



This week at Heywood & District Secondary College

A part of your community.....

From the Principal

This week has been such a disruptive week, with my attendance at regional briefings in Warrnambool meaning that I have hardly been in the school.

As usual, much has been happening in the school with school photos, the first SRC meeting with our new student leaders and lots of productive lessons across the classrooms.

The House Athletics are on Thursday of next week, and should be attended as a whole community, a vital ingredient of belonging and having fun together. This is a very important whole College event on our calendar, with the athletics events being one focus of the day. We have few opportunities to celebrate as a whole community and I hope that parents value the elements of positive social interaction, identity through activity and the support and encouragement of those who are talented in sport. It should be a great occasion and one that all students are expected to attend. Parents are always welcome to

attend any of our whole school activities.

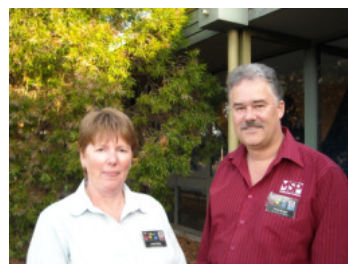
Our new School Council will meet next Tuesday and at the Annual General Meeting it will be my pleasure to thank the retiring members: Jim McLearn, Vicki Gallpen, Jenny Gorey and Susan Showler for their service and welcome the new and returning members to our governance group. As a College community we appreciate those that are prepared to take part in developing and supporting a positive direction, culture and ethos at Heywood and District Secondary College.

Interim Reports are getting closer and we look forward to meeting parents at the Parent – Teacher interviews on Wednesday, 1st April. Interview times will be confirmed at a later date. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible, but should you not be able to attend feel free to phone the College and organise a time to speak to the teachers of your child/ren. The discussion held at this time is vital to establish directions for the year. It helps to identify issues and the interaction promotes a relationship between the

teacher and the parent – this can be invaluable if or when a student needs more support.

*Fiona McKenzie
Acting Principal.*

From the Assistant Principal



Frank Monger and Janet Phillips did a fantastic job yesterday taking student and staff photos. We expect the photos to be available before the end of term and I'm sure we will all look extremely beautiful!!!



While I am on the subject of beauty... Ms Borowiecki's Year 7 Material Studies class have produced some amazing jewelry this term. The cabinets near

the canteen where their work is displayed is awesome...well done everyone.



The VCAL Intermediate Numeracy students have spent the last several weeks measuring, calculating and costing the paint required to repaint the bin surrounds. The actual painting took place this week. And they did a great job...a real team effort. Part of the process will also be a Powerpoint report which includes an evaluation of their work and planning for a celebration.



On Tuesday, Ms McKenzie and myself attended a meeting in Warrnambool to discuss our school review. These take place every four years and we will be conducting this process over Term 2. The initial phase of the process, as we reflect on what we have achieved over the past four years; and set goals to ensure long term strategic and sustainable success, in the coming four years; is to carry out a self evaluation. The questions we will be asking staff, school council, parents and students will be: what does our school do well?; what would we like to see our school doing well in 5-10 years time?; and what are the things we need to work on, in order to build the bridge between the first two questions? Further discussions will take place surrounding achievements and further improvements in the areas of student learning, student well-being and engagement as well as student pathways and transitions. This promises to be an opportunity to have meaningful discussions with all areas of our school community and we are looking forward to the process.

Robyn Sutherland
Assistant Principal.

Coming Events

March

Tuesday, 17th – School Council AGM 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, 19th – School Athletic Sports

Monday, 30th – Inter-School Athletics Sports

April

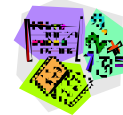
Wed., 1st – Parent/Teacher Interviews – Times to be confirmed.

Friday, 3rd – End of Term.

Monday, 20th – Term II commences.

Wed., 29th – Yr. 7 Girls HPV Vaccinations

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PROBLEM OF THE WEEK!!

LAST WEEK

What do you get if you add 2 to 200 four times – 202, 202, 202, 202!!!!

THIS WEEK

Find a number whose double exceeds its quarter by 7.

Sports News

Last Friday eight students swam in Warrnambool for the South-West Swim Meet. It was a successful day with some great results. Emma Lynch was the standout performer with a 2nd place in the 50m Butterfly, which now sees her off to Melbourne on March 25th to swim in Western Zone at MSAC. Congratulations to all students and best of luck to Emma.

Shamah Malseed
Sports Coordinator, 2009.



Donations may be given to Mark.

All the action happens in ROOM 16 at lunchtime on Tuesday, 17th March.

Work Skills Workshop Portland Aluminium

Book Club

The latest book club is currently available. Copies are on the table outside the General Office, or available from your friendly library staff, Sue or Vicki. Any orders and money are due back to Sue or Vicki by Tuesday, 24th March.

Remember: Every item you order, earns your School FREE books. Good for 10 minutes' reading as well.

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Shave for a Cure

Tuesday, 17th March

Mr Morrow and Mr Burch
Will shave their heads.

Mr White
Will shave his beard if we raise \$500.

If we get \$1000, Mr Foster will shave his head.

If any students would like to colour their hair, they may do so with a gold coin donation.

Please let Mark or Zoe know before Tuesday, 17th March.

On Tuesday, as part of their Work Related Skills course, VCAL students attended a Work Skills Workshop at Portland Aluminium Smelter. The purpose of the visit was to extend

OH&S knowledge and work through some

hazard analysis and problem-solving scenarios.



After an interesting introductory presentation on the smelter, Antonie Jacobs, a reliability specialist, guided students through a 'Root Cause Analysis' activity. Antonie explained that the process of using '5 Why' questions (designed to isolate the most likely cause of a problem) was aimed at preventing a recurrence of a problem, rather than providing a temporary solution.



Later, Ricky Kohlman stressed the importance of work safety becoming a natural part of workplace culture and made safety seem simple by demonstrating how the smelter performs a Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA). He

then organised students into teams to workshop their own risk assessment scenarios and solutions.



After lunch, Peter

Malcolm treated students to a comprehensive site tour and informative commentary. At the end of the day, students were able to take away valuable practical skills which they can now put into practice at home, school and in their future careers.



Alice Taylor
VCAL Co-ordinator.