



This week at Heywood & District Secondary College

A part of your community.....

From the Principal

This term, in particular, the use of data is significant for us in measuring our school performance. Not only have we begun to unpack and analyse our student Attitude to Schools Survey results but we have also received the results of our Staff Opinion Survey. This will add another layer of information to support our endeavours to develop our next Strategic Plan through our review process.

This week we are preparing the Parent Opinion Survey questionnaires in readiness to be sent to parents who have been randomly selected to participate in this survey. I ask that parents receiving one of these packages next week, please complete the questionnaire, place it in the envelope provided, seal the envelope, write the name and year level of your child on the back of the envelope and return it to the school by Friday, 28th August. Your cooperation and support in this would be greatly appreciated.

Last night, a parent information evening was held to give information about the possibility of Traineeships in Agriculture for any interested students.

Louise Cameron from Rural Industries Skill Training gave a short presentation of the structure involved and the nature of the Certificate II and III courses. Seventeen families showed interest which was good to see, and anyone who was unable to attend this meeting could contact myself or Mrs. Christine Borowiecki for any information. Interim reports have been posted and you should have received your child/ren's report. You will notice that you are "welcomed" or "requested" to attend an interview. We actively encourage all parents/guardians to attend with their child. This requires your child to make appointments on your behalf as it is difficult to fit in parents who arrive at unscheduled times. It is very important that you are informed about your child's progress before they are required to make their selections for 2010. Please take this opportunity to gain feedback and advice as to appropriate options before the selections sheets are due in. The information evening is next Thursday, 27th August, and the Parent/Teacher/Students Interviews are on Monday, 31st August.

I look forward to meeting you at these events. If you are unable to attend and need to make an alternative time for an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact your child/ren's co-ordinator at the College. Next Friday, 28th August, is one of the social highlights of the year. The debutante ball is on, and I hope to see as many people as possible "doing the light fantastic". I believe that the training has been going well and thank those parents who have supervised the training sessions.

Enjoy the weekend.

*Fiona McKenzie
Acting Principal.*

From the Assistant Principal



Week Six began with the Year 11 snow trip departing for the week. I understand the camp

went really well, albeit everyone was pretty tired at the end of each day. The weather was great and "all the kids gave it a red hot go" according to Mr Prevett. There were plenty of opportunities to practise "Persistence" too. Thanks to Mr Prevett, Ms Dridan and Ms Malseed for their 24-7 supervision.



Years 9,10,11, and 12 students met with Madeline, Marie and Kelly from WDEA on Monday morning to find out about applying for jobs, letters of application and tips for job interviews. They will also be in the school every third Monday at 1 p.m. to counsel students and offer advice. Judging from their looks of concentration, I know that our students found the information extremely useful. They were also provided with additional information packs to take home and study.



On Wednesday Ms Smith and Ms Radcliffe took the Year 10 students up to Hamilton for an Aspirations Day. This was a day organised by the University of Melbourne, University of Ballarat and RMIT University. The aim of the program was to provide information and practical advice on matters such as moving away from home, the benefits of tertiary education, getting into Uni/TAFE, support services and finance options for students. Comments from students on their return were extremely positive about the information and the day in general.



We have some budding jewellery makers and silversmiths amongst our Year 7 students, judging from the outstanding work

produced in Ms Borowiecki's Material Studies class.

Robyn Sutherland
Assistant Principal.

Coming Events

August

Monday, 24th – 6.00 p.m.

School Council

Monday, 24 – Friday, 28th

Science Week

Thursday, 27th – Information Evening

Yr's 8-10, 2010

7.00 – 7.45 p.m.

VCE/VCAL, 2010

7.45 – 8.30 p.m.

Friday, 28th – Deb Ball

Monday, 31st –

Parent/Teacher

Interviews, 2-7 p.m.

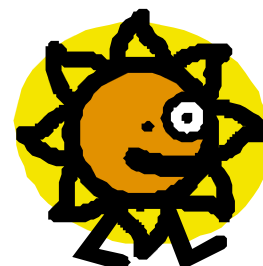
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Coming Soon

SUN HATS!

**1ST OF SEPTEMBER
ONE THING TO
REMEMBER –
YOUR SUN HAT!**

CAN YOU FIND IT?



Science Week

24th – 28th August, 09.



Lots of prizes !!



Secret Sound

Lunch time
activities every
day!!

Monday: Balloon

Rocket Races

Tuesday: Physics

Expo

Wednesday:

Scavenger Hunt

Thursday: Making

Worms

Friday: Science

Quizmania



Community Events

**WANT TO EARN EXTRA
CASH?**

**Basketball umpires
required for Junior Season
starting next term.**

**Please phone Narla
Saunders for more details
0438 310773**

*Local band Emprica
are headlining at the next*

FReeZA,

*at the Fawthrop Centre in
Portland on
Friday, 21st August, from
8pm to midnight.*

*Support acts include Lay the
Fallen from Hamilton,
Narcalyse from Warnambool
and Face on Fire from
Geelong.*

*Tickets available at door only
for \$10. The first 20 in the door
will receive a free copy
of Emprica's new album, "No
More Show Business"*

*Fully Supervised event, Drug
and Alcohol Free, no pass-
outs. For further info call Amy
at the Glenelg Shire Council on
5522 2326.*

*HEYWOOD TENNIS
CLUB*

Anyone interested in playing
Junior (10 years plus) or Senior
Tennis please contact Merelyn
Bunworth on 5527 1733 or 0427
178115.

*HEYWOOD TENNIS
CLUB A.G.M.*

*Tuesday, 1st September,
7.30 p.m. at Tennis
Pavilion.*

*Heywood &
District
Secondary College*



Debutante Ball

*Heywood
Community Hall
Friday, 28th August,
2009*

Debs Presented

8.30pm

Music by Jeff Mizzi

Tickets:

Adults \$15

**Secondary / Primary
students \$5**

**Tickets can be
purchased at the
Secondary College prior
to the ball or purchased
at the door on the
night.**

Supper Provided