

HEYWOOD & DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

I can't believe that we are over halfway through Term Three, 2024 Senior School Pathways interviews are well underway, if you have any questions, please give Jeremy Prevett (Senior School Leader) a call. It's very important that families take this opportunity to speak to the Senior School team alongside their child to look at subject selections to support and maximise future career and pathway options.

Students currently in years 8 and 9 are also making 2024 subject choices, some students will have an opportunity to begin a VET or VCE class in 2024. This is a great way to get a head start on their further career pathways.

We are right in the middle of our school review. School reviews happen every four years in every Department school. We have a panel made up of Jane Kavocs (our School Reviewer), Lindy Sharp (SEIL: Senior Education Improvement Leader) and we are lucky to have Laura Lovett-Murray (KESO), Anthea Good (Acting Assistant Principal at Brauer College) and Vicki Fisher (Principal at Portland South Primary School). Laura, Anthea and Vicki have worked alongside staff in their various roles over the past few years and I'm very grateful for their time and professionalism throughout our this process as we set to make new goals for the next four years. I would also like to thank our families who have given up time to speak to the panel, our staff and students who also had time with panel members. August 29th will be the last day for our review where the panel members, the school leadership team and Alysia Sanderson (our School Council President) will formalise our next Strategic Plan. In our next newsletter I will report back on our schools focus.

Science Day

Friday will be our second ever Grade 6 Science Day at HDSC. Students from each of the Primary School will come along to participate and challenge themselves with activities. Thanks goes to Georgia Larkin, Jonathan Wright, Lauren Millard and Sarah Grendon and of course the day wouldn't be the same with out the catering coming from our Food Tech room, thanks to Chris O'Dea. MIXX Fm will also be here, so listen in.

Music Festival

A number of students under the guidance of Patricia Bruggemann will perform at this years Music Festival. Congratulations to each student and to Trish, you will make us all very proud. Thank you for all the hours of work and practice you have all put in.



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

I think I usually start with, “it has been a busy term” but that seems to always be the case! Lots of sport, learning, and activities. We are looking forward to Science Games Day and meeting all the students from the primary schools. Recently I was lucky enough to be able to drive the bus and watch the senior netball. Our girls looked fantastic in the new uniforms designed by our Year 10 student, Saige Bell. Competition was tough and the girls did us proud.

School Times

It is great to see our students arrive early for school, but officially the school does not open until 8.30am. Adhering to the Child Safe policies and OHS is important that we are able to supervise all students at all times. Thanks for your consideration.

New Flagpoles

Last week we had new flagpoles erected in a new location. Previously we only had two flagpoles and now we can proudly fly all three flags.



Christine Hart
Assistant Principal

Our 2024 course and subject information session was held two weeks ago with many students and their families in attendance. Subsequent to the night, pathway counselling interviews with selected Year 9 students and all Year 10 and 11 students have been completed. It has been very pleasing to see so many parents attending these interview sessions with their children. To date this process has been a very efficient one, which should enable us to confirm our 2024 senior subject offerings by the end of the term.

Those students who have indicated a desire to study a VET qualification in 2024 will be required to have an interview with their respective 2024 VET provider (either the Hamilton & District Skills Centre or SWTAFE in Portland). Our intentions are to facilitate these interviews either here at the school in person or online or if necessary at the VET venues.

Jeremy Prevett | Senior School Leader



HDSC INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES



DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

TERM 3

Friday 18th August - HDSC Science Games Day

Monday 21st August - Whole School Assembly

Tuesday 29th August - Live 4 Life recess catch up

Thursday 31st August - Teen Mental Health (Year 11)

Monday 4th September - Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 6th September - NO CLASSES
Family School Conference (students required to attend appointment with parent/guardian)

Tuesday 12th September - Live 4 Life recess catch up

Friday 15th September - Last Day of Term 3



Fun Food Fact

A banana tree is a herb and a distant cousin to ginger! This is because the plant has a succulent or fleshy stem instead of a woody stem like a tree. Ripe banana and ginger are a delicious combination when used together in a loaf or muffins.



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.



**JUNIOR
CRICKET
AGES 11-16**

JOIN THE G.P ARMY

**GORAE PORTLAND CRICKET CLUB IS
LOOKING FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS**

2023/24 SEASON RUNS OCT - MARCH

TUESDAY NIGHT GAMES & THURSDAY NIGHT TRAINING

NO GEAR, NO PROBLEM

\$16 REGISTRATION FEE, THAT'S IT!
We believe in keeping kids sport affordable

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SCAN QR CODE or VIST
<https://tinyurl.com/goportscricket>

The Greenhouse is up and running!

All but one of the planting gutters has been planted and the last to be planted by Mrs Colley's the Seed to Spoon class.

There has been germination of several different types of seeds already.

Mr Wright's Chemistry class have buffered the water down to Ph 6 which is the optimum for nutrient uptake.

The interest shown amongst students in different classes and by some individuals has been good and Nigel and Veronica from Food Ladder are very happy.

Wellbeing are already planning to use some of the produce in 5-6 weeks.

We are looking at the security of the unit now, both in line with Chemical Storage, Access to the System and Infrastructure damage.

We have left the system open this week and it is checked daily.

Next week the system will be locked. Your normal master key will give you access for classes or observations. Please lock the system when you leave.

We will be locking chemicals in designated storage areas. Some in the greenhouse Nutrients, some in the Science Wing (PH – Buffers).

There have been students sighted already kicking balls at the structure and punching the polycarbonate panels. This is not acceptable behaviour.

I will update staff on progress regularly and major milestones as they occur.



Elly Colley
Greg Housden



STANDING TALL



Mentor, Greg, and year 8 student, Jack Rose, are working on a welding project during their weekly mentoring catch-ups. Looking forward to seeing it take shape!

Mentors encourage students to explore their skills, interests and hobbies to ensure they get the most out of their school experience, and beyond.

A huge thank you to Port of Portland for providing \$2,000 in funding to sponsor a mentoring pair over the next year! Our program is strengthened by your ongoing support.

Lauren Millard
Standing Tall Coordinator

HEYWOOD BAKERY LUNCH ORDER FORM

Effective, July, 2023.

Description	Price \$	Units	Description	Price \$	Units
			Hot food		
Ham & cheese	5.70		Plain Pie	5.50	
Chick, lettuce & mayo	5.70		Pastie	5.50	
Egg & lettuce	5.70		Cheese & Bacon roll	3.00	
Ham & cheese & tomato	6.50		Cheese & Bacon pie	5.90	
Fruit salad	6.40		Mushroom pie	5.90	
Fruit juice box	3.00		Sausage roll	5.90	
Fresh 500ml Orange juice	4.00		Chicken tender, spring roll	2.50	
Oak300ml (choc or trawsberry)	4.00				
Salad roll (ham,chicken,beef or tuna)	7.90		Dim sim	1.50	
egg,bacon cheese(BBQ or Tomato sauce)	6.50		Party pie	2.20	
slices (apple, jelly, heghchoc or vanilla)	5.00		Chicken ceaser salad bowl	9.00	
Large donut	3.20		Beef bolognese	10.00	
Small donut	2.20		Small fried rice with honey chicken	12.00	

Interschool Boys Football Tuesday 18th July

Our 7 & 8 boys headed to Pedrina Park to compete in the Junior Interschool Boys Football tournament.

Combining with Casterton High School to create an amalgamated team, the students showed respect and integrity in creating an inclusive team environment.

The "Caster-Woods" came out firing and fought hard, defeating Good Shepard in their first match by a solid lead. Then only narrowly going down to Bayview, who eventually went on to win the day. Solid defensive

efforts from LJ Bell, Daniel Sanderson and Cohen Peatling kept the oppositions inside-50 time to a

minimum, with Robert Wass and Indy Barclay displaying strong skills across the mid-field. Of course,

a day for these students just isn't complete without a game of downball, so these boys drew a downball court on the gravel road to fill in the time between matches. Great work to all students who took to the field representing our school.

Interschool Girls Netball Wednesday 26th July

Interschool Girls Netball took us to Pedrina Park to battle it out with school teams from across the Western District region. The girls worked with high intensity as a team and showed strong efforts across the court. It was a great opportunity to flex the skills we've been developing in training over the past weeks. Despite playing against some much bigger schools, we still managed a great win and fought hard to the end.

Our team displayed strong defensive pressure from Taneesha Wass, Taryn Bell, Annie Smith and Tori-Anne Scott, with Saige Bell and Marnie Mueller working the ball down the court to our main goal scorers for the day, Courtney Mann and Zarabell Stuchberry. Overall, we got a lot out of the day together with plenty of laughs along the way and memories made for our senior students' final tournament. The team looked outstanding repping the new netball dresses designed by year 10 student, Saige Bell.

Well done everyone for representing Heywood & District Secondary College with such pride.



AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Last week the Australian Maths Trust ran the annual Australian Maths Competition.

The competition format of 25 multiple choice questions and 5 written problems covered many Mathematics topics, including: basic arithmetic, fractions and ratios, algebra, geometry, measurement, statistics and probability.

Congratulations to our four students who took part in the junior division: Daniel Sanderson, Lydia Sanderson, Maddox Millard and Dainton Rose. Competition results will be available in September.



PASSPORT 2 EMPLOYMENT



Bobby and James having a great time on the gym equipment at the Portland Leisure and Aquatic Centre.

Passport 2 Employment in Portland is proudly sponsored by:

Port of Portland

WDEA Portland

Thank you for supporting such a valuable program for students to participate in allowing their confidence and skills to grow.

Keep up the good work Bobby and James!



Photos courtesy of GSGLLEN Facebook page.



Glenelg & Southern Grampians Local Learning & Employment Network

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Earlier this week students from Portland Secondary College, Portland Bay School, Bayview College and Heywood and District Secondary College took part in the third week of Passport 2 Employment in Portland - Healthy and Wealthy Week.

During the session we headed to the Portland Leisure and Aquatic Centre where Sammy Telfer showed us around before putting the students through their paces in the gym. The treadmill was the resounding most popular piece of equipment!

After working up an appetite, the students made their way to the kitchen at the Portland Bay School where Healthy Kids Advisor Jane Kilmister helped students try new fresh foods, focusing on colour, texture and taste! We were food adventurers, talking about the benefits of different coloured foods and how they help your brain think more clearly (purple foods) or skin heal faster (yellow foods) and how eating a variety of colourful foods every day can keep us feel "healthy and wealthy" and be at our best.

We all then got to making colourful Pizza of the Imagination for lunch.

"It was energising to see everyone engaged in class, snapping carrots, slicing capsicums and munching on cherry tomatoes and sharing pizza together broadening their network of student peers and industry leaders" Kieran Flannery from Bayview College said.

Each student selected their own pizza toppings and most tried something new. "I tried the yellow capsicum today because if you sprinkle cheese over the top, it kind of disappears like magic!". The pizzas were finished with spinach and basil for added flavour and freshness.

The GSGLLEN would like to extend a big thanks to volunteers Kerrie & Melissa Smith, @HeathyKidsAdvisors Jane, Kathryn and Helen from [WDEA Works](#) Portland, and school supporters Sue, Paulette, Kieran, Lyn and Thalia for making the event such a success.

YEAR 9/10 BASKETBALL

On Friday, July 21st, our talented Years 9/10 Boys Basketball team headed to Hamilton with determination to compete in the Glenelg District Interschool Basketball competition. The day was filled with thrilling matches, showcasing the dedication and sportsmanship of our young athletes.



Representing our school with pride were five exceptional players: Angus Barclay, Jacob Sanderson, Ethan Smith, Owen Anderson, and Jakiah Bamblett. These young athletes exemplified true sportsmanship, both on and off the court.

Throughout the competition, our boys displayed their competitive spirit and teamwork, making every match an exciting and closely contested affair. Although the results may not have favored us in terms of wins, the team's tenacity and positive attitude shone brightly as they played with their hearts and gave their all.

We are incredibly proud of our team for representing our school with such pride and dedication. Their commitment to displaying sportsmanship, respect, and integrity was evident in every play they made.

A special mention of appreciation goes to Bayview, who graciously provided us with additional players during the competition. This gesture of support and camaraderie embodies the true spirit of interschool sportsmanship and collaboration. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Doherty and Paulette for their exceptional efforts in organizing the day.

While the final scores may not have reflected our team's true abilities, the lessons learned and the friendships formed through this experience are truly invaluable. The Glenelg District Interschool Basketball competition provided our boys with a platform to showcase their talent and grow as athletes and individuals.

We look forward to more exciting interschool competitions in the future, where our students will continue to demonstrate the core values of Growth, Respect, Integrity, Pride and make us proud.

Go HDSC Team!



FUTURE LEADERS

Students Madison, Tarryn and Jacob attended the Future Leaders Business Industry Tours on Tuesday 1st August, where they learnt about career opportunities in the Glenelg Shire and received advice and knowledge from local professionals.

They received presentations from: Port of Portland, Portland District Health, Glenelg Shire Council, Keppel Prince and Portland Aluminium whilst on tour.

Keep up the good work Madi, Tarryn and Jacob!



Getting the best education for your child

Parents/carers and schools have an important role to play in a child's education. Working together improves a child's learning, health and wellbeing. Relationships are key to us working together. The education of a child is a shared responsibility between family, the school, other students and the broader community.

When schools and families engage together in a child's learning, with positive relationships it encourages and supports children to enjoy and have the confidence to achieve their best.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

A team of 18 girls from year 7 – 12 travelled to Pedrina Park to go head-to-head with the Hamilton and Portland schools in the Interschool Girls Football tournament.

With plenty of nerves and apprehension, our girls went into their first game against Baimbridge. For many of them, this was their first experience playing football. As a team, the girls worked together applying defensive pressure across the field and worked the ball up to make multiple inside 50 entries. Despite their determination, we recorded our first loss for the day.

The game against Bayview showed more results for our efforts with multiple goals from Annie Smth, assisted by Jenessa Bradley-Ryan. Unfortunately, the game was cut-short as a result of injury.

The final game against the undefeated team for the day, Good Shephard, was a gruelling match where the girls showed their resilience. Despite the gap on the score board, the team kept fighting until the end. We didn't make it out unscathed, with Lydia Sanderson taking a hard hit resulting in injury.

Well done to everyone for their willingness to give something new a go, especially the juniors going up against seniors. Stand-out efforts for the day were made by Saige Bell, Jenessa Bradley-Ryan, Brooke Rose, Tarryn Halls, Indiana Stuchberry and Courtney Mann. Thanks to Tori-Anne for your support on the day, and to Mr Doherty for organising.



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WOOD Raffle

Tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Drawn Friday, September 15th

Money raised will support the Year 12 formal
event to be held in November

Tickets can be purchased through Year 12
students or at the front office at HDSC