

HEYWOOD & DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back to Term Two, I hope everyone had a restful break and got out and about in the sunshine. This term has many opportunities for our students, these include; Year 8 Live 4 Life Launch (today), represent the school in GD cross country (week 4) and Year 10 and 11 students will be involved in the Portland Careers Expo in week 4, Year 10 work experience (week 5: May 22nd – 26th) and of course the Year 8 Rubicon Camp in week in week 6.

School Open Night

Last week we held our school open night where families were invited to come along and make something in our art, science and food technology area. Thank you to the families and staff who made the evening a great night. If you were unable to attend and would like a tour of the school please call the office to arrange a visit.

2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS)

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist us to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to our school, their learning, peer and family relationships, resilience, bullying, mental health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at school over the period of 30th May to 10th June. If you do not wish your child to complete the survey, please email the school asking for your child to opt out.

I have emailed a letter to all families, with more information and how to remove your child from the survey.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Services

Mental health and Wellbeing Services, in Portland, are run by South West Healthcare. They have a new triage service where you can call on 1800 808 284; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They will organise an appointment for you. You can call if you are a child or adult, it can be for yourself or someone you know needs some help. Best of all you don't need a referral from your GP. If they are not the right service, they will point you in the right direction.



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HDSC IS A SAFE SCHOOL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Child Safety

HDSC has previously informed staff, students, and parent/ caregivers regarding new Child Safe Standards noting the changes and continue to work hard to ensure student safety. Since last year, we have updated school policies to ensure we are up to date with the required changes to the Child Safety Standards. We have all completed training, conducted cybersafety, provided a strong wellbeing team, and increased student voice. Our school policies are available on our website page or upon request from the school. Feedback is welcomed from our community.

We look forward to the Melinda Tankard Reist workshops in the next few weeks. Melinda Tankard Reist (www.melindatankardreist.com) is an author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for young people. She is best known for her work addressing sexualisation objectification, harms of pornography, sexual exploitation, trafficking and violence against women. Daniel Principe has joined Melinda, and is a dynamic, passionate and natural commentator. Together, Melinda and Daniel work with school students to assist them to understand the impacts of harmful messaging from media, advertising, pop culture, limited and harmful stereotypes about masculinity and the global porn industry. If you have any queries please contact the school.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process.

The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified. The privacy and confidentiality of all students is assured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal. If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Uniform

It has been a good start to the term with correct school jackets and tops, but a quick reminder about our uniform is needed. Correct uniform items include: Polo shirt, school jacket, blue dress pants, shorts, school dress, skirt and dark closed in leather shoes, and HDSC beanies. Items can be purchased from the school office.

Gym clothes are not to be worn to school, nor home from school. When students have sport, they are to change before and after the lesson. It is important that students wear the correct uniform that ensures safety in the technology areas. Parents will be notified and students may miss out on participation in lessons.

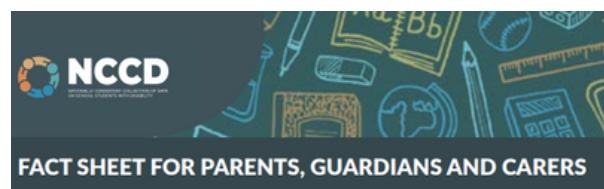


Christine Hart
Assistant
Principal

Uniform Price List:

- Rugby Jumper \$82
- Woollen Jumper \$75
- Summer Dress \$65
- Winter Skirt \$62
- Shorts \$37
- Long Pants \$46
- Fleecy Jacket \$42
- Beanie \$16

See Tiana our Wellbeing Coordinator to see if you are eligible for uniform assistance through State School Relief.



HDSC INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2

Friday 12th May - Live 4 Life Launch (Year 8 and crew)

Monday 15th May - GD Cross Country

Friday 19th May - Portland Careers Expo (Year 10 and 11 Students)

Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th May - Future Me

Friday 26th May - Math Games Day

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Year 8 Rubicon Camp
- Reconciliation Week

Monday 5th June - Try a Career Day hosted by SW Tafe in Portland



Doctors in Schools Update:

Dr Debbie is changing her days to Tuesdays from May 16th.

Appointments are still available weekly and can be made by emailing either tiana.richardson2@education.vic.gov.au or school nurse Nicola on Nicola.taylor2@education.vic.gov.au

Year 9 Winter Connections Ski Camp Update



Reminder to all parents/guardians of Year 9 students participating in the upcoming (17-21 July) Alpine Ski Camp at Bogong, that the balance outstanding on the camp must be paid by no later than Tuesday 11 July.

Camp booklets which include information about what to bring (clothing etc..), the daily timetable, medical and parental consent forms (and anaphylaxis and asthma – if applicable), will be distributed later this term.

Departure and return to school times will be confirmed and communicated to families at the beginning of Term 3 – the week before the camp.

If you need any further information at this stage, please contact me at the secondary college.

Jeremy Prevett

Year 9 Camp Co-ordinator



YEAR 9/10 FOOTBALL



On Wednesday 3rd May, the Year 9/10 football team braved the cold and wet conditions to take on Bayview College and Good Shepherd in a friendly match. Despite the challenging weather, we were able to field a full team thanks to the efforts of our Year 7/8 students who stepped up to the challenge.

It was a great day for the HDSC team, with Nurra and Indy both kicking impressive goals. The games were played in good spirit and sportsmanship from our students and it was impressive to see the older students looking out for our younger ones with all players giving their best effort on the field. We want to give a special thanks to the umpires who kept the game fair and to Mr Doherty for organising the day.

Although we didn't take home the Templeton Shield, it was still a memorable day filled with great teamwork and sportsmanship. We look forward to the next match and hope to see even more students put their hand up to play. Year 7/8 Football and Girls Football are yet to play.



ANZAC DAY - TUESDAY 25 APRIL



It was a great day for the 2023 Anzac Day parade with plenty of sunshine and a great turnout.

We were proud of our school captains, Alice Pumpa and Rose Cook who represented our school in the march and spoke at the service.

Many of our school community came to the service and it was great to see our students and staff in attendance. Thank you to the Sanderson family, Jack and Angus and many others joined HDSC in acknowledging our community's loss in all wars.

Following the service, we walked down to the water tower for a smoking ceremony to acknowledge our Indigenous soldiers sacrifice in the wars.



YEAR 9/10 OUTDOOR ED CAMP

Our Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed Camp along the Glenelg River was an exciting adventure for all involved! We kicked off our journey on Thursday 4th May, where we started with a 13km walk from Moleside to Pritchards. During our walk, we were lucky enough to spot wallabies and leeches!

After the walk, we learned some essential canoeing skills during a two-hour session and then canoed from Saunders Landing to Pritchards. We then set up our tents and prepared for dinner, which was delicious burgers. Later that evening, we enjoyed a game of spotlight tiggy and gathered around the fire to make smores.

We were up early on Friday morning to catch the sunrise during a walk. We packed up our tents and got ready for mountain biking. We started at Sapling Creek and used compass bearings to find numbers that led to the clues for our next stop. We got wet towards the end, but a change of dry clothes and hot chocolate lifted our spirits.

We returned to school around 2:30 pm, feeling very accomplished and exhilarated from the adventure. We want to thank Mr Doherty, Mr Mathews, Greg and Lauren for organizing the camp and making it a success.

The students had a fantastic time, and we hope to continue to provide opportunities for outdoor education. We are so lucky to have all these fantastic natural surroundings in the great outdoors.



OUT AND ABOUT

HDSC OPEN NIGHT held on Wednesday 3 May was small but proactive and informative.

We looked at what our wonderful school has to offer, activities included attempting Japanese calligraphy in Art with Mr Matthews, a Science experiment with Mr Wright and Ms Larkin. Ms O'Dea took the group to the Kitchen Technology building for a quick meal while we discussed all the great subjects and opportunities offered by HDSC.

We all expect Maths, Science and English, but don't forget Hands on Learning, Sport, Music, Language and Culture, Stephanie Alexander Garden, Agriculture are all part of our rich curriculum at HDSC!

If you would like to meet and discuss HDSC, transition, enrolments, or scholarships please do not hesitate to contact Christine Hart for a meeting.



Fun Food Fact

Bean pods can be round or flat, they come in many colours including green, yellow, purple or speckled. Try adding a new bean to your next stir fry or fried rice!



Brought to you by Jane Killmister, your local Healthy Kids Advisor for Glenelg Shire.

The Healthy Kids Advisors initiative supports schools, local sports clubs, and after school-hours care to provide delicious, fresh food and drink to children and young people.



Heywood School Cross Country a success!

On Monday, May 1st, the Heywood School Cross Country took place during period 4. It was a great day with all the students participating and starting off strongly around the 3km course.

We want to give a big congratulations to Jacob Sanderson for finishing the race first. Great job, Jacob! We are so proud of all the participants who took part in the race. Thanks to all the staff and students who made the event possible and created a fun environment for everyone. We couldn't have done it without you!

For those who performed exceptionally well in the Heywood School Cross Country, there's an exciting opportunity coming up. You may be selected to represent Heywood at the Glenelg District Cross Country in Portland on Monday, May 15th. We wish you all the best and good luck in this upcoming event.

Thank you again to everyone who made the Heywood School Cross Country a success. We look forward to seeing more great sportsmanship and athleticism from our students in the future!



STANDING TALL

THANK YOU

“A big thank you and well done **Standing Tall in Hamilton Inc.** for hosting the 'Empowering Mentors' conference last week. The event was a celebration of the work our volunteers do in empowering our young people to be connected and resilient within our communities.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the engaging and insightful guest speakers. They presenters shared honest conversations around mental health and compassion fatigue, spoke on the importance of laughter and long hugs, and led a masterclass on body language and communication. What a day!

A message of appreciation to our own incredible mentors who made the journey to Hamilton to participate in the event, Peter, Ingrid, Andrew, Lee-Anne and Rhonda.”



HDSC ATHLETICS DAY (TERM 1)





DISCOVER THE OPPORTUNITIES

18-19 MAY, PORTLAND CIVIC HALL
30 BENTINCK STREET, PORTLAND

DAY ONE

Thursday May 18th, 3–6pm

Regardless of your circumstances, this session is for those looking for work! In need of inspiration for future career paths, returning to the workforce, looking for a casual role, an apprenticeship or traineeship? Discover what jobs are available now and in the future from numerous businesses, training providers, and support services!

DAY TWO

Friday May 19th, 9.30am–2.30pm

This session will provide secondary school students with an opportunity to experience some inspiring discussions about Career Opportunities and Pathways available right here in Glenelg Shire!

If you have a Job Vacancy you would like advertised at the event, please email: natalie.mcarlein@localjobsfacilitator.org for more details.

Business Exhibitor Interest can be expressed by scanning the QR Code – places are filling fast!



This Community driven event is bought to you by the following organisations, we thank them for their contributions.



PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect