

# HEYWOOD & DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3, I can't believe that the year is progressing so quickly. Its already time for us to begin looking forward to 2024 and beyond. It's vital that parents and carers take part in opportunities that the school offers, for you to gain more information about the following year.

### **STAFFING:**

Over the holiday break we have had a few staffing changes. Pete Matthews who was filling in as our Art/Technology teacher needed to return to QLD for family reasons. We have been very lucky to secure Mr Keith Scott teaching and supporting the Maths team, Mrs Robyn Scott teaching in the Art/Technology, some Humanities and PE subjects and Mrs Trudy Cotter who is working in classrooms as one of our Teacher Aides. They all come with a breadth of knowledge and experience and I warmly welcome them to our school. Even though it is very sad to see staff and students leave when we as a school feel like a huge family, however, it is wonderful to watch people (staff and students) leave and follow their dreams and aspirations. It really shows that we are a learning community with high expectations and aspirations.

### **CURRICULUM DAY:**

On August 7th we will be having a Student Free day where staff will spend time learning more about their own wellbeing and therefore supporting students.

### **INFORMATION NIGHT:**

It is important that families take part in these opportunities to know what is available next year. Our Year 9-12 Information Evening will be held in the Theatre on Wednesday 26th July starting at 7pm. This year we have seen a number of changes in the Senior School delivery and its important that families keep up to date with this.

It may only be July but most secondary schools will be planning for next year with a major part of the process having students select their courses for 2024. In the next few weeks, we will invite families, of Senior School students, to join in for a 1 on 1 careers interview before students make their final choices.

### **SCHOOL FARM:**

Our farm has also increased with the arrival of some lambs over the school holiday period and are continuing to lamb throughout the term. Our Alpacas have done a marvellous job in keeping the lambs safe.



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# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT



There always seems to be something, this was certainly the case at the end of last term. We had deliveries from Healthy Smiles with students receiving drink bottles, toothbrushes and toothpaste. I accompanied the Year 9s when they attended the Hamilton Skills Centre providing a taster of industries including hairdressing, commercial cookery, woodworking and employment in agriculture.

It is important for students to arrive at school on time for homegroups. This this can affect attendance and students can miss out on important news and activities, including assemblies, Active Tuesdays, GRIP activities, Games Day on Fridays, and breakfast on Thursdays.



With the start of a new semester and new term it is important to be prepared for classes. Bring all materials to each class, be on time, make sure students have water bottles, enough healthy food for the day and are wearing correct school uniform. Energy drinks are not as healthy as they make it sound and can cause Dehydration (not enough water in your body), heart complications (such as irregular heartbeat and heart failure) and anxiety (feeling nervous and jittery) insomnia (unable to sleep).

If students forget their lunch they can visit the Wellbeing team. There are always options available. Be mindful of what your child eats and drinks as it can affect their learning.



## Uniform

It is important all students wear school uniform, white polo, school shorts or pants, leather shoes, school jacket, school beanie. Sport shirts are for PE and sport only and students should change into these at school. **Track pants and puffer jackets are not part of our agreed uniform.**

## Mobile Phones

Please be mindful of your children bringing mobile phones to school. Phones are not permitted at school, this is state-wide, not just our school. There are lockers provided for students to safely store them during school hours.



Christine Hart  
Assistant Principal



# HDSC INFORMATION

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 3

Tuesday 18th July - Year 7/8 Football and Live 4 Life Catch up at recess

Thursday 20th July - VCAL White card course

Friday 21st July - Year 9/10 Basketball

Monday 24th July - Year 7/8/9 Girls Football

Wednesday 26th July - Girls Netball in Hamilton and Year 9 to 12 Information Evening at 7pm

Tuesday 1st August - Live 4 Life catch up at recess

Wednesday 2nd August - Year 10/11/12 Football

Monday 7th August - Sheepvention

Thursday 10th - UniSA Science Experience



## Fun Food Fact

Avocados were once called alligator pears! The creamy insides of an avocado can be used to replace butter or margarine and is particularly tasty when spread on a lightly toasted slice of crusty grain bread.

Sprinkle with fresh parsley for an alligator friendly snack.



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.



## Thank you Port of Portland!



HDSC have been successful recipients set to receive funding towards our Standing Tall Program allowing us to keep building positive mentor relationships.

# HANDS ON LEARNING

Watch This Space... full report to come!

Building the hydroponic hot house on site is the combined Hands on Learning and Food Ladder project.

We are extremely proud of the input the HOL students have had and their great team work to get the hot house to this stage.



## Sorry Day - 25 May (Report on Stolen Generations released)

As part of the school's commitment to truth-telling, in the lead-up to Sorry Day, our Year 7 and 8 Language and Culture students learned about the history of Kinchella Boys' Home and dug deeper into the background of Moore River Settlement (where Molly, Daisy and Gracie are taken in Rabbit Proof Fence). Students responded by creating a simple hand 'print' with a message or thought (pics).

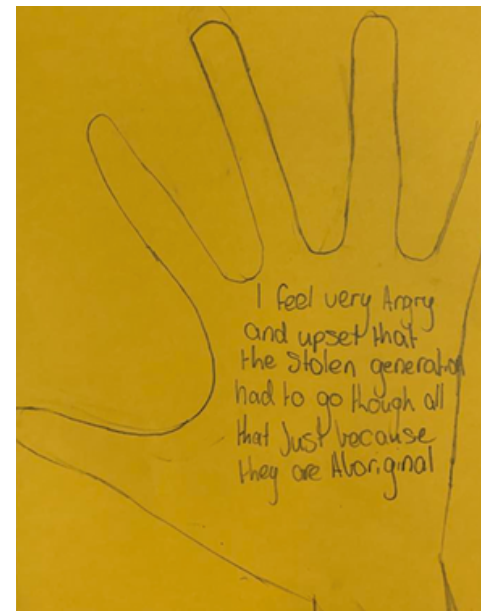
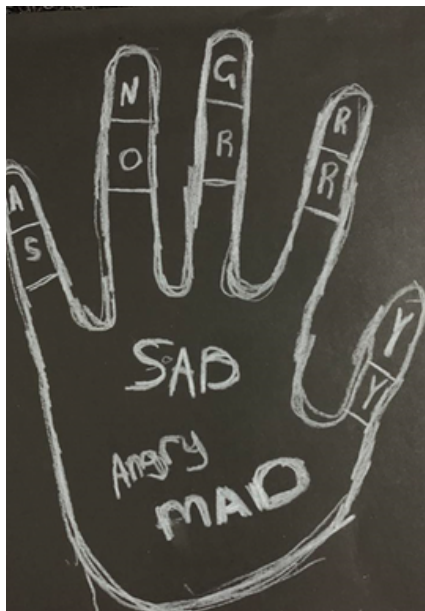
## National Reconciliation Week (NRW) – May 26 (1967 Referendum) – June 3 (Mabo Native Title decision)

Growing out of the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993, National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared history and explore how to achieve reconciliation in Australia. The 2023 theme, **Be a Voice for Generations**, was recognised during Assembly and in classes across the week as well as through:

- displays around the school on the NRW theme
- a Knowledge Hunt competition to gather information from posters across the school from Gunditjmara and Yorta Yorta man Isaiah Firebrace's book Come Together (won by Leah Stephens and Lydia Sanderson)
  - staff morning tea and discussions about Reconciliation Week and the theme
- celebration afternoon tea to acknowledge and thank all our Koori Engagement Support Officers – Daryl Rose, Laura Lovett-Murray, Kate Mee and Jasmine Wright



Lydia and Leah receiving their prize for winning the 'NRW knowledge hunt'





NAIDOC Week has its roots in the protest held on 26th January, 1938, when a group of Aboriginal people met to recognise the date as a day of mourning in the face of celebration of the sesquicentennial being held around Australia. It has expanded to a week to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC Week usually falls during the mid-year holidays so it's often celebrated at school before the end of Term 2. This year, the whole school connected with the theme with a presentation at the Assembly before the school holidays. Year 7 & 8 students have focused on the theme in Language and Culture classes and are finding ways to celebrate local Elders.

On July 16th, a very chilly Friday morning, all schools in the area participated in a huge NAIDOC Week schools gathering – the first time this has ever occurred locally. HDSC students in Years 7-10 took part and it was a great celebration and acknowledgement of our Elders, with significant input from the Koondoom Yarkeen Karweeyn dance group (many of the dancers attend HDSC). Sadly, one of the Community Elders passed away during week one of term, so the dancers' paint-up represented mourning (see pic). Delsie Lillyst welcomed everyone there on behalf of the Gunditjmarra Community, students and staff shared primary school and secondary school reflections on the theme, and members of the Bayview band led everyone in two significant songs: 'From Little Things, Big Things Grow', the story that Kev Carmody told Paul Kelly about the Gurindji people's fight for justice, and Joe Geia's 'Yil Lull', released in 1988, another turning-point year in actions in the call for recognition.



**REMINDER: students, get your entries in for the NAIDOC theme poster competition – entries due on July 21st.**



Photo credits: Koondoom Yarkeen Karweeyn

## Year 9 Careers class finishes in style!

Students in the Year 9 Careers class finished off their semester with two sessions with a difference.

Throughout Term 2, students all participated in the Morrisby process – online testing that helps to determine natural skills and areas of strength, and then follow-up discussions. These two steps help to narrow down all the potential jobs in the world to those that students have a natural affinity for. In the final session of the term, students split into 3 groups to interview local community members from 3 careers that fitted with some of the Morrisby results. A huge thank you to Vanessa, Stuart and Michael for giving up an hour of your time to sit with our Year 9 students to unpack their questions around the fields of law, carpentry/building and plumbing.

In the 2nd last week of term, students set up a mock dining experience as their assessment for this part of the course. Across the term, they had learned about elements of working in the hospitality field, focusing on some key skills for waiting staff. This included learning how to set a formal place setting, and how to seat customers and take their orders. They also learned the protocols for serving meals and drinks, including the difference in standard drink measures and which glasses to use when, and removing dishes and glasses from the table. Their assessment involved them working in pairs to go through this whole process in turn. Whether they were acting as the dining guest or the waiter, all students performed brilliantly!

### Steph Tashkoff and Scott Taylor – Year 9 Careers staff



Owen is making sure that his waiter serves the standard drink of 'red wine'



Customer Angus checking his waiter's pouring technique



Chloe is ready to order at Chez Kalae – look at that perfect place setting



Waiter Ethan making sure customer Kade's steak order is accurate





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## Pool Lifeguard Accreditation

When: 12th & 13th August

Time: 10am to 5pm

Where: Portland Leisure & Aquatic Centre, 22 Bentick Street Portland

Bookings: FUSE South West ([moynes.vic.gov.au](http://moynes.vic.gov.au))

\*\*Note: Bookings Close 5pm  
Wednesday 2 August

\*\*Participants for pool lifeguard must be 16 years

\*\* HLTAID011 First Aid is a prerequisite for Pool Life Guard Accreditation



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