

The fortnightly combined newsletter of Heywood Consolidated School and Heywood & District Secondary College
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From the Principals



Another fortnight has flown by with our students improving their connections to school and their learning. I am encouraged to see the impact of our Berry Street Educational Model upon our classrooms, corridors and school

yard. I work closely with students to manage incidents where a situation has become larger, quicker than the students can manage. To help students to process the situation, we start with their frame of mind, getting them to change their thought patterns, using the opposite side of their brain. We use activities such as problem solving, physical movement, puzzles or sensory tools. After our students have settled, we then broach the larger matter in a positive light for them to help us solve the situation.

When a student is in an emotional state, solutions will not come easy. Sometimes, we as the adult need to role model what we want to see in the child. All of our classrooms teach mindfulness, including breathing techniques, listening to calming music, humming or visual images. Our teachers lead the way with their actions and our students follow in their footsteps.

Have you tried one of our mindful techniques of closing your eyes, listening for three different sounds, then opening your eyes to see what had made the noise? Our sensory connections to the world around us is significant to how we fit into our world. We need to calm our minds, think about our thinking and see our connections to our world. Have you considered your place in this world - the jobs that you do, the people that you care for? We often need to look beyond our immediate self and see that we matter - everything we do connects us to our world.

Jodi May

Tragic News

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge that one of our past students has tragically died. The school extends our sincere condolences to his family. We have, and will continue to, offer our support during this time of grieving.



This can be a very sad time for staff and students and may also bring up feelings and issues for your sons/daughters. The school has some information about teenagers and grief that may be useful to you which I have placed on the school website.

The Education Department also has counsellors which the school can access. If you think your child would benefit, please let our Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Fiona Isles, know so that she can make arrangements.

HeadSpace in Portland on 1300 276 749 or Kids Help Line on 1800 55 1800 also offer helpful support for children and teenagers.

Exam Week

The Year 10/11 Exam Week will run from Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th June. It is expected that all students who are completing a Year 10 or 11 subject will sit their relevant exams. An exam timetable and specific instructions will be given out closer to the time.

For further information on accidents and social media, see overleaf...

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Assistant Principal's Report



NAPLAN

Congratulations to both our Year 7 & Year 9 students on completing NAPLAN testing over the last two weeks. I was considerably impressed by your positive attitude towards the testing and your endeavours to do your best. Just remember that NAPLAN only tells part of your story as a learner. It is important, but there are so many other things that make up who you are and what you achieve.

School Wide Positive Behaviour

The White Card Awards will be given out to students who consistently meet school expectations and display School Wide Positive Behaviours linked to our school values, or go above and beyond of what is expected. For the past two weeks students have received White Card Awards for consistently being in uniform, attendance and participating positively in class discussions.

At the end of each fortnight, the student with the most awards is recognised during our general assembly. This fortnight's recipient is: **Ellie Meade**, for her hard work and support as a member of the school community. We also take the opportunity to recognise another student who has been given a White Card Award by drawing their name randomly during general assembly. This fortnight's recipient is: **Tamzyn Ailey** for her positive attitude towards her learning.

Attendance

Wow! The race to see which house ends up with the most points for attendance is heating up. For the last two weeks, less than half a percent has separated, Tallawalla, Gumerooka and Dooliba, with all sitting between 88% and 89%. Although this is below our target of 90% attendance, it is an improvement from previous weeks. As always, we encourage all students to see each and every day as an opportunity to learn and a step towards achieving your goals.

Brenton Schintler

School Accidents & EMB Student Cover

Parents and carers are reminded that schools do not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to have up-to-date ambulance cover. Parents and guardians, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of any medical expenses, and/or ambulance costs, if their child is injured or requires an ambulance at school, or whilst participating in a school activity. Parents and carers can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Accidents and injuries do happen, especially to children! The costs of medical treatment, disability and ongoing care can place enormous financial stress on families. You can't prevent an accident, but you can have peace of mind from only \$29 per year.

Student Cover Student Accident Insurance is the most affordable way to protect your child - at school and elsewhere, and is underwritten by one of the world's leading insurers. Applications for Student Cover are only accepted online, so to get the peace of mind you need. Their web address to apply online is as follows:
<https://www.ebminsurace.com.au/personal-cover/student-cover.php>.

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Child Safety

Heywood and District Secondary College and Heywood Consolidated School consider the safety of children as being of paramount importance. Both schools have zero tolerance of child abuse.

Theatre Craft Winter Camp 2019

CEMA Theatre Group, Portland, will pay half the cost for three students to attend the 2019 Winter Drama Camp at Parkville, Melbourne, which includes workshops, theatre tours, training sessions and excursions. The full cost is \$450 and the camp runs from Monday July 1st - Friday July 5th. You need to provide your own Myki card. More information is available by emailing: summerschool@theatre Craft.org.au.

Please contact Jan Colliver by phoning (03) 55265264 or emailing: secretary@portlandcema.org.au if you would like to apply for CEMA to pay half of your cost of attending. You will be required to write a short application letter and attend an interview to qualify.

Social Media

Being a teenager is hard enough with the pressures of adolescence, learning to be a young adult, school work and changing friendships. Students will often have disagreements with other students along the way. These disagreements often sort themselves out by themselves or with a little help from the staff at school. What doesn't help, is when students or families take on the problem and use social media to get their points across.

At school we teach students not to use sources such as Facebook, SnapChat and Instagram to be negative. Many potential employers will check social media to ensure they are attracting the right person for their jobs.

It seems that students also like using forums like Instagram, Messenger and SnapChat to pass on messages and pictures to each other. It is important that students understand the laws about asking for or sharing pictures they may be sent. I ask families to help guide their children on what is appropriate to send to others.

Just lately I have noticed that there are a lot of TV and radio ads that gives information on how to talk to children about social media. It takes all of us to keep our children safe online, so I fully recommend talking to your children about who they are chatting to, what they are chatting about and using a space that is open (not in their bedrooms).

General Achievement Test

The GAT will be completed on Wednesday 12th June, I regularly get asked, "What is the GAT?", so I have been to the following website <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/aboutgat.aspx> and copied some the information.

"The General Achievement Test is a test of general knowledge and skills in; written communication, mathematics, science and technology, humanities, the arts and social sciences. Each represents a body of general knowledge and skills that students are likely to have built up through their school years.

Because it is a general test, no special study is required for the GAT. Students will already have done preparation for the GAT in past study of subjects like English, Mathematics, Science and History, where they have built up general knowledge and skills in writing, numeracy and reasoning. These are the knowledge and skills that will be tested."

If you would like further information about the GAT please head to the website above.

Kelly Webster, Principal HDSC

P.E. Super Students

During the first few weeks of this Term, two of our big focusses in our lessons have been, showing good teamwork and sportsmanship. We have considered what qualities make a good team player, and how we can play competitively but sportingly at the same time. Students have been encouraged to shake hands and exchange positive comments at the end of games.

Mia Melano & Cooper McCabe

Mia and Cooper have both consistently shown these qualities during our sessions. At the end of our last lesson, Mia and Cooper both made the effort to shake hands with their classmates without being prompted. This is just the kind of thing we are looking for.



Tarquinn Winiata



Tarquinn has also remembered these qualities and transferred them across to the yard. I observed Tarquinn playing soccer at play time, and when a student on the opposite team fell over, Tarquinn stopped to check if he was okay and helped him up. This is a prime example of showing fantastic sportsmanship and focusing on the bigger and more important things than winning and losing.

Opportunities Ahead

Just as we say, "Thank goodness, NAPLAN is over", teachers are now moving into the report writing stage of the year that requires us all to make judgements based on the student's independent work that we have taught them throughout the semester.

Some students may have dramatically improved during the teaching of specific learning, but as you move onto the next topic or area, the new learning isn't ingrained and it slips away. This is why it is essential to have discussions with your child's teacher so that you can be aware of how they are progressing.

In the last week of the term, we will be conducting Student-led Interviews. The importance of this conversation is that the student is engaged in the discussion about their education. It is essential that students are aware of what they have learnt, as well as what their next learning will be. Just like driving along a road, you could end up anywhere if you don't know where you're going. Instead we should be able to have open and honest discussions around student learning, whilst knowing what we need to do to be more successful.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the classroom teachers at Heywood Consolidated School who have allowed me to work with them as our Learning Specialist. My role allows me opportunities to witness our fabulous classrooms in actions. It is an absolute delight to see the "light bulb moments" around our school and view students who are thoroughly engaged in their learning. This is such an amazing experience, and I implore you to spend an hour helping out in a classroom and witness this for yourself!

Ann Hawker, Learning Specialist

School Notices

Winter Series Sports Competition

Rescheduled to Wednesday the 12th of June due to weather conditions.

HeyCon School Fees

HeyCon School Fees are now due. These are payable at the school office

Lost Property

Please check your child's uniform supply for missing items as the lost property is building up. In the second last week of Term, any unclaimed items will be cleaned and taken to the Op-Shop.

Community Notices

"Rocket Man" Movie Night

Rated R. Heywood Rural Health Fundraiser for Murray to Moyne.
6:30pm (supper & bubbly)
7pm (screen time).

Portland Arts Centre, Glenelg St.
\$15 admission.
Tickets available from *Absolutely Fabulous* and *Heywood Rural Heath*.

More information:
(03) 5527 0528 (Andrea).

Road Safety Forum

Focusing on signs, symptoms and impacts of road trauma. And how we can support each other.

Portland Arts Centre, Glenelg Street @ 7pm on
Monday 17th of June.
Light supper provided.

RSVP to Lee-Anne, by email:
leeannenelson@police.vic.gov.au



Hands On Learning

The Hands On Learning team have been flat out on a number of jobs around the school.

We have been renovating several areas including the old main entrance area and furniture that was dark, dirty and badly in need of a clean and paint. The timber furniture was taken apart, sanded and given a new coat of paint. The next step is to brighten the area up with a mural and new plants.

The garden beds were full of weeds, rubbish and old succulents. The team has visited the garden nursery and worked out what plants to put in the beds, which have been prepared ready for planting.

The second major project has been to put some windows in the workshop theory area, fix holes in the wall and get it ready to paint. It looks like a bomb sight now, but the windows are nearly finished, then we will clean-up and make a decision on a paint colour!



Elly Colley

Heycon Fees

In recent weeks HeyCon families have received their fee statements for 2019. These fees cover classroom expenses for your child such as books, pencils, glue, rulers, art and reference materials. Families are not required to provide anything further in this regard. Fees also cover visits by performing artists, guest speakers and I.T. subscriptions for Learning Apps.

Payment

Fees can be paid at the school office using cash, eftpos or by using the BPay code on the statement. If you have any queries about your fees please speak to Sharyn Uebergang, our Business Manager. The school may be able to assist you with a payment plan if a full payment is difficult at this point in time.

Additional charges

There are some additional charges that are not included in the statement of fees. Usually these charges relate to outside expenses for example, camps or swimming programs. In these cases, we try to give at least a month's notice, sometimes more, so that families have the opportunity to prepare for the expense.

When students participate in sports activities or excursions, we need to hire buses to transport the students. The bus company charges the school a set fee and we calculate the cost per child depending on the number of children travelling on the bus. Therefore, an event that has a high attendance rate will mean a lower bus fee per student – when there is lower participation, the fees will be higher. For this reason bus charges might vary from event to event. In recent times, the school has subsidised the cost of some bus travel and capped the cost at \$5 per child.

Change of family details

Family occupations form the basis for Education Department funding for schools. If you have a change in your family circumstances e.g. one parent stops working, please let the school know so that we may update our records and ensure the right funding is available for your local school.

Elizabeth Paulet, Administration Manager

COMBINED CALENDAR OF SCHOOL EVENTS Jun - Aug 2019

HDSC events

Heycon events

Combined events



Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	3 JUNE	4 JUNE	5 JUNE	6 JUNE Gideons Year 7 @ 9:30am	7 JUNE GWSR Cross Country
8	10 JUNE Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	11 JUNE Year 10 -11 Exams	12 JUNE Year 10 -11 Exams & GAT Winter Series Sports Years 4,5,6	13 JUNE Year 10 -11 Exams Heywood Education News	14 JUNE Year 10 -11 Exams
9	17 JUNE	18 JUNE	19 JUNE Year 8 Rights of Passage (all day)	20 JUNE	21 JUNE Year 9/10 Taster Day Hamilton & District Skills Centre
10	24 JUNE Reports distributed (HeyCon)	25 JUNE Student led interviews after school	26 JUNE Student led interviews after school	27 JUNE Heywood Education News	28 JUNE Last Day Term 2 (2:20 finish HeyCon) (2:30 finish HDSC) Reports on XUNO
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS					
1	15 JULY First day of Term 3	16 JULY	17 JULY.	18 JULY	19 JULY Swimming Program Begins (2 & 3)
2	22 JULY	23 JULY	24 JULY	25 JULY Heywood Education News	26 JULY
3	29 JULY	30 JULY	31 JULY Grade 6 Transition 12:50-3pm	1 AUG	2 AUG
4	5 AUG	6 AUG	7 AUG	8 AUG Heywood Education News	9 AUG