



This week at Heywood & District Secondary College

A part of your community.....

From the School Council President

On behalf of School Council I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the excellent job done by our Acting Principal, Fiona McKenzie, over the past three terms, bringing up-to-date many procedures and policies, along with the high quality leadership provided to all staff, students and the community.

The challenge of securing the new Science Wing is an example of Fiona's enthusiasm to support Heywood & District Secondary College.

We wish her all the best on her return to Warrnambool College.

Ross Price.

From the Principal

Another term has come to an end, having been filled with too many events and celebrations across academic results, co-curricula activities, camps and sporting prowess to mention in isolation.

Our planning for a new strategic plan, annual implementation plan, staffing and curriculum offerings for 2010 is all in train: such an exciting time of year that is very busy for staff and students in their preparations for the coming year.

It is the final countdown, of course, for our Year 12 students who we know will aim to achieve to their very best in their preparation for their final exams in readiness for their different destinations as their pathways unfold for their futures.

As this is also my final week at Heywood & District Secondary College, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for the support that I have received during my time in the acting role of Principal. To the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, I thank you for your input, work ethic and continued endeavour to maintain improvement across the College. I need to acknowledge the Office staff, Jenny and Judy, for their professionalism and assistance over the journey.

There are always challenges ahead in education particularly in a period of setting a new strategic plan for the College. For me personally, I have certainly been able to achieve personal and professional growth from being in this role and have learnt a lot in my time here. I certainly can say that I will hold Heywood as a significant milestone in my career to be remembered – size, community focus, relational learning and a great place to be in education!

The in-coming Principal is Patricia Nunan, from Chaffey College, Mildura, who I am confident will be able to lead the College forward to the future. I wish her all the success in guiding HDSC to bigger and better achievements in all aspects of College life.

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday break in readiness for the final term.

**Fiona McKenzie
Acting Principal.**

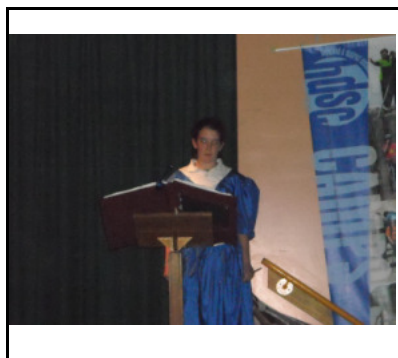
From the Assistant Principal



D'Arcy Crossley represented our school admirably at Monday evening's Lions Club 'Youth of the Year' competition. The three participants were judged on two impromptu topics and a five-minute speech of their choice. D'Arcy's speech on "Why tourists should not climb Uluru" was both moving and personal. The final results were extremely close and the three contestants exemplified the energy, enthusiasm and community focus we have come to expect from our local youth. The school thanks the Lions Club for providing this opportunity for young people to develop their leadership and public speaking skills. Thanks also go to Ms Borowiecki for her time spent in coaching and moral support. Laura Doeven from Hamilton College took out the award on the evening.



"The Canterville Ghost" was the amazing play presented this week by Ms Logan's Theatre Studies class. Students really put a fantastic effort into presenting a story and developing their characters. They even put on a special performance for parents on Wednesday evening. Well done to all our budding thespians.



Persistence has been our key for success this term. Yesterday there was a wonderful example of this when the Foundation VCAL Personal Development students organised a BBQ for the rest of the school. The day was wet so a Plan B had to be put in place when the outside BBQ could not be used. As well as persistence in

planning and execution of the activity, the students displayed teamwork, organisation and cooperation.



I would like to take this opportunity to **thank Ms McKenzie for being our Principal for the past three terms.** Our new signs, the refurbishment of Rooms 3, 7 and 9 and, of course, the exciting plans for our new Science centre will be some of the reminders of her time with us. In addition, Ms McKenzie has worked tirelessly with parents, students, School Council, our school staff, contractors, community organisations and other principals to ensure that

we are all working on improving what we do and how we do it, over this year and into the future. **Ms McKenzie, your energy, enthusiasm, dedication to get the job done and to show us what teamwork can achieve, has been inspirational.** Thank you for being with us this year and on the school's behalf I wish you all the best in returning to your role as Assistant Principal at Warrnambool Secondary College.

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday, and I look forward to welcoming our new Principal, Ms Patricia Nunan, next term.

Robyn Sutherland
Assistant Principal.

Coming Events

September

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

October

Monday, 5th - Term IV commences.

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Speed Careering Afternoon

On Thursday, the 10th September, a Speed Careers afternoon was held for the Year 10 students at our school.

The aim of the afternoon was to develop an understanding about a range of different careers and pathways people had taken into them.

Guest speakers included Tracey Togni, a graphic designer/ photographer, Robyn Cox from YMCA, Matt Emond who is involved in theatre and the arts, Bec Fraser who works in hospitality, Terry Domburg from Australian Post, and Sam Carter who works at ResCom Realstate. Ben Cooper from the Beacon Foundation also attended the event.

We were split into small groups and circulated around the different guest speakers, who were given ten minutes each to explain to us about their career and how they got to where they are now.

For me the afternoon was really enjoyable. I found that the guest speakers were very interesting and they had a lot of helpful advice to offer, speaking from their experiences.

One of the main things that all the guests encouraged us to do was find a career that we enjoy doing and keep on persisting until we achieve our goals, despite what people may tell us.

Overall, I think the afternoon was a success and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Karley Beatty
Year 10.

Portland Women's Service Club \$1,500 Scholarship Available

This scholarship is open to any female student of the Heywood and Portland District who will enter tertiary study in 2010. Selection will be based on an application and interview. Those deferring their course until 2011 are asked to apply at the end of 2010.

Application forms are available at the Secondary School (Mrs. Thomas) or "Intimate Apparel" in Percy Street, Portland.

If you know any students who deferred this year, please let them know that they may apply for a scholarship for 2010.

The applications close Monday, 11th January, 2010.

"Mocks"

The latest fundraiser for Parents and Friends is "Mocks", which are socks for your mobile phones. They are \$10 each. You can order them through the Office and the library. Both places have the large range of colour and designs. The range includes electronic mocks for \$15, mock cards for \$12, and even mock twisters for \$7. You have to pay up-front. The fundraiser will run until 14/10/2009. Delivery will be a couple of weeks after that.



Advance News

There is a:

hip-hop artist coming to HDSC on the morning of Friday, 9th October, for Years 7, 8, 9's and interested 10's (separate sessions).

professional make-up artist coming to HDSC at lunch-time on Tuesday, 13th October, for girls who are interested from Years 9 to 12.

Community Events

HEYWOOD JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Heywood Basketball Stadium

Tuesday, 22nd September

Under 10s – 10.30 to 12.30

Under 14s – 12.30 to 2.30



Basketball skill sessions with Mozza. \$5 per child. Come and learn some basketball skills in the school holidays. You must ring and book your spot as there is only 20 spots per each age group.

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Who will be Australia's next poetry slam champion?

The search is on for Victoria's best talent!

The Glenelg Library is calling all poets, hip-hop artists and other outspoken wordsmiths to polish their rhymes and lyrics for the Australian Poetry Slam '09, an annual slam contest offering over \$20,000 in cash and prizes.

On Wednesday, 7 October at 6.30 p.m., Glenelg Libraries will host one of six slam heats planned across the state at the Portland Arts Centre, Glenelg & Bentinck Streets, Portland.

All heat contestants are given a mic, a live audience and just two minutes to impress the judges (selected at random at each heat) with their spoken word, poetry, hip hop, monologues and stories.

Two finalists from each heat will battle spoken-word style at the Victorian final, to be held at the State Library of Victoria on Thursday, 12 November.

Inquiries: Sue Boddi at Glenelg Library, Portland Branch. Tel: 5522 2265.