



This week at Heywood & District Secondary College

A part of your community.....

From the Principal

New forms of communication, particularly in cyberspace, have created a generation where social relationships can be conducted at any time of the day or night. Instant communication is a given. However, while this new technology can be wonderful and convenient, it can cause problems when used in a way that causes harm. Many of our students use MSN, text messaging on their phones and communicating via blogs on the internet. As well, with the revolution of iPods and MP3 players, music has consolidated as a powerful social phenomenon marketed to all age groups. Parents may well be frustrated by what seems to be a move towards isolation and exclusion in the home. We can all identify with the teenager who is listening to music, messaging, has the TV on in the background and is writing a homework piece! Much of this is a new form of social interaction that sits happily alongside traditional relationships. The normal checks and balances we have for ensuring that no harm is being done are now

outdated. It is impossible to monitor every text message or MSN conversation. However, our students must understand that the laws which apply to bullying and harassment apply to any form of communication. Parents should remind their children that if they are a victim of inappropriate communication, they should keep the message as evidence. Conversely, if a child sends a message intended to hurt or harm, they should be aware that it may be part of the process undertaken to determine a consequence. The emotional fallout from any form of communication that is abusive can be devastating. Please encourage your child/children to bring the normal rules of decent relationships to all types of interactions, and let an adult know so that any form of bullying or harassment can be stamped out of our school community.

The Swimming Sports on Monday were successfully completed, with the students who participated appearing to enjoy themselves. It was good to see the parents and friends who visited and

supported the students – well done to all competitors in the events, and congratulations to Dooliba on the day. Of course, not to be overlooked was the staff again showing their superiority in winning the staff – student race.

A reminder of the protocol for parent contact with students – please report to the General Office if you wish to meet, collect or pass a message on to your child. We have a duty of care for your children while they are at school during the day. It is not appropriate for you to make contact with them via a mobile phone or to meet them in the car-park or at the gate.

*Fiona McKenzie
Acting Principal.*

From the Assistant Principal



The Swimming Sports on Monday were a good

example of “getting along” for those students who participated both in the pool and cheering their team along. It was great to see so many parents also in attendance. The participation by the Year 7 students in particular was fantastic. The final result was close.

Congratulations to all the individual winners, and of course to Dooliba for taking out the House aggregate.



Thanks to staff who put in a mighty effort in ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

The large number of students who did not turn up on the day was extremely disappointing. Our school prides itself on being a community and providing extracurricular experiences that really value-add to students' learning, both academically and socially. Sporting events such as the swimming sports are part of such experiences. Staff disappointment has been conveyed to these students. An evaluation of the swimming sports will be carried out by staff and may mean that we will not continue with them in the

future. We ask that parents support us by insisting that their child participates in all aspects of school life.



VCAL students have been putting their numeracy skills to good use over the past several weeks. The lines on the steps and soon-to-be freshly painted bin containers and covers are testament to this – truly a great example of working together.



Our lunchtime activities with Carrie from the YMCA on a Thursday lunchtime are a terrific way for students to be active and practise getting along. So far this year she has provided opportunities in racquetball, battle-ball, badminton, cricket and table-tennis.

Robyn Sutherland
Assistant Principal.

Coming Events

March

Monday, 2nd – Inter-School Swimming Sports
Wed, 4th – BBQ – 2009 new Parents/Students.
Thursday, 12th – School Photos
Thursday, 19th – School Athletics Sports
Monday, 30th – Inter-School Athletics Sports

April

Wed, 1st – Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday, 3rd – End of Term.

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Sports News

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SHIELD GOES TO ??????

Congratulations Dooliba rians on a sensational victory in this year's Inter-House Swimming carnival. In what would have to be one of the closest finishes to House competition in years, Dooliba nudged out Gumerooka to win this year's Swimming shield by 25 points. Final team scores were:

Dooliba - 657 points
Tallawalla - 632 points
Gumerooka - 597 points

Once again we were treated to some outstanding individual swimming results, with Corey Davies being the star of the meet with victories in four individual events – a sensational effort!!

Individual age group champions for 2009 were:

13yr Girls – Monique Watson
 13yr Boys – Joshua Uebergang
 14yr Girls – Kelsey Rowland
 14yr Boys – Tom Gorey
 15yr Girls – Maggie Greenham
 15yr Boys – Corey Davies
 16yr Girls – Emma Lynch
 16yr Boys – Charles McLear
 17yr Girls – Sarah Lovell
 17yr Boys – Jacob Patterson
 20yr Girls – Jessica Brown
 20yr Boys – Thomas Gordon

The swimming competition now heads south to Portland for next Monday's (2 March) inter-school round with Bayview and Portland Secondary College. A team for the inter-school meet was announced on Tuesday.

Sharnah Malseed
Sports Co-ordinator 2009.

SWDSA DISTRICT TENNIS



On Wednesday our Senior Boys Tennis team of Charles McLear, Brenton Haby, Tim Holland and Aiden Mibus deaned up at this year's South West District tournament in Warmambool.

The guys defeated Portland Sec, Colac Sec, Brauer and Warmambool College on their way to victory, losing just two sets of tennis for the entire day!

All four boys played outstanding tennis and will now look towards representing our school at

the Western Zone (Country Division) tournament in Geebong on April 24.

Jeremy Prevett
HDSC Tennis Coach!!

BBQ - An Invitation to all Year 7 and new students & parents to H&DSC

Reminder

Year 11 VCAL students are hosting a BBQ for Parents of Year 7 students and new parents to the school. This will be a great social opportunity to meet your student's teachers and other parents.

When: Wednesday, 4th March, 6.00 p.m.

Where: Apex Park, Cameron Street, Heywood.

Parents & Friends Fundraiser

Reminder – Slice orders need to be received with payment Monday, 2nd March.

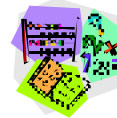
Please return all orders and money (cheques made out to H&DSC).

Thanks for your support.

Tax Deductibility of Donations for the Red Cross Bushfire Relief Appeal

Gold coin donations from students to schools collecting for the Red Cross Bushfire Relief Appeal are tax deductible. If the donation is

less than \$10, the ATO will accept a claim as a tax deduction in the donor's personal tax return, without a receipt.



PROBLEM OF THE WEEK!!

LAST WEEK

The answer to last week's problem was 66.

THIS WEEK

Can you complete the grid below, using four different whole numbers (between 1 and 9).

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Community Notices

HEYWOOD TENNIS CLUB

Have a Go Tennis – Come and Try
Thursday, 5th March
4.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Heywood Recreation Reserve

Any seniors, boys, girls (10 years plus) interested in playing with our Club next Season, October '09 – March '10 please come and join us for a hit. B.B.Q. supplied.

Contact: Merelyn Bunworth
 5527 1733 or 0427 178115.

Heywood Garden Club Invites You to Have A Go

**Saturday, 7th March
10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
Old School Building**

Light lunch served at 12.00



Try potting up
Bring along a problem from your
garden
Come and talk gardening
Bring a friend.

HAVE A GO HEYWOOD & DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION WINTER SEASON COMMENCING 16TH MARCH, 2009.

Men's Competition – remains same
with entered teams.

Women's Competition – Invitational
– players will be allocated into even
teams.

Men's teams and Women's names
need to be in to Merelyn by March,
3rd.

**"Have-A-Go' Basketball"
Come and Try Day
Tuesday, March 3rd, 7.00 p.m.
Community Complex**

Anyone who is interested in playing
basketball, please feel free to come
and join in – free drink bottle to
give away!!!

**Anyone interested in umpiring or
attending an Umpiring Clinic
please contact Merelyn.**

**Insurance Fee: \$26 per player
Game Fee: \$5.00 per game.**

Please contact Merelyn as soon as
possible with teams and names.
Phone: 5527 1733 or 0427 178115.

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CALL FOR PLAIN PACKAGING TO PUT AN END TO THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY'S MOST POWERFUL FORM OF ADVERTISING

Young people are being
encouraged to celebrate
*National Youth Tobacco Free
Day* on Friday, 27th March
2009 by calling for
advertising of tobacco
products in Australia to be
stamped out once and for all,
by introducing plain 'generic'
packaging of tobacco
products

Ms Sally Hounslow, National
Youth Tobacco Free Day
spokesperson and
Chairperson of the Australian
Network on Young People
and Tobacco (ANYPAT), said
packaging is the front-line of
product branding and was
openly recognized by
tobacco manufacturers as a
form of advertising in its own
right.

"Colourful and clever new
cigarette pack designs
constantly enter the market
and represent a deliberate
marketing strategy to recruit
young people to smoke", Ms
Hounslow said.

"Plain 'generic' tobacco
product packaging would put
an end to the tobacco
industry's most powerful form
of advertising, and stop the
pack from being used as a
mobile mini billboard to
promote their toxic and
addictive products", said Ms
Hounslow.

To help smokers quit, and
prevent young people from
starting to smoke, all
cigarette packs should be
sold in plain 'generic' packs,
in an unappealing prescribed
colour and shape without
logos, texts, trademarks or
attractive decorative design
features. Full colour graphic
health warnings should
feature on at least 50 percent
of the front of the packet.

"Tobacco kills around 15,000
Australians' every year, and
most of these deaths will
occur in people who started
smoking before the age of 18
years", Ms Hounslow said.

To mark *National Youth
Tobacco Free Day*, young
people are invited to go to
www.OxyGen.org.au to cast
their vote as to whether they
think tobacco packaging
should be plain for the
chance to win signed Hilltop
Hoods merchandise and
\$300 JB Hi-Fi vouchers. The
competition closes at 5:00pm
on 17 April 2009.



Cyber-Bullying

Just a reminder about the Cyber-
Bullying Seminar in Portland at
7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd March at
the Arts Centre.

Years 7 and 8 will attend
Workshops at school that day.