



Principal's Message

Paul Hills

Welcome to term 3. I hope everyone enjoyed the break.

If you remember in the last newsletter, I set out optimistically some of the things that I had hoped would occur during the holidays.

Well, some of the things did occur. The slab where the previous horticulture shed existed has been broken up and taken away ready for the groundwork and footings.

A builder has been appointed by the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) Devco Project & Construction Management. New fences have been established covering the work area, and work is expected to begin in mid-August.

It's great that things are beginning to happen.

There are a number of events that will occur during the term including SSG's from Monday 18th August, till Thursday 21st August, Year 7 camp, Year 9 camp, and Disability Inclusion Profile meetings.

Thank you for supporting the school and being involved in your child's education.



Important Dates

Monday 11th August - Thursday 14th August: Year 9 Camp - Charnwood

Monday 11th August - Friday 15th August: National Science Week

Monday 18th August - Thursday 28th August: SSG Meetings for Year 7-12

Wednesday 3rd September : Senior Information Night

Monday 1st September - Friday 12th September: Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 11th September - Saturday 13th September: State Schools Spectacular

Friday 19th September: Last day of term 3. **Students will be dismissed one hour earlier**

Monday 6th October: First day of term 4

Friday 31st October: Curriculum day

Friday 19th December: Last day of term 4. **Students will be dismissed one hour earlier**

Assistant Principal's Message

Braham Morris

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. I hope all students and families had a nice break and an opportunity to enjoy time away from the normal school routine.

Last term, students on Ski Camp had an amazing time with lots of snow and excitement during the last week of school. Students took on the challenge of learning how to ski and deal with unpredictable weather up at Mt Buller.

From all accounts, it was a very successful experience and adventure for all students.

On the last day of term, all students and staff were involved in a well organised House Day event. Students enjoyed the day, not only in being involved themselves but also enjoying cheering on their fellow peers.

This Term, Year 7's are going to camp first week back (Phillip Island) and the Year 9's will be attending Charnwood Camp in week 4 with a day trip up to Mt Buller. Their experiences on camp are always highlights of the year.

Some of our students this term have been selected to participate in a Men's Shed workshop program throughout the term. It is a combined initiative between the Department of Education, Manningham Council, and EACH. We hope all students enjoy the 'hands on' experience.

Finally, we welcome the new students who are starting at Heatherwood this term.



NAIDOC Week

Student Artwork

Elise Ladanyi

Visual Arts



Cooper



Chaniru



Sam



Borrell



Kaeden



Eloise

Assistant Principal's Message

Reporting on Student Progress

Lesley Foster

Director of Happiness



Semester reports have now been published, and we thank all families for taking the time to contribute, read, and reflect on your child's achievements.

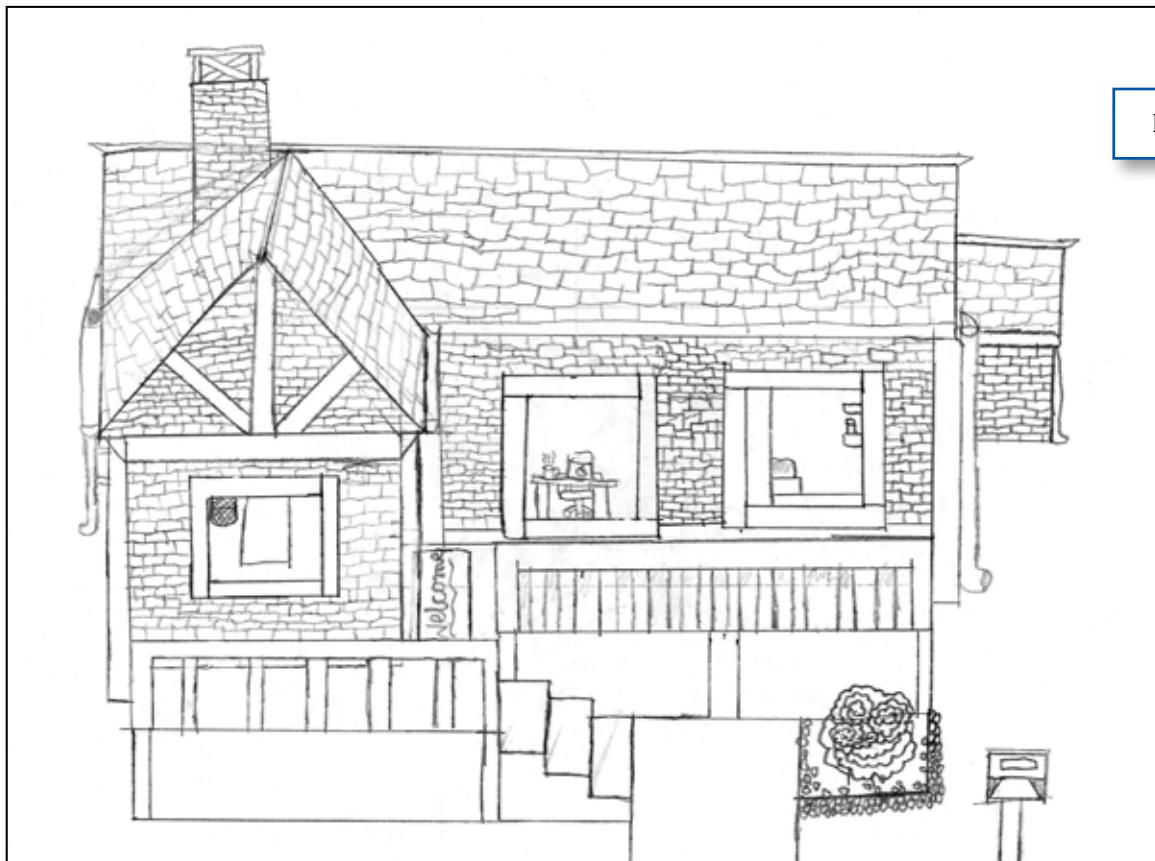
Each report begins by recognising something your child has achieved this semester. We acknowledge effort and accomplishment in equal measure.

Teachers have worked with care and attention to ensure that each report reflects your child's learning journey with suggestions for the future. Collaboration is important, and the Education Support staff play a significant role in helping students learn.

In Week 5, you will be invited to attend a Student Support Group (SSG) meeting with your child's teacher. Most importantly, we will work together to set clear goals for the remainder of the year. The partnership between home and school provides rich opportunities for student success, and we value your voice in these conversations.

We also want to emphasise that feedback is not limited to set times in the calendar. Just like in families, feedback at school is welcome and encouraged at any time. When families, teachers, and students have a say and work together, we can achieve amazing things.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.



Destiny's House

School Office

Student Sign In And Out

Students who are picked up **before 2:45pm** must be signed out by an adult at the office.

Students picked up at **2:45pm onward** will be supervised at the back gate until they are collected.

Students must be picked up no later than 3:00pm.

Please remind students to check for cars when walking through the car park.



Just a
Friendly
Reminder

Parents & Carers

- Please ensure your students' clothes are clearly labelled with their full name.
- Remind your young person **not** to share food with other students, due to health and safety reasons.

2025 Yearbook

The 2025 Yearbook will **only** be ordered for your student if the \$25.00 charge has been paid in full.

NB: Full payment is required **before** November. Reserve your copy now!

Second Hand Uniform

The school is always seeking to source good quality **second hand** uniform items. If you have garments to donate, the school will graciously accept them. Thank you!

Playground Supervision

Parents/Carers are reminded that **playground supervision** is provided from 8:45am on school days until the last contract bus departs after school and that no formal supervision of the playground occurs outside those hours.



CROWN & QUINCES Buses

If at any time your young person is not travelling on the bus to school **or** home from school you must do each of the following:

1. Inform **the school** on 9842 8319 **OR** write a note in your young person's diary.
2. Inform the **bus company**
CROWN 9845 1455
QUINCES 8506 2700



BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE BUS COMPANY NEED TO KNOW OF ANY CHANGES THAT OCCUR.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week

Lesley Foster
Director of Happiness

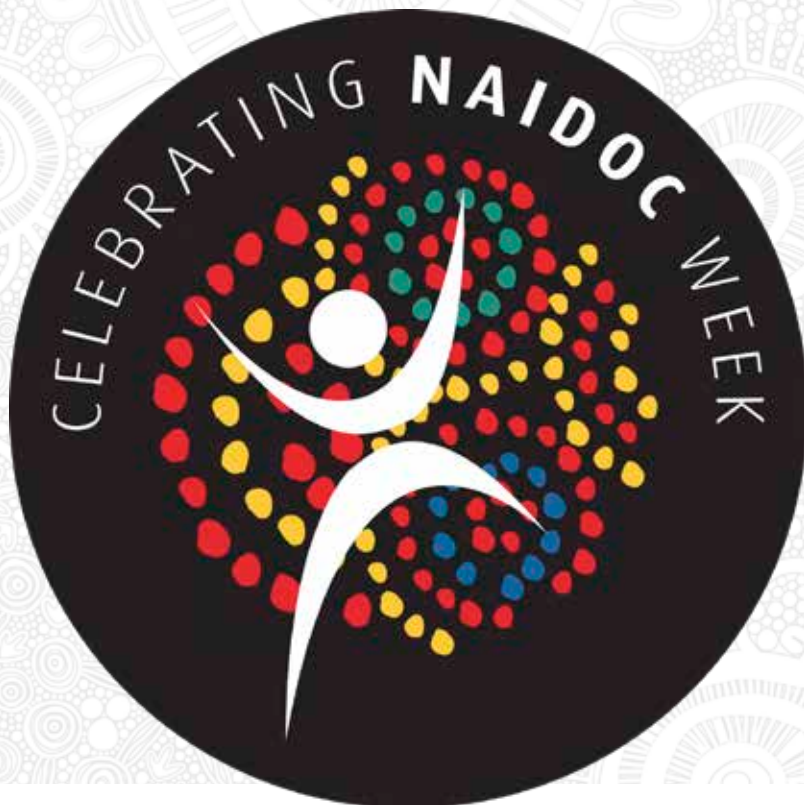
NAIDOC Week coincided with school holidays this year, however, we have been proudly celebrating this occasion with students, honouring the rich history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The 2025 theme, "Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud," recognises the strength and pride of First Nations communities, and reminds us of the importance of listening, learning, and walking together with respect.

Students have taken part in a range of meaningful activities, in Horticulture, food preparation, library sessions, art, music, and discussions that deepen understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives. Students have been invited to come along and learn the power of the voice through chanting, percussion, call and response, with a specially composed song titled, 'We Walk Together Side by Side'.

One of the highlights is the physical activity of planting native plants into the Heatherwood gardens through the Horticulture Program. Many of these plants are edible and traditionally eaten by First Nations peoples. The harvest will be used by the Trade Kitchen and Food Technology classes. Students continue to expand their knowledge and make authentic connections relating to indigenous culture, sustainability, and food education.

We thank all staff, students, and families for embracing NAIDOC Week with curiosity and care. Our commitment to working together, to continue to discover the rich legacy of the oldest culture of First Nations peoples continues well beyond this week.



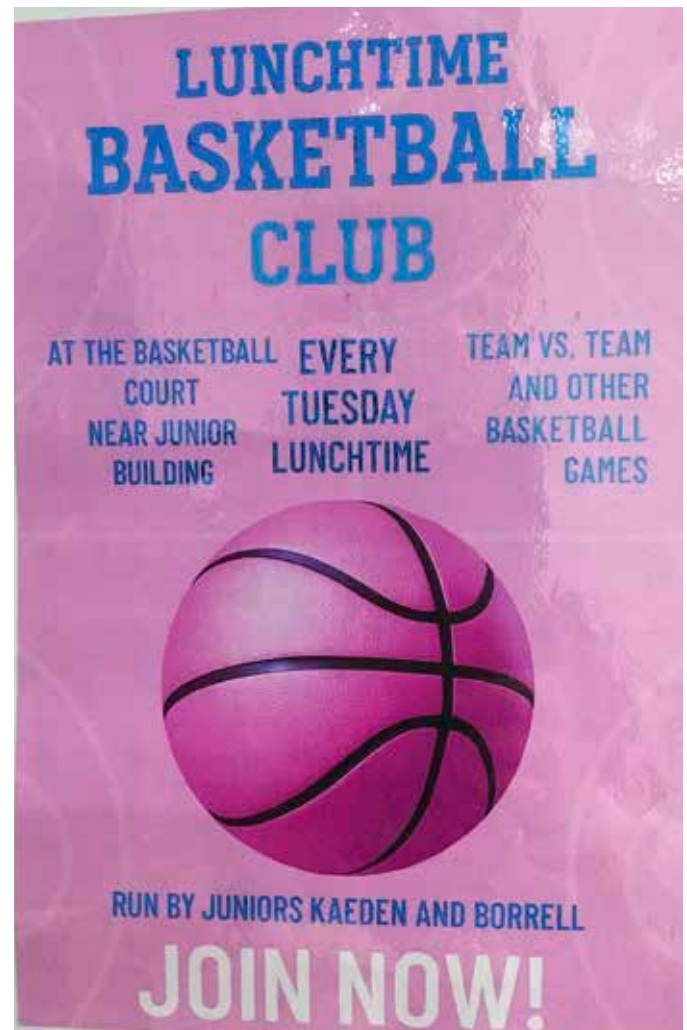
Artwork: Care for Country by Maggie-Jean Douglas (Djadjadjadjadjadj)

When creating 'Care for Country' I kept in mind that this meant spiritually, physically, and emotionally. I chose to create a bright and vibrant design that represents the rich and diverse cultures of the land but also how they come together in our beautiful country and to make people feel hopeful for the future. I've included communities/people, animals and bush medicines spread over different landscapes of red dirt, green grass, bush land and coastal areas to tell the story of the many

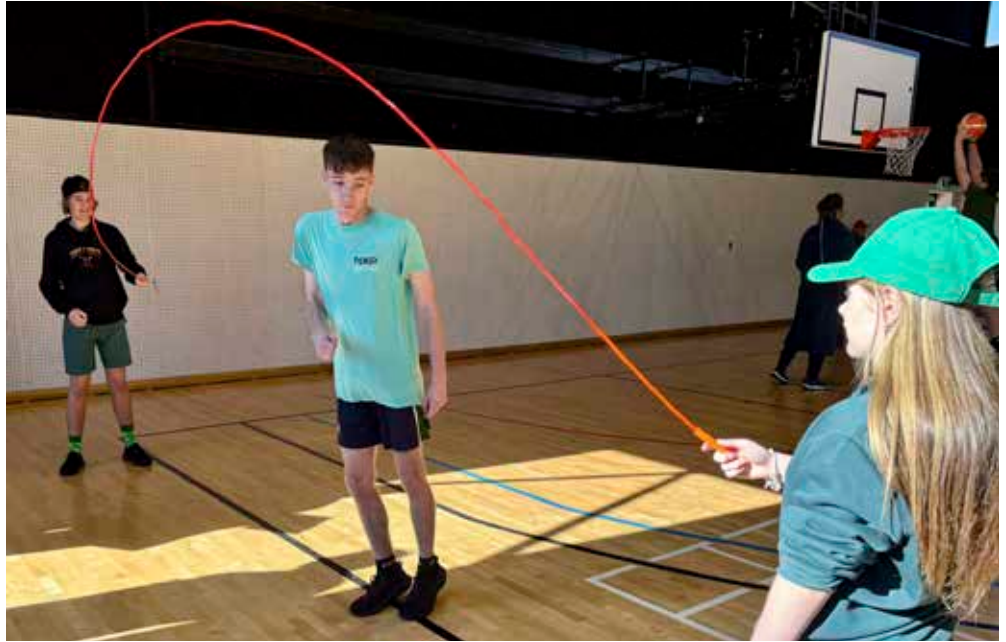
Lunchtime Basketball Club

Kaeden and Borrell from year 8 have recently started a new basketball club at school, open to all year groups. The club takes place every Tuesday at lunchtime on the outdoor courts, offering a fun and active break. Their goal is to bring students together through a shared love of the game, whether they're experienced players or just looking to try something new. With growing interest each week, the club is quickly becoming a popular addition to school life.

Well done for their initiative and organisation.



House Challenge, Friday 4th July



Exploding Foam in Science!

Adrian Penko

Science

This week in Science, our students had a blast (literally!) making **Elephant's Toothpaste** — a foamy chemical reaction using hydrogen peroxide, dish soap, and yeast. This exciting experiment helped students explore how gases can form in a reaction and what a **catalyst** does. The colourful, bubbly eruption was a fun and memorable way to wrap up our learning on chemical reactions!



Ski Camp

Lee, Deb & Braham.

13 students braved the icy temperatures of Mt Buller to participate in the Heatherwood School Ski Camp this year – Ruby B, Jake K, Tushar G, David H, Sapphire B, Amelia H, Rosie M, Billy W, Christine P, Emily H, Oliver B, Anthony B & Andreaella W-K.

Beginning **Monday morning**, we loaded the bus with all our gear and ventured off to Mansfield to catch a private charter, which took us directly to Mount Buller. The winding roads soon became snow-covered as we climbed in altitude towards the township of Mt Buller where we were greeted by Lockie from AusCamp, our host for the next 4 days. The surrounding streets were covered in a thick layer of snow as we made our way to the AusCamp lodge, around 500m from the bus depot. We got ourselves settled into our accommodation before taking a tour of the Mt Buller township and heading to the equipment hire store to get our ski gear for the next two days of skiing.

Day 2 began with a hearty breakfast to fuel the group for the first session on the slopes. We made our way down to the township to meet up with Chris & Andrew, our professional skiing instructors, who oversaw teaching our students the foundations of skiing and putting these skills into practice. All of our students put in an incredible effort to develop skills and showed great resilience as they fell, got back on their feet, and kept trying. After the lesson, students chose between continuing to practice or heading to the Toboggan Park before lunch.

After lunch, students made the most of the perfect skiing weather & headed back out to the 'magic carpet' to continue developing their skills. Some of our students progressed greatly and graduated to catching the chairlifts for some longer runs, while others continued in the controlled environment of the beginner's run. After a full day on the slopes, the students were treated to a BBQ dinner and ice cream for dessert.

Day 3 saw a significant change in the weather, raining lightly for most of the day & some very strong winds. Luckily, the mountain opened the beginner's section and the Burke St. chairlift, which worked perfectly for the progressive levels of individual capability. With another lesson in the morning, students were developing skills quickly, seeing some kids take huge steps in coordination and capabilities, further allowing for more fun! After the lesson, students were invited to take the chairlift and participate in some longer runs with support from Braham and Deb, while Lee took some students on a sightseeing tour and to the Mt Buller ski museum. With another full day on the mountain complete, we returned our ski gear, had a big pizza dinner, and settled in for our last night at the lodge.



Ski Camp

Day 4 began by packing our bags, having a good breakfast, getting our lunches sorted, and cleaning up the lodge before heading back into town, ready for our journey home. We thanked Lockie for hosting us and boarded the bus for home. With some new friendships made and lots of fun had, we returned to Heatherwood to greet our families and friends.

Thank you to those students who took part in the 2025 Mt Buller Ski Camp. You all did an amazing job, making the most of the opportunity to learn some new skills and develop your resilience. Congratulations on a very successful camp!



Victoria State Cross Country Championships

By Sam Ditty

Physical Education/Interschool Sports

Eleven students from Heatherwood School competed in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) State Cross Country Championships Multiclass events. Their qualification was based upon their fantastic results in the South-East Special Schools Cross Country earlier in term 2. The competition day produced some great results from our Heatherwood team. Well done to the students who gave their best on the 3km course. Congratulations to these students for qualifying for the State Cross Country finals.



Events & Results

Girls 12-14 years Multiclass event 3km

- 5th April Bunting-Tinning (Time 22:54)

Girls 15-16 years Multiclass event 3km

- 2nd Tegan Morrow (Time 17:17)
- 6th Ruby Barlow (Time 21:47)
- 8th Dannii Gaunson (Time 22:59)

Boys 15-16 years Multiclass event 3km

- 2nd Jhye Lardner (Time 14:21)
- 17th Tushar Gray (Time 19:08)

Girls 17-20 years Multiclass event 3km

- 2nd Emily Harding (Time 16:25)
- 5th Phoebe Edwards (Time 19:21)
- 8th Hannah Tesselaar (Time 22:48)
- 9th Billy Washington (Time 24:18)

Boys 17-20 years Multiclass event 3km

- 9th Nau Kim (Time 14:30)



A Good Life

free
online
webinars



Are you raising a young person with disability?

Looking for information to support and plan for their life after school?

Then join ACD throughout August for a series of webinars. A Good Life is dedicated to helping you gain the skills and information to support and navigate your child's growing independence.

Each week, there will be a free online webinar where professionals, who have children of their own with disability, share important information on four key topics.

Who is it for?

These webinars are for families of young people with disability.

How do I book?

Bookings are essential and can be done via the QR code or this link bit.ly/AGLaug2025

Scan for more information and to register

Email
educate@acd.org.au
Call 03 9880 7000 or
1800 654 013 regional



Webinars include

Supported Decision Making:

Learn about what supported decision making involves, and how you can make it a reality for your young person with disability.

- Tuesday 5 August 7:30 pm

Wills and Estate Planning:

This webinar will guide you through the process of setting up a Will and Powers of Attorney, so you can plan your child's future security.

- Wednesday 13 August 7:00 pm

Microboards:

A Microboard is a team that can help a person with disability. Learn how you set it up, and how a Microboard can provide support into the future, even when parents are no longer able to.

- Tuesday 19 August 7:30 pm

Parent Panel - Post school: panel talk about what's next

Hosted by Mandy Hose, former co-host of Too Peas In A Podcast. Three panelist will share their experiences of day services, supported employment, Certificate I level course at TAFE and microenterprise.

- Tuesday 26 August 7:30 pm

Register for each session separately.

The Rotary Club of Manningham City presents

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Saturday

28 Jun 2025 *Movie Characters*

9 Aug 2025 *Flower Power*

13 Sep 2025 *Footy*

1 Nov 2025 *Halloween*

7 - 9:30 pm

Tende Beck Scout Hall
5 High St Doncaster

\$5 entry

Bookings essential
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**national
science
week 2025**

Science Week is Coming to Heatherwood!

From Monday 11 to Friday 15 August, our students will be celebrating National Science Week 2025 with a range of fun, hands-on activities themed around "Decoding the Universe – Exploring the unknown with nature's hidden language."

Each class will take part in exciting science lessons tailored to their level, exploring patterns in nature, building simple machines, and uncovering the secrets of magnetism and time. Students will also have the chance to join in daily classroom challenges and explore science displays created by their peers. We look forward to a week of curiosity, creativity, and discovery!

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