

HEYWOOD & DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a restful break and got out and about in the sunshine.

Term two has many opportunities for our students, including representing the school in sport events plus Year 10 and 11 students will be involved in the Portland Careers Expo, Year 10 Work Experience (week 6: May 20th – 24th) and lots of careers and university opportunities.

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.

2024 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.

The AtoSS will be conducted at school this term. If you do not wish your child to complete the survey, please email the school asking for your child to **opt out**.



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HDSC IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It has been a very community-based fortnight, including Cross Country, Open Night, and Anzac commemorations.

It was great to see so many people support the Open Night at HDSC, we had a full house this year. A big shout out to Ms O'Dea, Sarah Grendon, Mr Wright for offering to help out on the night. ICT, Art, and Science experiments filled the hour followed by a sausage sizzle. If anyone has any further questions about what HDSC has to offer for new students in 2025 please contact the school.

Anzac Day is an important date for all Australians, and we gathered in our school theatre to remember those who have served to defend Australia. We do this because it is the anniversary of the day when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on the beach at Gallipoli in Türkiye on 25 April 1915. This was the first major military campaign for soldiers from Australia and New Zealand. Since then, 25 April has been known as Anzac Day. 'Anzac' comes from the name Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. It was shortened to ANZAC in 1915. Since then, when Australians and New Zealanders have served together, they have often been known as Anzacs. Our school captains Annie and Sam ran the Assembly with Elouise Pye reading Lest we Forget. It was wonderful to see a large turnout at Heywood Anzac March with several of our students and families marching. As a school we were proud to see a previous student from HDSC, Emily Gorey, address the gathering with an interesting and heartfelt speech about her Great Uncle who was a soldier at Gallipoli.



Christine Hart
Assistant Principal

Reminders:

All student absences need to be recorded via Xuno or by calling the office on 5271303.

Student must present to class in full school uniform.
Hoodies are not a part of HDSC uniform.



HDSC IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TERM 2, 2024

Wednesday 8th May - Curriculum Day no students required at school (Staff PD)

Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May - Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 20th May - Year 9-10 Football

Wednesday 22nd May - Live 4 Life crew, Year 8 Celebration Day

Friday 24th May - Science Games Day

Tuesday 28th May - Curriculum Day (Staff PD) no students required at school

Wednesday 29th May - Portland Careers Expo

Friday 31st May - Year 7 and 10 Immunisations

Monday 10th June - Public Holiday (Kings Birthday)

Friday 28th June - Last day of TERM 2



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.

FRIDAY 10 MAY

Dolly's Dream is committed to changing the culture of bullying by addressing the impact of bullying, anxiety, depression and youth suicide, through education and direct support to young people and families.

Parent Hub

Many parents feel teaching their kids about online safety is important, but they don't quite know how to go about it. That's why we're here.

To help make your life a little easier, we've done the research for you and pulled together the most trusted information about online safety and bullying.

YEAR 11 LEGAL STUDIES

The Year 11 Legal Studies class have been busy working on a group poster on the “principles of justice”. The principles of fairness, equality and access are fundamental to the effective operation of our legal system and the class showed great collaboration and teamwork during the planning, researching and compiling stage of the poster project.....and I reckon they did a brilliant job!

Jeremy Prevett | VCE Legal Studies Teacher



HDSC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

At the end of Term 1, the SRC organised a dress up day to raise money for Food Bank.

The Food Bank provides our school with nutritious snacks and food for our wellbeing room and school breakfast's. The idea to raise money for the Food Bank came from students who wanted to give back to the Food Bank in a positive way to thank them for all their generous donations over the years.

As a collective, staff and students raised a total of \$75.20. Well done to everyone who dressed up and especially to those who donated. The SRC voted on best dressed students and teachers and presented certificates at the end of term assembly, with winners also receiving canteen vouchers.

Congratulations to Jacob, Kagano, Lucy, Violet for winning the student awards and to Paulette and Annie for taking out the staff awards!”

Lauren Millard | SRC



YR 9/10 OUTDOOR ED CAMP

Year 9 and 10 students attended the annual Outdoor Ed camp to the Glenelg River.

Students began by packing the bus and heading off, arriving at Moleslide Camp site to start a 13km hike. After passing many leaches along the way, we arrived into camp greeted by Gregg. After setting up tents, the next activity was canoeing. The students withstood the wet weather conditions and were taught different paddling techniques from Mr Doherty. The day finished with a BBQ dinner and smores by the fire, followed by some games.

Day two started early with a sunrise walk, followed by a 15km bike ride with lunch stop at Battersby Campground. Students persisted through the many hills and Gregg was never too far behind when bikes needing some servicing along the way!

Thank you to Mr Doherty for organising the camp and to Gregg for his hard work in making it run successfully once again.

By Lauren Millard



GRIP LEADERSHIP

Student leader representatives travelled over to Mount Gambier on Thursday, 2nd May to attend the GRIP Leadership conference.

Over three sessions across the day, students gained practical skills about improving student leadership skills, enhancing SRC events and making SRC meetings more effective.

Our students left the conference feeling empowered to make positive change with new inspiration to take on projects around our school.

During question time, Kagano was selected to ask the panel her question; “What sacrifices did you have to make to be a leader?” This question was very well received and the panel members were impressed at how it reflected the learnings of the day!

Well done to Nikeata, Kagano, Angus and Lydia for representing our school with pride.

Lauren Millard | SRC



GD ATHLETICS

At the end of Term 1 we had student's represent HDSC at the GD Athletics in Portland, well done to everyone who participated and giving it your all!



ANZAC DAY - THURSDAY 25TH APRIL



LEST WE FORGET

VCE FOOD TECHNOLOGY



LIBRARY UPGRADES



Our Library space is back up and running with the introduction of new furniture and shelving. It is a great comfortable space for student and staff to enjoy.

