

HEYWOOD & DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Science Games Day

Our first Games Day for the year, our Science Games Day was held on Friday 26th May. Grade 4, 5 and 6 students from many of our local Primary schools were here to collaborate, challenge themselves, socialise and complete in many activities including a relay, problem solving and a snap quiz just to name a few. MIXX FM was also here between 10am to 1pm. Narrawong Primary School was our overall winning school this year.

Assessment / Exam Week

This week students in Years 7-11 will be sitting an assessment task for each subject in week 10 - 17th to the 21st June. Students in Years 10 and 11 have been sitting more formal exams, whilst the rest of the school completed their tasks in class. The GAT for all students studying VCE or VCEVM units 3 and 4 will be on Tuesday, 18th June.

Work Experience

Our Year 10 students have completed their work experience last week, working on farms, engineering, DELWP, accounting, lawyers and as an electrician. These weeks and careers days are important for all students, to help them decide on what they want to do and also not want to do in adulthood.

2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

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.



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HDSC IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

Canteen | Courtney

Canteen Day has always been successful so we have decided to extend it to include Monday lunch called Canteen Light. A mini canteen day that students and staff preorder. We offer pies, sausage rolls and other smaller premade dishes including sweet slices. All our canteen items are between \$4 and \$6 so it is a warm, homecooked meal for a reasonable price. By having the additional canteen day we are able to use all our resources before our next order to ensure there is no wastage.

Do It for Dolly Day | Georgia

On Friday the 10th May, HDSC supported “Do It for Dolly Day”. Throughout the school we wore blue ribbons and discussed the importance of mental health and the impacts of bullying. We had interesting discussions in classes and homegroups of who Dolly was and why the foundation is supported as well and why it was created.

HDSC Garden | Claudia

The garden has now been planted ready for the winter crop. The Seed to Spoon, Ag and Hort, and Hands on Learning classes have recently made food from our produce, including sauces, jams, syrups, and chutneys. We had a bumper crop of tomatoes and zucchini’s this year and the produce is planted, picked, and prepared all by the students and sold in the front office.

Flags | Bobby

Noah, Josh, & Ethan from Year 7 have been helping me everyday to put up the flags. They also take them down at the end of the day. They have learned what order to put them up, which ones go where and what they mean. They know that they should not touch the ground and make sure they hang the right way up. Last year we had three new flag poles put in so we could fly all three. I helped install them by digging holes, make sure they were level, and concreted them in.

Games Days | Marnie

On the 24th May we have the Science Games Day with over 40 primary school students attending from all over the Region. The senior students at HDSC cater for this event. This included morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea. This event goes all day and the students work between their classmates in groups to figure out questions to win prizes. We hold a Games Day three times a year including Maths Games Day and Science Games Day. MixFM attend the day playing music and giving interviews from the teachers and students.

Sport | Regan

Almost one third of students play sport on the weekend representing our community. We also have a great sports program here at HDSC. Football, cross country, basketball, netball, are all supported by the school. It is good for mental and physical health, extends your social circle and is great to play with family and mates. Sport brings the community together to play or just watch and hangout.

HDSC IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TERM 2, 2024

Monday 17th to Thursday 20th June - Assessment Week
(Year 10/11)

Tuesday 18th June - GAT Exam

Friday 21st June - NO SCHOOL (Staff attending PD)

Tuesday 25th June - VET Taster Day (Year 9)

Wednesday 26th June - First Aid (Year 9 to 12)

Friday 28th June - Last day of TERM 2 (2:30pm dismissal)

TERM 3

Monday 15th July - School returns

Wednesday 17th July - Year 8 to 10 and VCE Expo

Wednesday 31st July - Year 9 to 12 Information Evening
(7pm)

Monday 12th to 16th August - Year 9/10 Snow Camp



Fresh Fruit and Veg for Schools is Back!

This year, locally sourced fresh fruit and veg will be delivered to your school for all students once a week.

Thank you to the staff and students at the Portland Secondary College Re-Engagement Centre for ordering and packing the produce each week, and Portland Aluminium for sponsoring this program once again.



Thank you to the staff and students and the Portland Secondary Re-engagement Centre, the students at Heywood and District Secondary College are loving the fresh fruit every week for our breakfast program and for students to enjoy throughout the week.

Switch off & Store



If you bring your mobile phone to school, it must be switched off and securely stored during school hours.

VICTORIA
State
Government

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

Further information

Exceptions: For a small number of students with health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

What can I discuss with the doctor/nurse?

- Physical pain or issues
- Health lifestyle - sleep, nutrition, exercise
- Mental health
- Sexual health, period pain and contraception
- Sexuality and gender identity
- Body image
- Scripts

How do I make an appointment?

- See the school nurse or wellbeing team **or**
- Drop into the clinic when it is open **or**
- Ask at the front office



FUTURE LEADERS

HDSC Future Leader participants Kagano and Angus spent the day in the kitchen to produce three items for a high tea presented to industry representatives.

(Photo's curtesy of Future Leaders Facebook page)



WHY IS ATTENDANCE SO IMPORTANT?

- Learning is a building process, and it is important not to miss any of the steps
- Consistency builds success in learning
- More school equals more opportunities for social-emotional learning and more opportunities for building self-worth
- Students become more comfortable and increase their risk-taking in learning when they are regularly at school
- The inner critic quiets when our kids are busy and engaged. Humans need purpose.

If your child misses one day per fortnight of school, they will miss a whole year of education over the course of their twelve years.

FOLLOW US ON THE HDSC FACEBOOK PAGE



Our year 7's recycling the props from our wood, wine & roses float to decorate our garden.



Making the most of the beautiful weather, working in the garden.



Our Live 4 Life Crew did an amazing job today.



Heywood District Secondary College offered an array of thrilling activities last week!



GREATER WESTERN REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY ACHIEVEMENTS

We are thrilled to share the success of our students at the Greater Western Regional Cross Country event, held on Monday, 3rd May 2024, in Warrnambool. Representing our school with great spirit and determination were Jacob Sanderson and Indi Stuchbery.

Indi Stuchbery delivered a commendable performance, finishing 28th out of 36 runners. Her resilience and sportsmanship were evident throughout the challenging course, making our school incredibly proud.

Jacob Sanderson also showcased his dedication, finishing 44th out of 52 runners. His perseverance and hard work were truly inspiring to all who watched.

A special thank you to the parents for their support and efforts in getting their children to Warrnambool for the competition. Your commitment is greatly appreciated and plays a crucial role in our students' success.

Congratulations to both Jacob and Indi for their remarkable achievements and for representing our school with such distinction!



STANDING TALL

A message of appreciation to our mentors: THANK YOU!!!

You are showing up consistently, role-modelling positive relationship-building and encouraging our students to make the most of their time at school. The extent of your impact is immeasurable.

Over the 2024 school year so far, you have contributed to a total of 150 hours of additional one-on-one support for our students! This is helping them feel valued and connected at school and within the wider community.

The smiles say it all! We are grateful for all you do for our young people. Your care, compassion and time is greatly appreciated.

Thank You



OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS



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RECONCILIATION DAY

HDSC staff and students were amongst members of the Glenelg Shire who gathered in recognition of National Reconciliation Week. Students were invited to share reflections on this year's theme 'Now More Than Ever'.



WORK EXPERIENCE

This year we had seven Year 10 students go out on work experience from the 20th to 24th May.



Angus Barclay – Dwelp
Kagano Gaosiwe – GSGLLEN
Kalae Sciascia – HRH Legal
Kade Bayley - R&M Menzel Electrical
Owen Anderson – Fitzroy Farms
Jayden Schack – Berry & Whyte Surveyors Ltd Pty
Jenessa McCabe – Henry’s Hydraulics



Students were able to attend a place of work and given an opportunity to contribute to the business operations. Most importantly, students could see how all positions complement one another to be successful.

Students were able to attend businesses that they were interested in, most were about to confirm that this is the field they would like to go into, with some able to confirm that it is not, which is just.

We are delighted to share feedback from our hosts:

“Kalae has been a delight to have and we wish her all the best” – Julia Ray (Kalae)

“When Owen listens he does a good job for the farm and himself – Steve Fitzroy (Owen)

“It’s been great having Angus a part of the team for the week. He has contributed to a range of tasks and projects” – Tim Hiscock (Angus)

“Jenessa didn’t even bring her phone to work experience, great result for her and us as it allows the employer to see that she doesn’t use it and didn’t even have it with her”. - Henry’s Hydraulics (Jenessa)

We have had a great results with work experience week, students had several great areas to gain experience in and follow their area of interest.

Well done to all students we are super proud of you all.



OTHER NEWS:



VET DELIVERED TO SECONDARY STUDENTS INFORMATION SESSION

Come along and find out how you can combine school with a TAFE course.

Our VET Delivery to Secondary Students program covers a range of courses and gives you the opportunity to develop skills needed for further education and employment.

Portland Campus
 Wednesday 19th June
 5pm - 6pm
 154 Hurd Street, Portland

Colac Campus
 Wednesday 31st July
 5pm - 6pm
 89 Bromfield Street, Colac

Hamilton Performing Arts Centre
 Tuesday 16th July
 6.30pm - 7.30pm
 113 Brown Street, Hamilton



For more information chat to your careers teacher or contact the SWTAFE VETDSS team via 1300 648 911 or email vetdss@swtafe.edu.au

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WOMEN ONSITE

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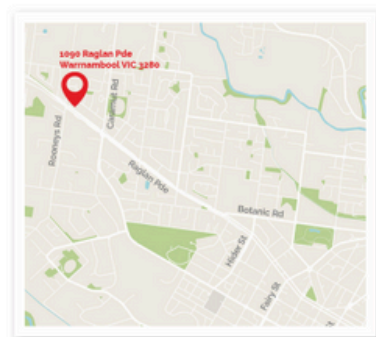
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