

HEYWOOD Education News

The fortnightly combined newsletter of Heywood Consolidated School and Heywood & District Secondary College
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Brick Club at HeyCon

We are fortunate that we have the support of Anglicare Victoria to provide the amazing resources of Lego to facilitate learning and engagement through the art of play.

Each Wednesday, two students are selected from each grade as a reward for positive behaviour, whilst also demonstrating our school values of Respect, Kindness and Resilience, as well as our pro-social skills of Active Listening, No Put-Downs, Mutual Respect, Get Help & Give Help and Be Your Best Self.

Students meet the Anglicare Heywood volunteers after the lunch play bell rings with eager anticipation of what they have brought each week.

Mrs C, our school Chaplain, supports the volunteers and guides the students to be adventurous with their creations. Brick Club allows all students to be creative and imaginative with their construction. At the end of the session, students reflect of their own construction, and receive positive encouragement from others, as well.



Here are a few students feedback on this week's Brick Club:

I love how there is lots of setups, you can build whatever you want to build and get into your imagination. *Mia*

I like that it has lots of different colours and pieces, and you can build whatever you want. *Nate*

It is fun to build anything you like and you can change it anytime. *Scarlett*

I like the things that the other kids make. *Savannah*

I like that there is cool stuff and it is good to do something new. *Marley*

We would like to thank Anglicare Victoria and their volunteers for allowing Heywood Consolidated School be a part of this great program. We truly appreciate your time and support.



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From The Principals



It has been another busy fortnight for Heywood Consolidated School. We had 21 amazing athletes compete at the District Cross Country in Portland. I was amazed by their skills, persistence and determination. One of my proudest moments during the day was seeing the HeyCon team cheering for their peers (at the

start, during the race and as they crossed the finishing line). They really did represent our school proudly and looked professional too! Congratulations to Jett and Tarli who finished 5th in their races and qualified for the next round in Warrnambool.

We also had our student leaders attend the annual GRIP Leadership Conference with Mr L. Check out their article later in the next newsletter. From what I heard, all participants (including Mr L) truly enjoyed the day and learnt a lot.

We continue to have our middle school (23B and 34K) swim each Friday at Portland YMCA. Although it isn't the most ideal time of year for swimming, our students are continuing to develop their water skills. This is so important with water being such an essential in most Australian lives.

We, school council and the community engagement sub-committee, would like to extend a huge thanks to those who were able to attend the *Cuppa and Chat* on May 14th. We hope that you found it enjoyable and we hope to do it again.

This week, I have been involved in our school review. This is the process through which we literally review the previous four years, through reflecting on our goals, looking at the data and diving deeper into where we need to go for the next four years.

Please don't forget, we need some HELP! We will be replacing the edging around the playground. If you have any tools or time to assist us in getting the job done, please email or phone the office ASAP. There will be a BBQ provided for all volunteers! **Working Bee postponed!** New date to be confirmed.

Ann Hawker, Principal, HeyCon

The Government has just announced that we are returning to remote learning until (hopefully) next Friday. Teachers at HDSC will be delivering work to students in Years 7-10 and VCAL via Microsoft Teams. It is strongly advised that all Year 11 and Year 12 VCE students attend school, as they have a number of SACs next week. Home Groups will run every morning at 8:55am via Microsoft Teams, so make sure you get on and catch up with your Home Group Leaders.



If you have any issues with the online platform or the work supplied over the next week, please give the school a call. Let's hope that it is only for 7 days and we are all back at school next Friday.

Maths Games Day

This week we ran our Maths Games day. There were 40 students from 9 schools. MIXX FM were also here and spoke to many of the students. Thank you to everyone who participated and organised the day. For a full report please see our next newsletter.

Assessment/Exam Week

In Week 8 (7th-10th June) students in Years 7-11 will be sitting an assessment task for each subject. Students in Year 11 will be sitting more formal exams, whilst the rest of the school will complete their tasks in class.

The Year 12 GAT is also during this week, on Wednesday 9th June.

Friday 11th June will be a catch up day. Only students who need to catch up on assessments are required to be at school. If your child is required at school, you will be notified.

Kelly Webster, Principal, HDSC



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.

Education Week at HDSC

This week is Education Week and part of this year's theme is to build connections between schools and local communities. We thought this was a good opportunity to highlight and profile some of the vocational training that HDSC senior students are undertaking this year with our local VET (Vocational Education & Training) providers.

Seth Pevitt

Year 11 VCAL

Studying Certificate II in Automotive Studies (pre-apprenticeship) at SWTAFE
Seth travels to SWTAFE each week in our HDSC school bus. He says the best thing about completing this certificate is that the bookwork/theory is well balanced with the hands-on practical work. Seth chose to study a VET certificate because he has always enjoyed working with cars and pulling apart different engine components. Seth believes that doing this course has given him clear direction and that working in the automotive industry is definitely what he wants to do.



Chloe Clover

Year 12 VCAL

Studying Certificate II in Engineering at SWATFE
Chloe travels SWTAFE each Thursday on our HDSC school bus. She says the best thing about completing this certificate is learning new things and how different pieces of equipment operate and what they do. Chloe chose to study VET Engineering because she was hoping to gain further insight into the engineering industry. She says there are many aspects of the course that she finds interesting, but there are some things that aren't ideal! She says, "It's a pity there are not more girls studying this course!"

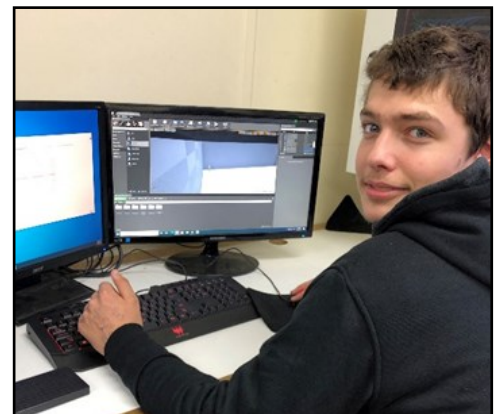


Corey Roosa

Year 12 VCE

Studying Certificate III in Screen and Media at the Hamilton and District Skills Centre.

Each week, Corey travels to the skills centre in the school car and either his Mum or Dad drive him home. Corey chose to study VET Cert III Screen & Media because he was interested to learn more about animation and game design. He says that the best thing about completing this VET certificate is that it is relevant to his career aspirations and he knows this course will benefit him in the long run. Next year, Corey is planning to do further study, which may include a bachelor degree in either special effects or advanced game design and animation.



Alison McGrath

Year 10

Studying Certificate II in Kitchen Operations at Portland Secondary College
Alison travels to Portland Secondary College each week in the school car. She says she chose to study VET Cert II in Kitchen Operations because her Mum and some of her family have grown up in the hospitality industry and because she enjoys cooking for others. Alison enjoys the VET course because it provides her with a sense of achievement. At this stage, Alison thinks she would like to work in hospitality with the military or work in/own a small hospitality business.



Pictured at right, top to bottom: Seth, Chloe, Corey and Alison.

Mr Prevett, Senior School Coordinator, HDSC

Assistant Principal's Report

Attendance

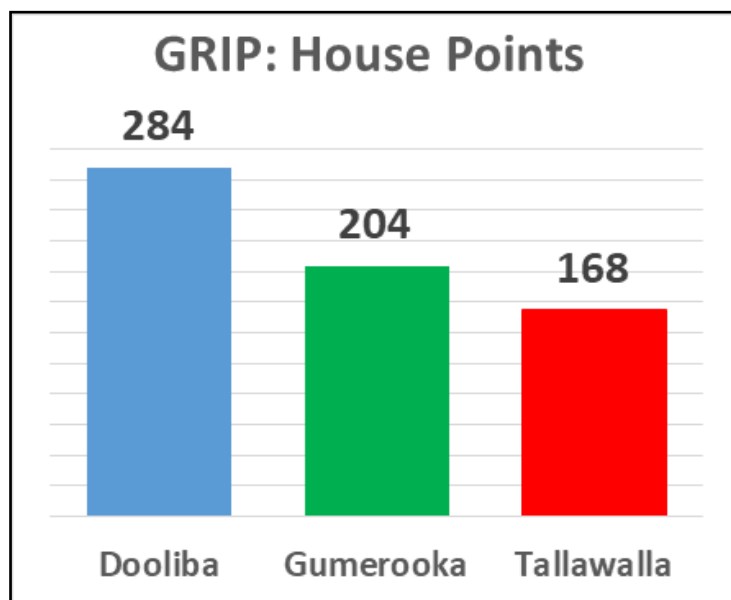
Congratulations Dooliba for achieving above 90% attendance over the past fortnight. After a solid start to the term we have maintained our average school attendance at 88%, just below our minimum target of 90%. At HDSC we believe that staff and students are life-long learners and as such always looking for opportunities to improve what we do. The house with the highest percentage of attendance is Dooliba with 91%, followed by Gumerooka on 86% and Tallawalla on 85%. Currently the home groups that successfully have 90% or above attendance are D2, D3, D4, G1, T1 and T2. Remember that every day you're at school, is an opportunity to learn and a step closer to achieving your goals. **Remember, school's better when you're here.**



	100% Attendance	95% Attendance	90% Attendance
Rating	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓
Weeks missed per school year	0 weeks	2 weeks	4 weeks

House GRIP Awards

Our GRIP awards which look at our school values of Growth, Respect, Integrity and Pride are recognised by awarding students who display these values. This can be in the classroom, in shared spaces, representing the school and other activities. Congratulations to the following students **Brody Pratt** and **Chloe Todd** who have both been recognised 25 times each for their achievements so far this year. Well done Brody and Chloe for demonstrating the school values.



Uniform

As we move into winter and the weather starts getting colder, it's tempting to disregard the schools uniform and wear non-approved clothing. Please note that the school uniform is determined by the school council in consultation with the school community and the SRC. The school council has developed a dress code which provides choice for students, and allows students to safely engage in the many, varied school activities.

Remember that hoodies, non-school beanies, track suit pants and other non-school items are not permitted at school. Students will be asked to remove them and change into school uniform. Please see the school uniform policy which can be located on the school website, <http://www.heywoodsc.vic.edu.au>.

Brenton Schintler, Assistant Principal, HDSC



Calendar Term 2 & 3, 2021

 HeyCon

 HDSC

 Both

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	31 MAY	1 JUNE School Review	2 JUNE Winter Series	3 JUNE	4 JUNE Swimming 23B 34K Assembly 56L
8	7 JUNE Assessment Week School Council via WebEx	8 JUNE Assessment Week	9 JUNE Assessment Week	10 JUNE Assessment Week Newsletter Edition 9	11 JUNE Assessment Week Catch Up Day Swimming 23B 34K Assembly 45W
9	14 JUNE Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	15 JUNE	16 JUNE	17 JUNE	18 JUNE Swimming 23B 34K Assembly F1G
10	21 JUNE	22 JUNE School Council	23 JUNE Three Way Conferences	24 JUNE Newsletter Edition 10	25 JUNE Last Day of Term 2 Early Finish 2:20pm HeyCon 2:30pm HDSC

WINTER HOLIDAYS

1	12 JULY First Day of Term 3	13 JULY	14 JULY	15 JULY	16 JULY
2	19 JULY	20 JULY	21 JULY	22 JULY Newsletter Edition 11	23 JULY
3	26 JULY	27 JULY	28 JULY	29 JULY	30 JULY
4	2 AUGUST	3 AUGUST	4 AUGUST	5 AUGUST Newsletter Edition 12	6 AUGUST