



Heatherwood School

April/May 2017



A word from our Principal, Mr. PAUL HILLS

Welcome to Term 2.

For our Year 12 students, this is going to be a very busy time. Students, with the support of their families, will be planning for 2018 with the first series of planning meetings to be held towards the end of May.

Excitement is building among the students and their families who will be being presented at the Debutante Ball held in June. Dancing practise has already started.

Unfortunately there is no further news on our building program. As previously reported, the school community has identified what the current and future needs of the school are in terms of facilities but as yet we have not had Department approval to continue with planning.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is something that ALL families, regardless of year level, need to be preparing for. Currently the school is focusing on and supporting our Year 12 students however information sessions will be held later in the year for ALL members of the school community. It is important that everyone understands what the NDIS is and how to be prepared to maximise the opportunities that the NDIS may provide. Becoming familiar with the NDIS website, attending meetings and talking to other parents about the preparation required are examples of how knowledge can be acquired.

Just a reminder that Curriculum Day is MONDAY 5 JUNE

and not the date listed previously

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the school and the support for your young person.



Aussie School Photos apologise for the delay in delivery of Heatherwood School photos. Delivery is due on Fri 5 May, so families should expect to receive their photos on Mon 8 May.

Date	Event
Mon 1 May-Fri 5 May	Year 10 Camp ~ Anglesea
Mon 5 Jun	Curriculum Day ~ Monday 5 June Students do not attend
Mon 12 Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Students do not attend
Tue 13-Fri 16 Jun	Year 7 Camp ~ Phillip Island
Wed 28 Jun	Debutante Ball
Fri 30 Jun	House Day ~ Athletics
Fri 30 Jun	Last day Term 2
Mon 17 July	Day 1 Term 3

No Stopping Zone

If there is a 'no stopping' sign, you are not allowed to stop or park your car in, or partly in, that area for any reason.



Attention Parents/Carers

When visiting Heatherwood School, there is ample **parking** located behind **DISC** (Donvale Indoor Sports Centre) - please park in the **bottom carpark** and head on in to Reception. We look forward to seeing you.

The Springvale Road entrance and building area (pictured) is a no stopping zone to allow for safe movement of the school buses. **DO NOT STOP HERE**

Please take care when visiting Heatherwood School and park safely.

Lesley Foster

Assistant Principal

Welcome back to Term 2

The Year 8 camp was a great success, students learning to apply new skills, to cooperate as a team and take initiative in many ways. For our Junior students we congratulate you on your resilience, aptitude and willingness to participate within a new environment and with new teachers at camp.

The Year 10 camp started on Monday 1 May, and we wish all the students and staff well. Camps play an important part in helping students become independent. Thank you to parents and carers for your support.

Feedback

Thank you to parents/carers who provide feedback to us regarding your students, through the diary, the telephone, email or text message. We are examining the way the school provides feedback to students, staff and parents, so that we can improve student learning and motivation. We encourage you to contact us if you have a comment, query or just simply wish to express an idea. The Classroom teachers, Specialist teachers and Principal Class appreciate the bond we make with you. We are collaborating with staff and students to discuss improvements in feedback, giving and receiving, throughout 2017.

Staff on Leave

As well as Minnelese Coetser, Lynn Penrose and Sue Nicholls, Robin Vierke will be on leave from 8 May - 14 June. Leanne Perks will be teaching M6. Leanne has been working as a casual relief teacher at Heatherwood this year. She has considerable experience, working in NSW before coming to Victoria. As well as the core subjects, English and Maths, her specialisation is in History, and this Year 9 unit of work for Term 2 is on World War 1. We welcome Leanne and look forward to having her as part of the school.



Writing

Anna Angelopoulos will be working with Stephanie Walker's and Emma Collin's classes every Tuesday to improve the writing skills of students across the school. We will all learn from this professional training so that we can improve writing across the school.

Warren Gaff

Assistant Principal
Senior School Leader



During May, the families and carers of Year 12 students will be required to attend a **Transition Planning Meeting** with members of Heatherwood School staff. The aim of this meeting is to assist families, carers and students to identify a range of post-school options. This meeting is crucial for the transitioning process and I strongly urge all families and carers of Year 12 students to attend.

During the meeting, the following items will be discussed:

1. where to source information about the NDIS and getting ready for the NDIS roll-out
2. what the current support needs of your son/daughter are; both formal and informal
3. identifying preferred post-school options for 2018 and the steps required to access those options

Therefore, I have great news for the families and carers of Year 12 students... **you are going to be given homework to do!**



In the coming weeks, your son/daughter will bring home some documentation for you to complete prior to attending the Transition Planning Meeting. The tasks that we require all families and carers to complete are:

1. A Student Supports Needs questionnaire – this will ask you to list the sort of formal and informal supports given to your son/daughter. Please complete the questionnaire prior to your scheduled meeting and bring it along on the day of your meeting



2. a Weekly Support Diary - the NDIA have strongly recommended that families diarise the informal supports they provide for a full week. Essentially, this involves recording every support provided daily by carers, family and friends in relation to things such as transport, mobility, meals, clothing, bathing, personal care, social interactions, medication and all forms of day to day decision-making. Please complete the diary prior to your scheduled meeting and bring it along on the day of your meeting
3. a Transition Planning Meeting Booking Sheet – please remove this, indicate your preferred meeting times (1-3) and return to school as soon as possible

If you have any questions about this, or if you have not received the documentation listed above by mid-May, please contact the school on 9842 8319.



The Arts

Sue Nicholls, our popular and much respected Visual Arts teacher, is on long service leave for much of this term and we are delighted to have the services of **Margaret Peppard**, an experienced and very accomplished Visual Arts educator, to fill in for her. Margaret is already feeling very much at home here at Heatherwood and is building a very positive rapport with our students.

It is the time of year when families are putting away their summer clothes and unpacking the winter woollies. In so doing many discover that they have outgrown last years' garments and retire them to the local charity shop.

The **costume collection** of the Drama Department is always able to make good use of old **coats, hats, work uniforms, onesies** etc. If you think we can use your old garments, please **send them to the Drama room!** If they are not applicable for any reason we will take them to the Salvo's shop for you. Thank You.



Auto Club...

We were lucky enough to get tickets for the 2017 Grand Prix held at Albert Park.

Our Friday Auto Club really enjoyed it and were interested in the car racing. This photo of the lucky people was taken at the track!



In Term 2, the Auto Group will be visiting various exciting car industries.

The Austin Healey Factory is one place we are visiting. It will be great fun.

I would like to thank Blanche and Ewan for running the Club.

Robert Weller M7

2017 Term Dates

Term 2	Tues 18 April - 30 June
School Vacation	01 July - 16 July
Term 3	17 July - 22 September
School Vacation	23 September - 08 October
Term 4	09 October - 22 December
School Vacation	23 December - 28 January 2018

The things we do for love; 1853

a Middle School student's perspective

The Things We Do For Love

Dear Mama

1853

I first need to say that I'm very sorry for not giving you any letters for the past two years. I know Mama that the only reason that I came to this country was to get us gold to support you. But I've been robbed multiple times, making me to back to square one. Don't worry I'll come back to home with gold and help you with the farm. See you soon Mama.

From Gonzalo
1854

Dear Mamid

Good news I have not forgotten anything about you its actually giving me motivation. Everytime that I get robbed I think why I'm here and making you proud of me.

But you might never see me again because the past week there's been men in red and white outfit, demanding that people give them this piece of paper what I think if you don't have one they beat you up. Because it happened to me once and I'm hearing about this rebellion and I'll stuck in it. I don't even know if I'm allowed to send letters right now. I might even die because the people have guns and I'm in the front line. I can't just leave them to die, some of them are my friends. Page!

If you don't see me in two months then I'm surely dead and so sorry for being a disgrace to the family and worthless goodbye love you mama.

SRC News

Fundraising

Thank you to all Staff, Students, Parents and Carers for supporting the sale of ANZAC Day merchandise.

We raised \$206 for the Doncaster RSL!

Free Dress Day

Free Dress Day for Term 2 will be held on:

- Friday 19 May
- raising funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund www.jdrf.org.au
- a notice will go home prior to the event

SRC Meetings

SRC meetings for this term will be broken into sections to allow SRC representatives from all sections of the school to be able to take turns in chairing and running meetings according to meeting protocols.

Aiming High on the Alpine Ride

Six students continued a proud school tradition in completing the 16th annual Alpine Ride Bike Camp, based at Myrtleford, over five days at the end of Term 1. The ride is coordinated by the Blackwood Outdoor Specialist School and was attended by 16 specialist schools from all around Victoria.

The successful students were Charbel Faljoun, Seb Haddad, Larissa Haines, Nathan Guegan-Hill, Ebony Parsons and Lee Roberts.

Students rode the Murray to the Mountain Rail Trail on the Tuesday and Thursday with the total distance completed adding up to 106km. The ride commences in Beechworth, goes through Myrtleford to Bright, and then returns to Myrtleford. A thunderstorm that nearly flooded our tents on Monday night added to the challenge and had us all scrambling for cover.

This year's camp included a day of hiking and rock scrambling on the summit of Mt Buffalo. This activity occurred on a scheduled "rest day" on the Wednesday, and ended up being very exciting and still pretty tiring.

Other highlights included

BACKWARDS NIGHT - staff and students wore their clothes backwards, walked backwards and ate dinner backwards (dessert first – main course second)

BOCCE NIGHT - students learned to play the ancient Italian sport from local Italian Club members

ONESY/PJ NIGHT - staff and students wore their nightwear to dinner

FOOTY SKILLS NIGHT - students wore their team colours to a barbecue and skills session run by Myrtleford Football Club

Each year the **Woolcock Award** is presented to one of the riders for best all-round team member. The **2017 winner** was **Larissa Haines**, who excelled in all aspects of riding, camping and teamwork.



Heatherwood is the only school to have completed all 16 editions of the Alpine Ride.

Special thanks is in order to our dedicated Bike Ed staff, Francesca Hudson and Emma Still. We greatly appreciate the efforts of staff who volunteer their time to make overnight activities possible.





Digital Technology NEWS

The Term Two program for Digital Technology at Heatherwood will involve students getting creative.

Here is what each year level will be covering:

Year 7s: Photography – taking great photos and uploading them to the computer to be edited and shared.

Year 8s: Film Making – Students will take part in a short film festival to create a 3-5minute film with the theme: *Obsessed with Technology!*

Year 9s: Documentary Making – Students will interview Heatherwood personalities and put together a short documentary to tell the story behind some of the programs that make this school great.

Year 10s: Coding – learning how to tell computers and robots what to do! Students will work towards creating a simple game or animation of their very own... from scratch!

We are looking forward to seeing what great ideas the students come up with!

Parent/Carer Tips

At Heatherwood, whenever we work with technology we discuss ways to be safe, responsible and ethical users. Part of this is ensuring that we have a healthy relationship with electronic devices by maintaining a balance between *screen time* and other activities.

But how much screen time is healthy? Here are the recommended daily screen time allowances according to Australia's National Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines:

Your child's age	Recommended screen time for entertainment purposes
Under 2 years	Zero Babies and toddlers should not watch any television or other electronic media (DVDs, computers and electronic games).
2 to 5 years	Less than one hour per day Limit their time sitting and watching TV or using other electronic media to less than one hour per day.
5 to 17 years	Less than two hours per day Limit their use of electronic media for entertainment (i.e. TV, computers and seated electronic games) to no more than two hours per day.



It's important to note that these are recommended times, and technology use for work or education purposes is excluded from them. Our discussions with students show that many do not keep track of how much screen time they are getting daily and that most are getting far beyond the recommended levels.

When setting restrictions on screen time for young people, experts suggest doing so in conversation with them, as putting blanket bans on technology can cause tension because it is often a teenager's main way of connecting with their peers. By negotiating an agreement, any restrictions are more likely to be respected and adhered to.

See: <https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/balancing-time-online/managing-online-time> for more information and resources.

PE and Sports News

Interschool Basketball & Beach Volleyball Carnival Day

Friday 17 March at Dandenong Stadium

Heatherwood School entered four **Basketball** teams across the grades of A grade, B grade, C grade & Girls grade throughout Term 1 Interschool Sport. On the Carnival Day the **Heatherwood Girls** team took out the **Premiers Shield** with a grand final win over Marnebek School.

Heatherwood School entered two competitive **Beach Volleyball** teams in Term 1 Interschool Sport and the **Heatherwood Green** team was victorious in winning the **Premiers Shield** with a close win over Berendale School.

Looking forward to some more strong results in Term 2 Interschool Sport of Soccer & Hockey.

House Cross Country Day

Friday 31 March at Heatherwood School

Well done to all staff & students who participated and competed in the House Walk/Run-a-thon. Great to see the staff & students come together to participate in such an active event.

Fantastic to see so many students giving the House Cross Country races a go too. The distance of 1.5 km or 4 laps of the Heatherwood School Oval was a challenge for some students by such a personal achievement on the completion of the event. These students are among a team of 40 who will have the opportunity to represent Heatherwood School in the Interschool Cross Country later this term, we wish them all the best in their 3km age group events.

13-14YO	15-16 YO	17-18 YO
Girls 1 st Caitlyn Delmo (Red House) 2 nd Jade Wood (Red House) 3 rd Jessica Hill (Yellow House) 4 th Ricki	Girls 1 st Rachael Potter (Blue House) 2 nd Nikita Abeykoon (Red House) 3 rd Renee Anger (Yellow House) 4 th Grace Eefting (Green House)	Girls 1 st Carolyn Gale (Green House) 2 nd Chloe Wilson (Red House) 3 rd Grace Dean (Red House) 4 th Sharni Lee (Yellow House)
Boys 1 st Caleb Cox (Red House) 2 nd Matthew Karafilis (Red House) 3 rd Ethan Hudson (Green House) 4 th Ben	Boys 1 st Daniel Milone (Green House) 2 nd Jackson Forsyth (Yellow House) 3 rd Jye Lighten (Green House) 4 th Shant Gedik (Green House)	Boys 1 st Jordan Barry (Green House) 2 nd Jayden Laukart (Red House) 3 rd Tane Foy (Red House) 4 th Hayden Light (Yellow House)

Term 1 House Trophies awards to:

- House Achievement Cards Premiers **Stosur House!**
- House Cross Country Day Premiers **Pearson House!**

Physical Education Year 7 & 8

PE Gymnastics Program was a great success for the Year 7 & 8 classes during Term 1. (All students in Year 7 & 8 will participate in this new program for four weeks in either Term 1 or Term 4.) Students were involved in the BTYC Gymnastics program focusing on developed skills around balance, swinging, strength, power, coordination and flexibility. Circuits of the bars, beams, rings, ropes, floor activities, and the *favourite* trampolines and foam pits. BTYC Gymnastics (located next to Heatherwood School) also offers programs for all students *out of school hours*, for more information contact Sam Ditty (PE Heatherwood School) or the BTYC Gymnastics office directly on 9841 4773.



The PE Swim Program is well underway for Year 7 & 8 classes. (All students in Year 7 & 8 will participate in the Life Saving Victoria endorsed Swim & Survive Program for one term in either Term 2 or 3.) Students are developing swimming strokes, survival skills and essential water safety skills during these lessons.



Thank you to the swim teachers for their hard work in conducting these lessons.

Sam Ditty



House Day ~ Cross Country



Science News

The Science curriculum provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of important scientific concepts and processes, the practices used to develop scientific knowledge, the contribution of science to our culture and society, and its applications in our lives.

Students can experience the joy of scientific discovery and nurture their natural curiosity about the world around them. In doing this, they develop critical and creative thinking skills and challenge themselves to identify questions, apply new knowledge, explain science phenomena and draw evidence-based conclusions using scientific methods.

Year 7

This term they are looking at **Solutions** and **Mixtures** and more importantly how to conduct experiments safely and what the procedures are for scientific observations and reporting.

MIXTURES & SOLUTIONS

Year 8

Year 8 are exploring the topic of **Energy**. They will be looking at the different forms of energy, where it comes from and how we use it.



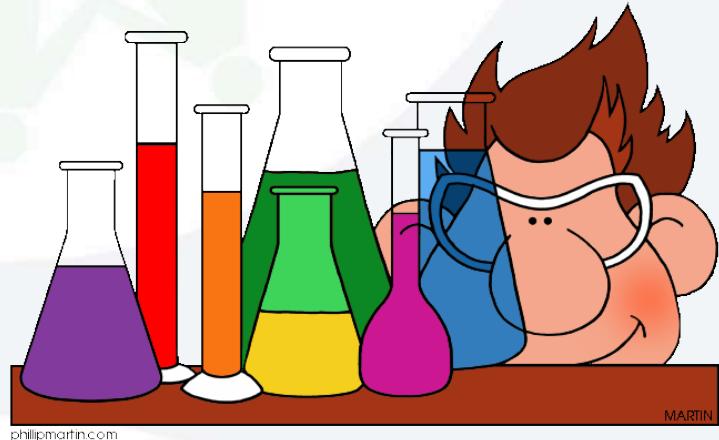
Year 9

Microorganisms are those tiny living things that are all around us but can only be seen through a microscope. Students will discover there are good and bad microorganisms and how they play a part in our everyday lives.



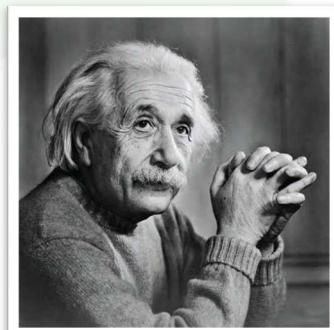
Year 10

During this term's unit of work Year 10s will be looking at **Chemical Reactions**.



They will learn what a chemical is and when chemical particles of two or more substances are rearranged to form a new substance a reaction has taken place. When making observations students will need to take note if there has been colour change, smell released, light released or the giving off or taking in of heat. Most chemical changes cannot be reversed...or can they? Watch this space.

"The important thing is to never stop questioning." *Albert Einstein*



HARVEST TIME

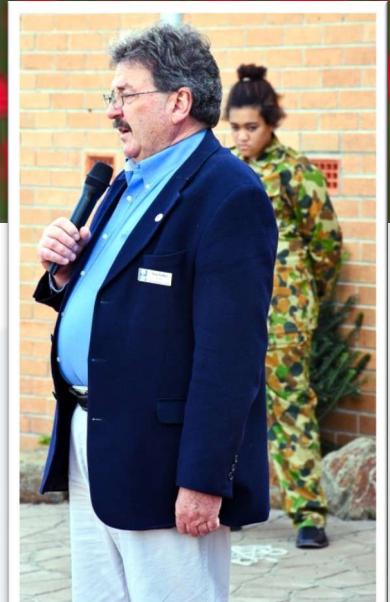


Students have been busy harvesting the last of the summer produce.

We have harvested rock melon and a variety of pumpkins.

Hopefully over the next few weeks there will be lots of raspberries ready to eat.







Year 8 Camp at Rubicon

The first week of Term 2 was very exciting for Year 8's as they went on their camp at Rubicon Outdoor Centre. It was a fantastic experience for all the students and staff who attended, and everyone would agree that we were extremely lucky to have the best week of weather for a camp loaded with outdoor adventure. Spread across 4 action packed days, students were challenged as they went on bushwalks along the beautiful Rubicon River, explored Fraser National Park on the banks of Lake Eildon (where some even cooked their lunch on a fire), and even went white water rafting on the mighty Goulburn River. For those brave enough, the icy waters of the Goulburn were an invigorating place to fall into and float down. There were even pirates who invaded other rafts! The experience of this camp will not be forgotten soon and all of Heatherwood School can be proud of the way the Year 8's represented themselves.

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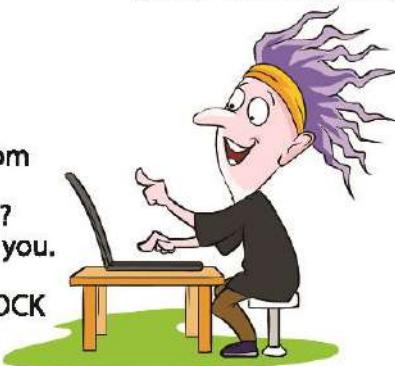
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JCAAA Saturday Night Fever 2017!

Saturdays:

11 February

18 March

22 April

20 May

17 June

Location: St Kilda Sports Club

66 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.

Age: 18 years +

Time: 7.00pm to 10.00pm

Cost: \$15.00 entry, includes pizza, snacks
and glow stick (carers free)

Prepayment: [eventbrite](#)

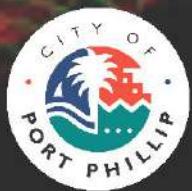
Note: There is no strobe lighting or balloons.

Please contact JCAAA on 9209 6706 / 9209 6159 or email jcaaaenquiries@portphilip.vic.gov.au for further details.

For enquiries on the night please contact 0401 063 412.
This number is only on during Saturday Night Fever hours.



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