



HEATHERWOOD NEWS

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Year 10 students recently enjoyed a four day camp at Angelsea. Please read more on Pg. 10 and 11.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY JULY 15th

First day of Term 3, 2024

July 15th-17th	Year 7 Camp - Phillip Island
July 17th	Outdoor Ed. M1 - Mt Donna Buang
July 23rd	Outdoor Ed. J1 - Monash Wave Pool
	Phys Ed. M1/M2 - Swimming
July 24th	Outdoor Ed. M2 - Mt Donna Buang
	Phys Ed. J3/J4- Swimming
July 30th	Outdoor Ed. J2 - Monash Wave Pool
	Phys Ed. M1/M2 - Swimming
July 31st	Outdoor Ed. M3 - Mt Donna Buang
	Phys Ed. J3/J4- Swimming
August 1st	Phys Ed. J5/J6- Swimming
August 5th-8th	Year 9 Camp

****IMMUNISATION DAY - WEDNESDAY 7th AUGUST****

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20th

**Last day of Term 3
 Students dismissed at 1:45pm**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Paul Hills



I am sure everyone is looking forward to the holidays. As the building program continues (hopefully we will be able to put some photos in the next newsletter) students are being asked what they would like to see added or changed to the playground areas. Their ideas have ranged widely but many have focused on improving the basketball courts, which we will attempt to

address as soon as possible.

We will develop a plan for upgrading our external areas next term and hopefully have a design and plan for a new specialist building.

While there will be some challenges to work through during term 3, there will also be exciting things to look forward to and we look forward to involving our community particularly our students in the planning and celebrations.

Please stay safe and healthy during the holidays.

Thank you for your support and involvement in your child's education.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Lesley Foster



Katrina Farley is leaving Heatherwood this term. Katrina taught in the Junior Department as a class teacher. Katrina was a great support to students and staff and we are grateful for the time she spent with us. We wish her well. Katrina's position will be covered by Wendy Punay and internal staff.

Class changes will occur in Term 3, due to long service, study leave and part time teaching arrangements. We will keep parents/carers informed.

Students are working with us to improve the safety and respect of others in the school. These sessions will be carried out at lunch time, 'Reflection' and will help the school embed the character values we uphold, Be Respectful, Do Your Best and Be Safe.

Forty students from Heatherwood experienced a unique experience when they visited Hamer Hall, Arts Centre, Melbourne to listen to the Victorian Orchestra present a range of classical music. The students were in awe, not only the music but the magnificent Hamer Hall. We thank the Arts Centre for the generous support in making this possible for our students many of whom have never experienced an orchestra before. Also a big thank-you to Amber Ward, staff member who organised this event.

I wish all our parents / carers all the best for the school break.

HEATHERWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL

Vice -President Annie Basel

The School Council meets twice a term, and we have several sub-committees that report in. Our Transition in/out sub-committee has identified an increased need to support students and families through these processes.

While on the Heatherwood Families Facebook page we have asked for feedback and ideas on what support and information families would like but we would like all parents and carers to make suggestions regarding the support they would like during the transition.

Some suggestions have included a Heatherwood Post School Option Expo, information Zoom meetings with legal advice, NDIS and Centrelink guidance and preparing for applying for jobs. As your young person gets closer to being a school leaver, added anxiety for families is often experienced, so as a community, it would be great to help support families and lessen the stress.

Please feel free to send your thoughts in an email to the school.

In other school council news, we are excited about the building developments and how much progress has been made since late last year. Also, the many wonderful opportunities the school is providing for our students including.

- *the exciting outdoor education excursions,*
- *the innovative technology being introduced,*
- *the SWPBS program*

Our students are so lucky to have so many enthusiastic teachers looking at ways to help keep them engaged and supported with their learning.

School Council would like to acknowledge all the staff who work above and beyond to support our students. We thank them for continuing to provide a supportive environment even when challenged with staff shortages and physical building limitations.

Now that we are “seeing the light at the end of the tunnel,” the school is evolving and its exciting times ahead.



*Farewell and best wishes to
Katrina Farley.*



*Students at Hamer Hall enjoying the
Victorian Symphony.*

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



Term 2 saw the launch of our incentives program where students can use the tickets they earn to choose a reward. Due to the fantastic work being done by our students to reflect the values in our matrix, we've been able to hand out more than 110 rewards for students *Being Their Best, Being Respectful and Being Safe*. Milkshakes and spending time in another class were the most popular choice of reward. We've also seen students request icy poles, choose the bell music for a week, have a one on one puppy visit, choose a book to read to their class, have free time on the computer and receive a new packet of textas or pencils. Another reward students can choose is to have a toasty for lunch with a staff member of choice. In addition to individual rewards, some classes have chosen to work together to combine their tickets for a whole class reward with several classes enjoying a movie with snacks in our last week of term. We have also linked the earning of tickets to the House colours term award which means students earn a point for their house when they receive an SWPBS ticket. The SWPBS team would like to thank all students, parents, carers and staff who have supported the implementation of this framework and look forward to its continued success next term.

SWPBS



Molly enjoys lunch with Paul Hills.



Riley enjoying free computer time.



SWPBS



Lily enjoys an icy-pole.



Kevin chose bell music.



Ari scored stickers.



Harry choose a book for the class to enjoy.



Puppy visits with Dakota.



Puppy visits with Dannii



Milkshakes all round with Olly, Georgia, April and Molly.

BASKETBALL CLINIC - SEDA

Emma Collins



On Friday 10th of May, Heatherwood students were lucky to be a part of a basketball clinic run by students at Seda College.

Year 12 classes had a session in the morning. They divided into groups and ran through different games and drills focusing on passing, dribbling, ball control, and teamwork. It was a lot of fun and great to get into some exercise. Here is some of the feedback from senior students.

In the afternoon the students returned to run another clinic for the Friday Rec. sports groups which was just as successful. The staff and students who participated would like to thank Sam Ditty for organising this for us. It was a great opportunity for the students to be active.

S4-Derrick
Everyone had fun
doing the different
drills.

S4- Jarrott
It was fun learning
new skills.



Kyle



Sean



Christina

S5- Medina and Emily
It was good to have 4
different activities to play.
It was great to have all the
S3,S4,S5 student playing
games together. We liked
the coaches as they were
young like us, and they
were polite and friendly.



Wan Yin

S3- Hashem. I enjoyed
playing basketball games
with Seda students like
knockout, shooting race
game and the passing zig zag
game and finally we played
steal the basketball from
each other, that game was
called Popcorn.



Derrick

BASKETBALL CLINIC - SEDA

Year 7

J2 Sienna
I really enjoyed the shooting
basketball games.

J2 Dante
I thought the SEDA students
were kind and friendly.



J3 Riley
I was really good at doing
push-ups.

J2 Sam
I liked playing the game
Golden Child.

J3 Lily
I had fun playing the games.

J1 Riley
I almost threw a goal.

J1 Harry
I had fun with Tye.

ANGLESEA CAMP

Year 10

Students from Year 10 attended their Year 10 school camp held at Anglesea Valley Lodge, Anglesea. The camp is intended to promote social and physical skills team building, leadership skills in a challenging environment. Year 10 students enjoyed surfing, canoeing, ropes course and bike riding.



Emily



*Bobby, Nau Kim,
Jordan & Mitch.*



Emily

Canoeing was fun and Bonnie, Jack, Jordan and Mitch fell in to the cold water. Emily and Braham won the canoe race. We got to see the Great Ocean Road



Alex



Dean



Stevie & Mitch

We enjoyed going to the RAAF base at Pt Cook and seeing the planes and watching them fly the loop the loop.



ANGLESEA CAMP

Year 10

The food was amazing and everyone had seconds, the butter chicken was good. Braham cooked fried rice for us for breakfast.



Alex



Ewan, Olivia, Braham & Deb



We enjoyed the surfing and the big waves, standing up on the board and pulling on the teachers' leg rope.



Christine



We enjoyed the fire pit and cooking marsh mallows.



We enjoyed climbing the rock tour and getting to the top, and the bike riding.



Hannah, Grace & Evan

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Linda Fraser



Zaine & Yianni



Saatvik



This term year 9 and 10 have been preparing and cooking delicious meals including quesadillas and cheeseburgers.

Everyone had a turn at safely using the stoves and helping classmates clean and tidy kitchen workspaces. The focus this term has been to follow recipe procedures and working as a team in the kitchen.

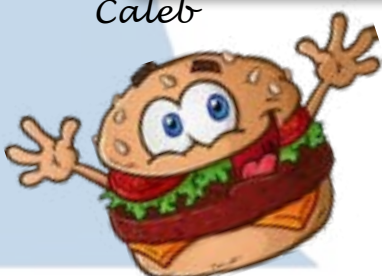
Christine



Caleb



Lulah & Tegan



SCIENCE

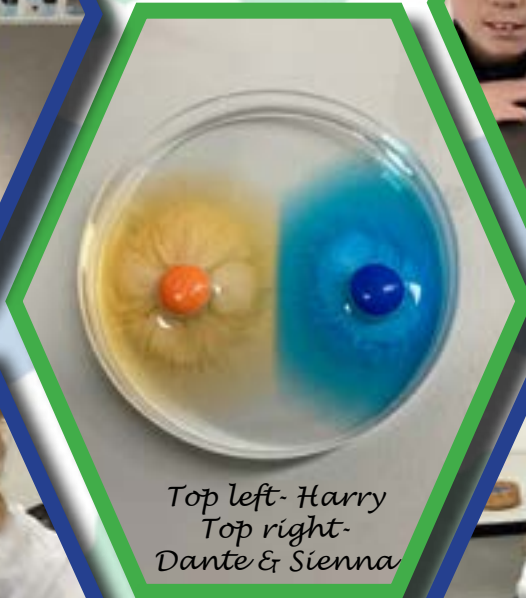
Patrizia Sendeckyj



Term 2 is all about Chemical Sciences and the existence, reactions and benefits of chemicals that are present in our world and in our bodies. Some of our classes made snot YUK!, lava lamps, blew up balloons using Alka Seltzer and popping candy, and exploded lunch bags. Students explored the characteristics of solids, liquids and gas and how to identify information in the periodic table.

We identified the four things that occur in a chemical change, that is,

Heat, (temperature change), Colour, Smell and release of Gas. A very busy but chemically active term.



Top left- Harry
Top right- Dante & Sienna



Amelia



Agrem



Alexis



SCIENCE

Patrizia Sendeckyj

What do you call an acid with an attitude?



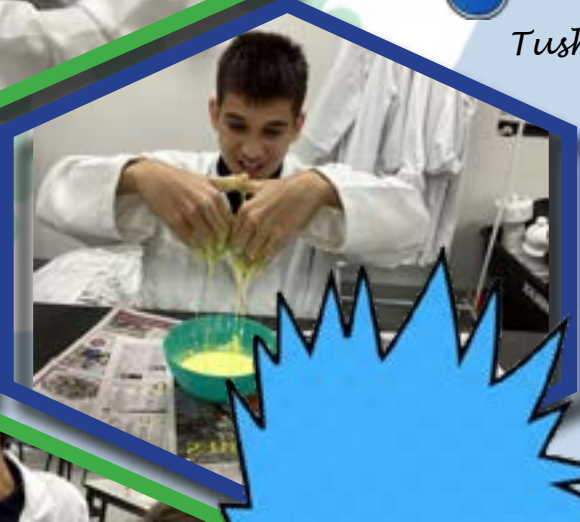
Jhye



Tushar



Amir



Ruby



A-mean-o
Acid.



Mach



Oliver

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

M6 Sailing



Emily



Yianni



Mahaylia



Christine & Stevie



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

J4 Fishing



Tepa



Lachlan



Xavier



Colin



Ashton



Joseph



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

J5 Fishing

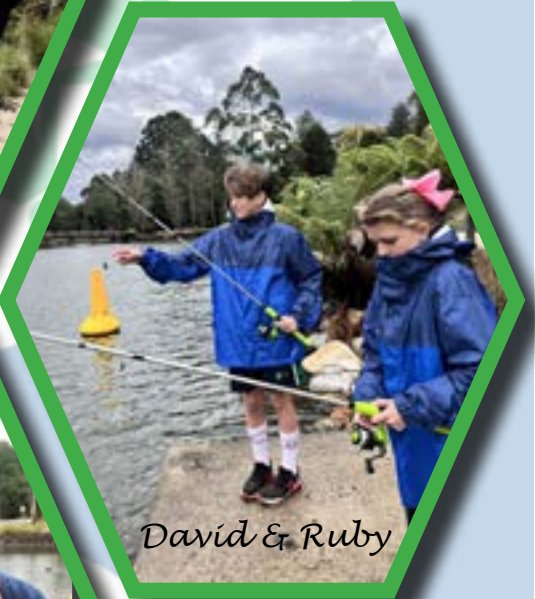
Connor



Holly



David & Ruby



Oliver



Noah



Lachlan



ART

Elise Ladanyi



M5 Declan



M5 Emily



M5 Jake



M5 Lara

This term, students in Year 10 have been inspired by the work of Pablo Picasso! They have used his cubism style to create abstract watercolour paintings and 3D masks.



M6 Mahaylia



M6 Stevie



M6 Yianni



M6 Zaine

HOSPITALITY

Lynne Penrose & Rosie Zappone



This month our Hospitality students hosted another after school function for some lucky members of staff. Junior teachers and Specialist staff

enjoyed a 'mocktail' party.

Good planning ensured they had previously prepared pastry items in the freezer (thawing and re-thermalising is an aspect of their certificate requirements) They also prepared bruschetta, more sausage rolls, ginger nut tacos and lemon brownies.

Glasses were polished, the drinks station set up, serving platters and dishes organised, as well as the table and room set up appropriately for the function.

Timing was important to ensure that hot food was served hot as needed.

Interaction with guests is an important hospitality requirement. We see a pleasing level of confidence developing as guests were greeted at the door, drink choices explained and poured, food passed around.

The efficiency demonstrated in clearing and cleaning the kitchen after the function was just as important. Well-done everybody.

In preparing a 'take away' meal, students opted to make Poke Bowls. Taking care with the presentation, their finished product looked good and proved tasty and popular.

Chicken-toasted sandwiches, orange cake and pizzas were also popular. Comparing two different pizza bases - using yeast and cauliflower bases gave lots of food for thought.

As part of their communication unit each Year 12 student will lead the class to make a dish of their choice and we urge them to practise making these at home if possible to ensure they are familiar with both ingredients and method.



Jade & Dylan

Emil & Derrick



Khanzada



Dylan

HOSPITALITY

Lynne Penrose & Rosie Zappone



*Back Row: Emil, Khanzada, April, Jade, Jonathon & Dylan
Seated: Derrick, Medina, Annika, Cooper & Jarrett.*



Khanzada



Jade & Dylan

SSSSA SOCCER & HOCKEY CARNIVAL

Samantha Ditty



*SSSSA Soccer & Hockey Carnival Day
Friday 21st June 2024 @ Knox Regional Football Centre, Wantirna South*

Heatherwood School entered six teams into Interschool Soccer & Hockey comp this term. Students competed in five weekly afternoon games in preparation for the all-day Carnival Day, ready to play for the points against a range of other South-East Special Schools.

Soccer teams fought hard to make the finals but unfortunately it wasn't our season this round. Our A grade soccer team just fell short in making the Grand Final through a penalty shootout. Whilst in Hockey, our teams finished in the top two spots. Hockey A Grade teams had a long road to the finish with 5 teams in the competition and plenty of games to be played. Well done to all students involved.

Results:

Hockey A Grade- Runners Up

Hockey B Grade- Premiers



HOCKEY B GRADE - PREMIERS

L-R: Bianca, Jhye, Ruby, Thomas, Stevie, Noku & Phoebe



*HOCKEY A GRADE - RUNNERS-UP
L-R: David, Emily, Liam, Sapphire
& Jake.*



PHYS ED.

Samantha Ditty



*Ringwood Aquanation Pool
Term 2 - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*

Students from the following classes: J1, J2, M3, M4, M5, M6 that have opted to be involved in these swimming lessons have completed a term of valuable swimming and water safety sessions. It has been great to be able to extend this program into Year 10 for the first time.

We have worked at developing swimming strokes, body position in the water, deep water swimming skills, survival skills and even a chance to experience life jackets and mask with a snorkel in a safe aquatic environment. Aim to get down to the local community pools and continue to practise these important skills regularly. Look forward to seeing the other half of the classes participating next term: J3, J4, J5, J6, M1, M2 information coming home this week and on the Sentral app.



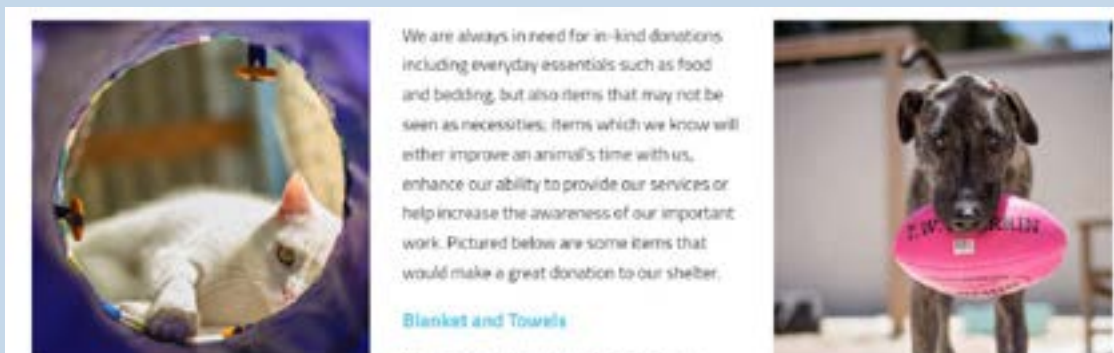
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animalaid

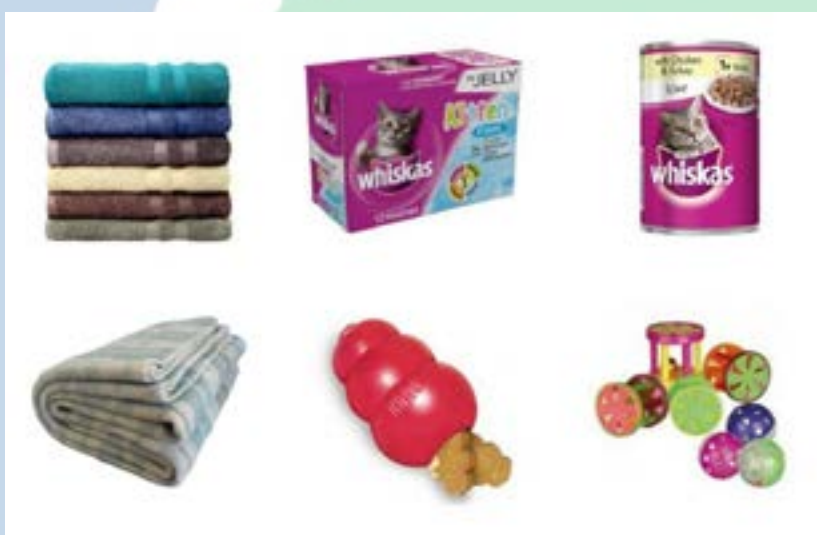
SRC Fundraiser Coldstream Animal Aid 2024

Students are having a fundraiser to support animals who need our help, with the cost of living.

Items of pet food or treats, toys, or old towels and blankets can be donated.



You could buy something in the holidays to support our fundraiser.



Students can put donations in the boxes near the office until the 2nd of August Term 3.