

HEYWOOD & DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

PRINCIPALS REPORT

As it always appears the term has flown by at significant speed. Term Three for the leaders of the College has our time split between keeping the College on track and planning for 2024. I would like to thank all involved in making this happen, in particular our leadership team of Ms Hart, Ms Tasker and Mr Prevett have been very professional in the way they have worked through the planning for 2024. This will continue into next term with further discussions and then continue the task of recruiting quality staff for the start of 2024.

As I reflect over the term and the year so far, it have been brilliant to have the school back for the three terms face to face, Covid seems such a distant past. To our Year 12 students, you only have a couple of weeks left of your formal secondary education. Make sure that you use this time to get the best out of it. Our VCE students need to make sure they use the term break as a continuation of their revision process. Remember you will get an extra-long break after exams!

This term we have had our school review, I would like to thank all who spoke to the reviewer, Jane Kovacs or our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) Lindy Sharp. It was great to get your honest and open feedback. As we look forward to the next four years, our goals will focus around improving student wellbeing and engagement in their learning and improving student outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Student Leadership

There are strong correlations in the culture of a school and the level of student voice in the everyday operation of a school and the long term decisions that are made. We have made some good progress in this area with students involved in giving feedback to staff on their teaching practices. However, we need greater input from our students. We are starting our process of choosing more student leaders for 2024 at the beginning of Term Four. There is a process that Lauren Millard will complete early next term. Make sure when you get the opportunity to challenge yourself through a leadership program that you grab it before someone else does! Over the last year we have had a number of students involved in the 'Live 4 Life Crew' and 'Future Leaders of Industry Program'.

Passport to Employment

Last Wednesday I had the great pleasure of being invited to the 2023 Passport to Employment Graduation. This program is extraordinary in how it supports students to gain so much confidence whilst making new friendships and discovering what industries are out there. I would like to thank Scott Taylor and Paulette Smith for supporting James Klotz during the program and Tiana Richardson and the GSGLLEN for organising and running the program for our local schools.



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HDSC IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

It's been a great couple of weeks with lots of activities, excursions, Music Festival, sport, students engaged in a multiple of community activities. I am always impressed with the variety of opportunities for the students at HDSC.

Sun Smart

Term 4 means we are back to brimmed hats to be sun safe. It is important that students adhere to the hat outside rule so they can be safe. It must be a brimmed hat, not a beanie, so that faces can be shielded from the ultra violet rays. Skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers. UV exposure during childhood and adolescence has a big impact on future skin cancer risk. So lets be sun smart and wear a hat outside. If you need a school bucket hat visit Judy and Alana in the front office to purchase (\$14). Thanks Alana for being my model!

Music Festival

Every Tuesday students leave their guitars in my office and I watch them attend their music lessons with the fabulous Patricia Bruggeman. They always return with a smile on their faces. All the hard work leads to the Music Festival held in the Portland Civic Centre. I was so proud to watch our junior students (and one Year 9) perform on the Wednesday night. All of the acts were fantastic and our band was a great hit. Cohen, Daniel, Robert, Nevaeh, Lydia, Chloe (alas Jesse was unwell and unable to attend but we can see him on Presentation Night). Well done Patricia and the band.

Year 7 Art class

Have been busy learning about water colours and techniques producing some great art.

A big shout out to Saige and Taryn Bell-Cooper and Jakiah Bamblett who attended the Cultural Exchange in New Zealand. We look forward to lots of photos and stories when they return.



Christine Hart
Assistant Principal



HDSC IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

Friday 15th September - Sports Colours Day (gold coin donation)

Last Day of Term 3 - 2:30pm finish

TERM 4

Monday 2nd October - First Day Back for Term 4

Monday 16th October - Last Day for Year 12 students

Friday 20th October - English Games Day and

Friday 27th October - Live4Life Celebration Event

Monday 6th November - Curriculum Day - No students required at school

Tuesday 7th November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Friday 17th November - Year 12 Formal



A group of Year 9 and 10 students went over to Mount Gambier as part of an UNISA excursion organised by Mr Wright. A great day was had by all.

THE ASX SCHOOLS SHAREMARKET GAME

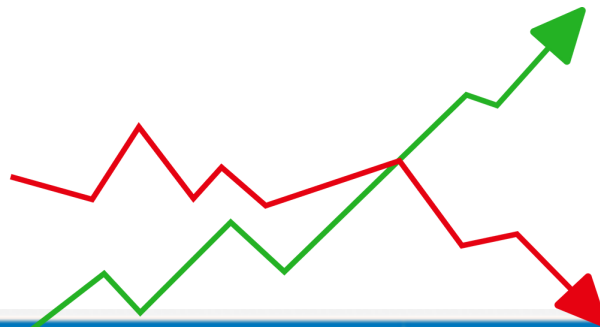
This year's Money and Markets 9/10 elective class are off and running in the 2023 Schools Sharemarket Game.

Students have organised themselves into syndicates of two players, with some students choosing to work on their own.

Each syndicate begins with (a fictitious) \$50,000 to invest on the ASX, buying equities in 300 of the top publicly listed companies.

Our leading syndicate (Winners) is headed up by Ethan Smith and Jakiah Bamblett and as of yesterday they were sitting in 66th place (out of over 4000 syndicates) in the State based competition - an awesome effort to date! Our other syndicates names include: Lots of Cash, The Investment Queen, Filthy Rich, Rebels, Dodgy Brothers, The Rowdy Ones, Corporate Mogul, The Dynamic Duo and James (still to pick a syndicate name)!!

I have been so impressed by the students engagement in this awesome learning experience, and listening to students as they leave the class at the end of a lesson talking about their share purchases, company share prices, placing orders and earning dividends, gives me a buzz too!



Mr Jeremy Prevett



Schools Sharemarket Game

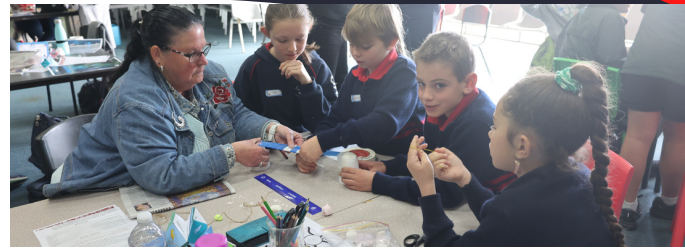
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Rank	Player Name	Value	School	State
63	Zia	\$52,606.82	Phoenix P-12 Community College	VIC
64	Oliver	\$52,602.48	The Peninsula School	VIC
65	KIAH	\$52,588.90	Surf Coast Secondary College	VIC
66	Winners	\$52,586.66	Heywood and District Secondary College	VIC



Ethan Smith and Jakiah Bamblett

HDSC SCIENCE DAY



During Science Week, HDSC welcomed 9 teams of students from eight local primary schools to compete in our second annual Science Games Day. The theme for this year was Innovation: Powering Future Industries. Activities started with lightning rounds such as a scavenger hunt of the National Science Week poster and quiz questions about Aboriginal Australians as our first scientists. Students then competed in team challenges including constructing the strongest, tallest bridge; building a hydraulic lift and solving clues in an escape room. A great day was had by all; thanks to all participants, competing school representatives and HDSC staff involved. Congratulations to Bolwarra Primary School for taking home first place, closely followed by Portland Primary School in second place and Heywood Consolidated School in third place.



Mrs Georgia Larkins



WEAR IT PURPLE DAY - 25TH AUGUST



Our Safe Space group, M&M's, runs activities every Wednesday recess in the Standing Tall room
Everyone is welcome!



Wear it Purple was founded in 2010 in response to global stories of real teenagers & real heartache. In 2010, several rainbow young people took their own lives following bullying and harassment

The day has since developed it's focus from initially being about self-harm prevention, now to a celebration of rainbow youth and pride!

Wear it Purple shows young people across the globe that they have the right to be proud of who they are.

How does recognising Wear it Purple Day help?

- Challenges harmful attitudes & behaviours
- Empowers LGBTQIA+ young people and allies
- Celebrates & promotes the value of diversity & inclusion in all community settings

Thank you to all students and staff for your support.

Lauren Millard



Cookies and Cream

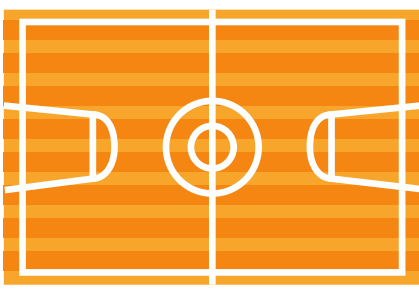
Very sad to see Cookies and Cream head back to their dairy. The students did a fabulous job looking after them.

One activity run by the Dairy industry is an advert for their milk powder, with some great prizes. The students are working on these but would be keen to have input for a slogan.

I have attached one of our photos we need a slogan for and an example of an old one.....any ideas welcomed.



Above: Daniel and Cohen feeding Cookies and Cream



HDSC received a visit from VicHealth CEO, Dr Sandro Demaio, Jane Ruge from the Glenelg Shire for a meet and greet and to see the improvements made to the basketball court and equipment, allowing the local competition to grow, they also saw first hand the Kitchen Garden program in action.



The Heywood Herald

News tips to CHARLIE SAWYER-BASSETT: 5522 3000

VicHealth boss checks out the growing skills of students

CHARLIE SAWYER-BASSETT
HEYWOOD and District Secondary College received a special visit from VicHealth CEO Dr Sandro Demaio on Tuesday, during his tour of the south west.

VicHealth partners with 36 Victorian councils, including the Glenelg Shire council, to encourage young community members to think and act healthy.

So Tuesday was as chance for the boss of the organisation see some of the achievements of VicHealth Local Government Partnerships (VLGP).

Heywood and District Secondary College has been a primary example of the partnership achievements, with their kitchen garden and Heywood Community Garden located on the school grounds and with a high student involvement.

During his visit, students presented to Dr Demaio the school's newly established greenhouse of which they had a large involvement in putting together.

The greenhouse and its hydroponic growing system were constructed with the guidance and financial support of not-for-profit organisation Food Ladder. Students laid down the footing and eagerly assisted in its overall installation.

Now it houses the production of lettuce, Asian greens, and spinach, which is overseen by the students, which impressed Dr Demaio.

"When students get their hands dirty and get involved in where their food comes from, it gives them a much deeper connection, and they're more likely to eat healthy food if they've grown it," he said.

Further, Dr Demaio was introduced to the steadily

growing Heywood Community Garden being established on the old tennis courts on the college grounds.

The community garden recently received funding through the VicHealth Local Government Partnership for infrastructure, community events, branding and signage.

Apart of the VLGP is the Healthy Kids Advisors Initiative, that is under the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation.

Healthy Kids' advisor Jane Killmister was able to support the community garden, of which she is on the committee, by organising the VLGP funding through the initiative.

Heywood students have also had a part in promoting and establishing the community garden.

"Clearly these kids really love what they're doing, believe in it and are learning and benefiting from it," Dr Demaio.

"It's amazing seeing what can be done with the combination of important leadership from the school, combined with passionate young people.

Dr Demaio said he is this week visiting 13 partners from across Portland, Warnambool and Port Fairy.

This is being done in order to build stronger connections and to hear about the important work being carried out to support community health and wellbeing, he said.

"A lot of what we do is working through deep partnerships," he said.

"We have some incredible partners in local council, regional sporting assemblies, and schools in which help us to deliver better health outcomes for Victorians.

"And whenever we can, we love to get out and meet people in person."



HEYWOOD and District Secondary College students (from left) Daniel Sanderson, 13, Cohen Peatling, 14, and Jack Rose, 14, take VicHealth CEO Dr Sandro Demaio through the school's new greenhouse fitted with a hydroponic growing system.

Picture: KAREN HODGE 230823M09



STUDENT SUCCESS



Malakai Walsh-Bannam - Year 10
For being accepted in the Eddie Betts Foundation Academy.



Leah Stephens - Year 7
For competing in Warrnambool for Gymnastics receiving great results.

A big Congratulations to you both, we look forward to hearing updates on your successes!



"Respectful relationships promotes respect and gender equality and helps students learn how to build healthy relationships. It prepares students to face challenges by developing problem-solving skills and building resilience and confidence."

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

School TV

This month's School TV edition on 'Respectful Relationships' dives into the foundations and skills required to create a safe and inclusive environment. This edition outlines the foundation to respectful relationships such as; communication and listening skills, conflict resolution skills, and how to be respectful and empathetic to others. These are necessary skills to create respectful relationships and a safe, harmonious school community. These resources will help students to identify healthy and unhealthy relationships, how to respect themselves and others, skills needed to create these healthy and respectful relationships and guide informed decision making.

For resources and information please follow the link to this months edition:

<https://heywoodsc.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/respectful-relationships>

heywood & district secondary college



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

WE ARE HERE TO HELP



1

MONDAY

WELLBEING COORDINATOR - TIANA
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN - TANIA
MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER - TAMMY
HEADSPACE - LUCY (FORTNIGHTLY)

2

TUESDAY

DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS GP - DEBBIE
SCHOOL NURSE - NICOLA

3

WEDNESDAY

MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER - TAMMY

4

THURSDAY

WELLBEING COORDINATOR - TIANA
SCHOOL NURSE - NICOLA

5

FRIDAY

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN - TANIA
REPORT RACISM HOTLINE - 1800 722 476 (9AM TO 5PM WEEKDAYS)

6

SATURDAY

KIDS HELPLINE - 1800 55 1800 (24/7)
LIFELINE - 13 11 14 (24/7)

7

SUNDAY

13YARN - 13 92 76 (24/7)
QLIFE - 1800 184 527 (3PM TO MIDNIGHT EVERY DAY)

Ms Webster & Ms Hart are also here to help Monday to Friday



**REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY VIA
NETBALL
CONNECT**

**COMPETITION DATES
9TH OCT - 11TH DEC**

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
ON 8TH OCT**

TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS WELCOME

MONDAY NIGHT NETBALL 2023

No Game Fees

9 Rounds + Finals day

**COME JOIN
THE FUN**

Netball Grades

- NetSetGo Set 5-8yrs
- Skill Development
- NetSetGo Go 8-10yrs
- Competition
- Juniors 10-13yrs
- Inters 13-16yrs
- Seniors 12+yrs
- Mixed 12+yrs
- Walking Social 12+yrs
- All Abilities Walking 10+yrs

**The Home of
Local Netball**

**Qualify for PNA Assoc
Champs &
Glenelg State Titles
Teams**



Fee's:	PNA	VNA
NetSetGo	\$40	\$87
Junior	\$65	\$64
Inters	\$65	\$64
Senior	\$65	\$84
Mixed	\$65	\$84
Walking	\$65	\$20
- All Abilities	\$40	\$20

VNA is not charged if you have already played 2023

FREE EVENT

**LIVE4LIFE
COLOUR
RUN**



**WARM UP
FOR MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

REGISTER HERE



THE DAY IS FOCUSED ON PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, HEALTHY EATING AND FUN!

MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
9:30AM - 12PM | PORTLAND SOCCER GROUND
FREE FOOD + COFFEE TO PURCHASE



**HOOKED ON
PORTLAND**

SEAFOOD & FISHING FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY 27TH
JANUARY 2024
PORTLAND FORESHORE
10AM-8PM**





Heywood Golf Club Inc.

Junior Beginners Clinic



During the School Holidays

Friday 22nd September

or

Friday 29th September

10am to 12 noon each day

No Charge (FREE)

Golf Equipment Available on Loan from the Club

Participants can register on line through the *My Golf* website

(<https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/home/>)

Select **Find a Program**

Enter the Heywood Postcode (**3304**)

Select the **Find a Program** button

Scroll down to the bottom of the screen

Select the **Register** button for the program you wish to attend

Enter your details

All participants are required to be entered into the My Golf website before the start of the programs for insurance purposes

Please Contact Peter on 0419 232 141 for further details