEL 1/2)

TUESDAY: 11:30-12:30 (PRESCHOOL AGE)

3-3:45 (PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE LEVEL 1/2)

WEDNESDAY: 3-3:45 (PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE LEVEL 2/3)

THURSDAY: 3-3:45 (HIGH SCHOOL AGE LEVEL 2/3)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US



0398414773

EBONY@BTYCGYMNASTICS.ORG.AU



The Rotary Club of Manningham City presents

ALL ABILITIES GOOD VIBRATIONS DISCO

**Saturday, 16 March 2024
7 - 9:30 pm**

Tende Beck Scout Hall
5 High St Doncaster

Theme: **Super Heroes**

\$5 entry

Bookings essential
(via Humanitix)

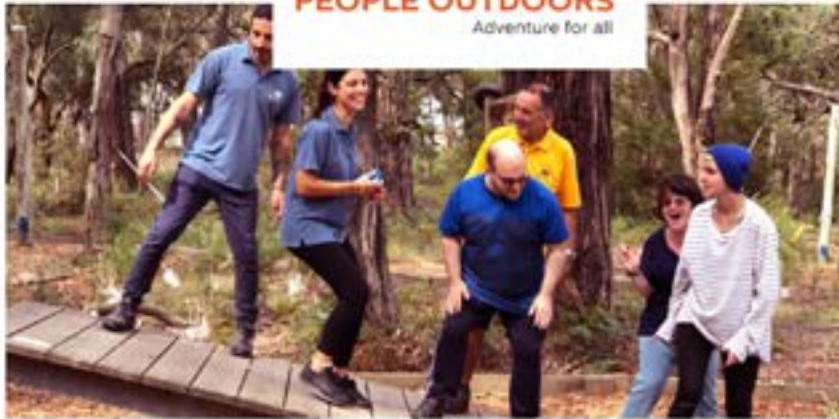


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