



This week at Heywood & District Secondary College

A part of your community.....

From the Principal

Although there are only two weeks left of Term 1, we still need to be mindful that work continues right until the end of the term. Tuesday after-school tutorials are available for all students who wish to catch up with or get help with homework. The teachers are showing great commitment in giving up their own time for this program to exist, and it is pleasing to see the engagement of the many students who have taken up this opportunity within the room.

The interim reports are about to be mailed to all families with a sheet for your children to make appointments for you to speak with their teachers. Please take a careful look at the reports so that you can identify which teachers you may wish to speak to. Unfortunately, the Government and the Department have mandated that the student-free days were the first three days at the start of the school year, and that we are not allowed to have a variation to the normal school day to conduct these parent-teacher

interviews in the way that we have done in the past. As a consequence, we have had to vary the model of the way that we can provide feedback to you about the progress that your child is making. This means that Wednesday, 1st April will be only for **Years 7 – 9**, from 4 – 6 pm; and that Monday, 27 April will be made available for Years 10 – 12, also from 4 – 6 pm. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Our new School Council met last Tuesday and at the AGM it was my pleasure to thank the retiring members, and welcome the new and returning members, Colin White, Rosa Vaughan, Fiona Isles, Karen Mizzi, Tania Butler and Ourania Benbow, to our governance group. At the first new Council meeting for this year, we endorsed our 2009 Annual Implementation Plan that sets out the priorities, key improvement strategies and measurable targets for the College this year. We acknowledge and appreciate the hard work of Robyn Sutherland, our Assistant Principal, in the preparation of this document and the

part that our staff had in discussing and supporting such directions for our year ahead at Heywood and District Secondary College. Being the last year of our Strategic Plan we are about to embark on our self-evaluation process, with consultation from all sectors of our community.

Please remember, that when you need to contact your child at school, the Office staff will make every effort to pass on **urgent messages**; however we cannot take responsibility for messages that are received after 1.45pm as students may be involved in offsite activities such as Physical Education and Sport. Please, **remind your children** to listen carefully to lunchtime and end-of-day announcements in case they are called.

Fiona McKenzie
Acting Principal.

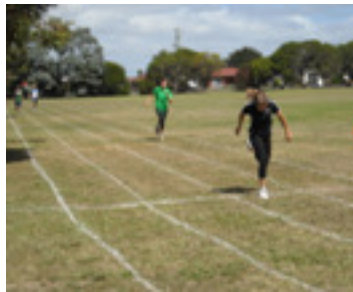
From the Assistant Principal

This has been an extremely busy week! Our "Shave for a Cure Day" was on Tuesday. We raised \$690 which was an awesome effort.

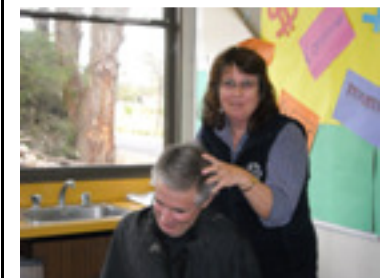
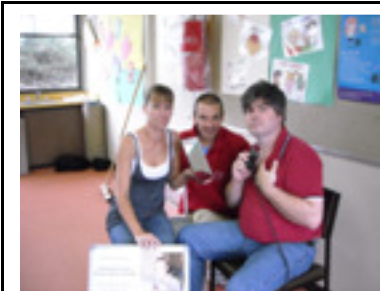
Newsletter



Students had their hair coloured, while Mr Morrow and Mr Burch had head shaves and Mr White took off his beard. Lots of interest was created and we believe Mr White has taken years off his life.



Congratulations to all the individual medal winners and to Tallawalla for winning the overall aggregate. It goes without saying that much preparation goes into the sports. Thanks to all those involved, and especially Mr Prett and Ms Dridan for the awesome line-marking. Their assistants, Matt Rowney and Stuart Eather, also deserve a vote of thanks, as does the Sports Coordinator, Ms Malæed.



On Thursday we held our Inter-House Athletics Sports. The weather was perfect and it was great to see so many students participating in the track and field events. I believe there were a number of records broken too. During the day many parents came along to provide support and show interest. This is always terrific to see.



Last week we held our first SRC Meeting for the year. The election of office bearers took place.



Congratulations to Cassie Vandermeij (President), Emma Farugia (Treasurer) and Maggie Greenham (Secretary).

Just a reminder to parents that students who are away must provide a note for all absences. We are aware that appointments with dentists and doctors is sometimes difficult outside school hours; however, we strongly encourage parents to ensure that attendance at school is a priority. This enables maximum skill and knowledge development in class and also ensures that those very important relationships with teachers and peers are maintained and enhanced.

Robyn Sutherland
Assistant Principal.

Coming Events

March

Wed, 25th – Firearm Safety

Forum - 3.45 p.m.

Monday, 30th – Inter-School Athletics Sports

April

Wed, 1st - Parent/Teacher Interviews, Yrs 7-9, 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.

Friday, 3rd – End of Term.

Monday, 20th – Term II commences.
Monday, 27th – Parent/Teacher Interviews, Yrs. 10-12, 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.
Wed., 29th - Yr. 7 Girls HPV Vaccinations
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PROBLEM OF THE WEEK!!

LAST WEEK

Find a number whose double exceeds its quarter by 7 – Was your answer 4?

THIS WEEK

Work this out then try it on someone else....
Think of a number between 1 and 10,
Double it,
Add 8,
Divide your answer by 2,
Take away the number you first thought of...

Clay Shooting Firearm Safety Session

There will be a firearms safety forum in the theatre next Wednesday, 25th March. The session will begin at 3:45pm and will finish at 6pm.

ABBQ will be provided after the forum. Students and parents will be able to gain a firearm safety certificate which can then be sent away with the firearm licence forms. There will be a small charge of \$5 for students to attend, although it will be free for parents. This is a great chance for students and parents to gain their licence and be informed of the future program.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Kim Dridan.

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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From Your Library

NOW OPEN 2009 - Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

If your student is in Year 7-10 our school is recommending that s/he participates in ***The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge***. The ***Reading Challenge*** aims to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student.

Students are challenged to read 15 books between now and 31 August, 2009, with at least 10 books selected from the ***Challenge*** list. This list is available to browse online as well as in the library.

Our school has already registered as a participating school and now are waiting to register students. Vicki, your friendly lady in our library will be running ***The***

Premier's Reading Challenge. She will be available each Thursday to register students and to assist with updating records online. Students must have a consent form signed before registering.

Parents you can assist by encouraging participation and signing the consent form, then the ***Challenge*** can get underway.

Community Notices

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 29th March to 5th April 2009

In celebration, Glenelg Shire Council Youth Services are holding the first annual **Wii-LYMPICS** for young people aged from 12 to 25.

Using the Nintendo Wii game console we will test your skills with a number of different challenges, with some great prizes up for grabs including a NINTENDO Wii.

Come along on **Wednesday, 1st April - 3.45pm to 6pm** at the Glenelg Shire Council Customer Service Centre, Heywood.

Contact Amy Gartlan, Youth Resources Officer on 5522 2326 for further information.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2009 FREE POOL PARTY

**IF YOU LIKE HAVING LOADS OF FUN
HANGING OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS
MEETING NEW FRIENDS
GREAT ENTERTAINMENT
GOOD FOOD
LOOK NO FURTHER**

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL

5:00 -8:00 pm

@ YMCA - Portland Leisure & Aquatic

ACTIVITIES ON THE NIGHT ARE

- PERFORMANCE FROM THE PSC ROCK BAND
- DJ TM
- SUSTAINABLE ART ACTIVITIES
- WATER SLIDE, CLIMBING WALL
- TEMPORARY TATTOOS
- JUMPING CASTLE
- POOL VOLLEYBALL, POOL RACES, POOL GAMES
- MINI TRIATHLON - 10yrs and over
Registration: 5:00pm, numbers limited
- JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CLUB
Registration prior to the night
ESSENTIAL - call Traci 5521 7174

FREE BBQ

Drinks & ice-creams available

FREE giveaways



YMCA

We build strong **PEOPLE**
strong **FAMILIES**
strong **COMMUNITIES**



VICTORIA POLICE



All Australia, 2009, 2008 and 2007 National Youth Week

