



This week at Heywood & District Secondary College

A part of your community.....

From the Principal

Only three weeks to go but who is counting! Things are certainly ramping up in preparation for many events happening around the school.

All is in preparation for the Debutante Ball tonight. There are plenty of excited students and Mums as well. We are all looking forward to the social event of the year!

The information evening for 2010 curriculum handbooks and advice occurred last night and was well attended. Please take into account the information that was issued, even though it may seem like information overload at this time. Please discuss with your child/ren the choice of appropriate pathways that best suit them and not that of their friends, nor choosing a “soft” option. We will try and accommodate as best we can your course choices for 2010. Should you have any queries, don’t hesitate to contact the school. Thank you to Ms Sutherland, Ms Borowiecki and Mr Prett for organising the event.

The parent survey has been issued to 40 randomly selected families. These

surveys give an assessment of the school from the perspective of parents. Could I please urge those who have the surveys to complete them and have them back to the school by Tuesday, 1st September at the latest? I am trusting in your cooperation in this matter.

Next Monday, 31st August, we have parent/student/teacher interviews from 2.00pm to 7.00pm. Booking a time for interviews helps minimise waiting, but sometime delays are unavoidable. It would be great to see as many parents along with students as possible. If you cannot make an interview and wish to speak to a teacher or myself, please make an alternative time which is appropriate.

Next Tuesday, 1st September, is the first day for our review. Our reviewer, Bronwyn van Amerongen, will be conducting interviews with our staff and students throughout the day. I am again inviting any of you to come to lunch for an informal meeting with her to discuss our progress and possible future directions for our next strategic plan. Please phone the school on

Monday to let us know if you can attend this meeting (12.45 – 1.30pm in the Library).

We have been working hard to improve the presentation of both the students and the College. As a community we reflect the values we have in our dress, our speech, our relationships and the way we support each other in all of these elements. It would be fantastic if every family was committed to making sure that as their children leave the house in the morning they reflect a pride in being a member of our community through all of these elements. Our staff would be relieved of the time wasted in dealing with uniform or relationship issues, and they would be able to concentrate more on their teaching roles.

Enjoy the weekend.

Fiona McKenzie
Acting Principal.

From the Assistant Principal

At our General Assembly on Monday we continued with our focus on ‘Persistence’. We paid tribute to the efforts of

those students who participated in the 'Forty-Hour Famine' over the weekend. It was a mighty effort. Well done to all those students. As well as raising money they experienced what it was like to go without food, furniture, mobile phones or to not speak for 40 hours.

We also gave out Achievement Certificates to many students. These were based on outstanding effort in subjects during Semester 1. It was really great to see so many students receiving these awards, a testament to their persistence.



We have been celebrating Science Week all this week. Special activities have included a series of mystery sounds; balloon rocket races; physics expo; scavenger hunt; making worms; and science quizmania. This really has focussed attention on science and has generated an amazing amount of interest and enthusiasm.

Well done to the Science staff for all their effort.



The Year 11 D&T Wood students have produced another wonderful park bench, fashioned out of recycled goal posts. The result is truly magnificent.



On Thursday evening we held our information evening for subject selections in preparation for 2010 for students going into Years 8-12. It is important that parents discuss this information with their child to ensure they are making selections based on career aspirations, interests and skills. This will enhance and build on appropriate outcomes.



Our Deb Ball is tonight and judging from the responses to practice sessions and the excitement in recent

days, I'm sure it will be a huge success and most memorable for our young people. Good luck and best wishes to D'Arcy Crossley and Andrew Pomery, Shannon Fitzgerald and Scott McKinnon, Katie Gallpen and Stephen Harris, Rebecca Nunn and Stuart Eather, Emily Gorey and Stephen Keiller, Jenna Malseed and Dyllan Hann, Tennielle Hawker and Ryley Jackson, and Sabrina Vandermey and Tim Holland.



Believe it or not, this will be a hothouse. Our Year 11 Ag and Hort students will be constructing this prefabricated building in the next few weeks. I look forward to seeing the finished product!

I met with the structural engineer and the surveyors of our new Science Centre yesterday. They carried out further preliminary work in readiness for the start of the construction phase. The wheels of progress are in motion, which is great to see.

Robyn Sutherland
Assistant Principal.

Coming Events

August

Friday, 28th – Deb Ball

Monday, 31st –

Parent/Teacher
Interviews, 2-7 p.m.

September

Wednesday, 2nd – 7.30 a.m.
Business Breakfast –
Heywood Football
Club Reserve.

Wednesday, 2nd – Yr. 7 & 8
Interschool Netball
& Football
competition.

Tuesday, 8th - “Keys Please”
Yr 10, 7.00 pm.

Monday, 14th – Lions Youth
of the Year, 7.00 p.m.

Friday, 18th - End of Term.
2.30 p.m. finish.

October

Monday, 5th - Term IV
commences.

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Coming Soon

KEYS PLEASE
THE FIRST STEP INTO THE DRIVER'S SEAT

“Keys Please” is a short, 90 minute session concentrating on helping you, the Learner Driver, enjoy the learning-to-drive experience, pass your licence tests and become a safe and competent driver.

At the same time it will help your supervising drivers (parents, older brothers/sisters, uncles, aunts, whoever) tackle this job with confidence while

avoiding the stress that some can feel.

Learning to drive should be a fun, exciting time – not a scary or dull chore. We'll show you how to make the most of it.

**The Theatre, Heywood &
District Secondary College
Tuesday, 8 September, 2009
at 7.00 pm.**

Information. Assistance.
Entertainment. Questions
answered. Prizes. Free pizza
and coke. All we need is you!

1st September - One Thing To Remember

The season for wearing sun hats is fast approaching us. Students are required to dust off their hats and begin wearing them on Tuesday, the 1st of September. Any student without a sun hat must see Miss Sullivan as soon as possible. A notice has been posted in the corridor of the school for over a month now, reminding students to find their sun hats or purchase new ones if they have been lost.

On Tuesday each student will be checked and marked off regarding their sun hat to ensure that they have one, that it is theirs, their name is written on it and that their name is still readable.

Even in this poor weather, the UV Index is on the rise. Take care of your hat and take care of your skin.

There simply are no excuses. Remember, lunchtime SunSmart classes still apply... stay sun-safe.



Hamilton Aspirations Day

On Wednesday, 19th August, Year 10 students went to RMIT in Hamilton for an ‘Aspirations Day’.

The day was about what we are going to do when we finish high school and ways to enter the workforce. Three universities attended the day, RMIT, Melbourne University and the University of Ballarat, along with three other high school groups.

When we arrived we were split into groups and circulated around four different sessions, which involved receiving information about what to expect at Uni and in the work place. We were told about pathways into the workforce and also ways to overcome barriers that we may face. Throughout the day we were given plenty of opportunities to ask questions, and a BBQ lunch was provided.

I found the day very enjoyable and the knowledge I gained has helped me.

I encourage any future Year 10 students to attend an ‘Aspirations Day’ if the opportunity is provided.

Karley Beatty.

Community Events

*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 door.**

*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.*

*Drumborg Tennis
Club Meeting*

**Monday, 7th September,
7.30 p.m.
at McKenzie's,
91 Mt. Clay Road**

Anyone interested in playing
Junior or Senior Tennis please
contact Wendy McKenzie on
0439 889 489 or come along to
the meeting.

*Surry District Tennis
Association*

The Surry District Tennis
Association runs very successful
Saturday Junior and Senior Tennis
Competitions. All players are
welcome and will need to join one
of the many Clubs that enter into
the annual competition. Interested
participants should contact their
chosen club to ensure a place
before September 14th.

Contacts:

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Drumborg - Wendy McKenzie
5527 1239
Tyrendarra - Rawson Orchard
5529 5310

For further information please
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