



This week at Heywood & District Secondary College

A part of your community.....

From the Principal

Our students again have been involved in numerous activities around the school, including a sunny day for our junior inter-school sports competition.

The Debutante Ball last Friday evening was a great event organised by an energetic group of parents and staff, with particular thanks going to Mrs Jenny Gorey and Mrs Kerrie Smith. It was terrific to enter the hall and see so many guests. The debutantes and partners had worked so hard on the dances and presentation that they need special congratulations. The dance instructors, Mr. And Mrs. Baker, certainly did wonders for such a wonderful social occasion of the year. A special thanks, too, to the number of staff who assisted in the kitchen and supper room.

I do trust that parent/student/teacher interviews on Monday went well for the majority of you. From my perspective, there appeared to be many fruitful discussions and much advice being imparted. If you have any further concerns or did not get an opportunity to see

a teacher, please feel free to contact the school and make a time for a further interview. Remember also to continue to have discussions with your child/ren so that their course selection sheets can be submitted on time. As a staff, we are continuing to discuss and plan for 2010 with regard to all aspects of our curriculum and pastoral care programs.

We also had two days this week where we had our reviewer interviewing parents, selected staff and students from each year level, to continue the process of developing our next four-year strategic plan. This process has been strenuous throughout the consultation and we strive to achieve improvement in recognising all aspects of our work that continue to reflect the attitudes and beliefs of our community. A report will be provided to the College in October to support the development of our future goals, strategies and actions across student learning, engagement and wellbeing, and student transition and pathways.

On Wednesday morning we held our Business Breakfast to thank our employers for their contribution to our

Year 10 Work Experience program and recognise the importance of vocational education. This experience has certainly enhanced our students' ability to plan and pursue their future career paths. It was lovely to see employers and parents in attendance and we thank the dedication of our careers staff, Mrs. Melinda Radcliffe and Mrs Kerrie Smith, and the agencies that support our school in this – the Beacon Foundation, the GSG LLEN and the LCP. Our students spoke about their greater understanding of the world of work and their development of industry-specific skills throughout that time. It was also special for our Year 10 students to hear Ken Saunders give some anecdotes, inspiration and advice in his speech. A special mention must also go to Ms. Christine O'Dea and the Year 10 students in their catering for this special occasion.

For me as Principal, it always gives me such pride to see our students stand so tall in our community across sporting events, debutante balls and work experience, alongside their academic achievements. As educators it is so vital that we acknowledge all aspects of

our young people's development and achievements across their social, emotional and cognitive growth.

Enjoy the weekend.

Fiona McKenzie
Acting Principal

From the Assistant Principal



Last Friday night's Deb Ball was a wonderful event. We should be all very proud of our debs and their partners. They danced beautifully and looked so grown up. Thanks to all involved for the organisation of the deb training, stage decorations, ticket sales, MCing, supper, lighting and all the behind-the-scenes organisation that ensured the evening was so successful.



Wednesday morning was our "business breakfast" organised by Year 10 students to thank employers and supporting organisations who made their work experience so successful. The catering was second to none, all organised by the students under the master chef, Ms O'Dea. Parents and invited guests were treated to presentations of work experience learnings by Karley Beattie, Maggie Greenham, Alayna Jackson and Pat Parker. Uncle Ken Saunders shared some of his life and philosophy of success with us and Ms McKenzie gave a wonderful overview of the Year 10's pathways journey thus far this year. Thanks to Ms Smith, Ms Radcliffe and Ms O'Dea for their preparations for this great event.

Students, staff and parents have spent two days this week with the school reviewer, sharing their views of how the school is 'travelling'. She will now take her findings away and present a report back to staff and School Council on October 26th. Personally, I look forward to taking her recommendations and working with them, our new principal, staff, students and parents in formulating a new strategic plan to take the school forward for the next three years. It is an exciting time for our school as we work towards building on and developing our student outcomes.

Parent teacher interviews on Monday went very well. Those conversations between teachers, parents and students are always so very fruitful in terms of building relationships and setting goals to improve outcomes. We apologise that some teachers were unavailable and strongly encourage parents of students in the classes of Mr White, Mr Stephens, Ms Hilder and Ms Tashkoff to ring the school to make time for interviews.

A reminder to parents and students that regular attendance is the foundation for success. If your child needs to be or

has been away, please inform the school as soon as possible. We also expect that students see their teacher on return to school in order to obtain work that has been missed.

Robyn Sutherland
Assistant Principal.

Coming Events

September

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!

Sun Hats Are On

As the 1st of September has now passed, students are required to wear their sun hats and follow our Sun Smart policy. Any student who requires a new sun hat needs to see Miss Sullivan. All sun hats were individually checked this week with a sun hat blitz on Friday. Students were to ensure that they had a sun hat, the hat was actually theirs and that their name was clearly visible. Overall, students were very well organised and I continue to be very proud of them. Just the odd few to chase up...

Thanks,
Miss Sullivan.



Sports News



Well done to all the girls who participated in junior netball on Wednesday against Bayview and Portland Secondary College. They all put in 110% and the score was definitely no indicator of how well the girls truly played.

Congratulations to the Year 8 girls who managed to come away with a win against Portland Secondary Green. It was a great day and the girls should all be very proud of themselves.

Thanks to Amanda Gibbins and Emma Lynch for umpiring. You guys are awesome.

Well done.

Sinaed Finck & Sarah Lovell.

Thank You



Congratulations to all you beautiful debs and handsome partners.

And a huge thank you to Jenny Gorey and Kerrie Smith for once again being the driving force behind the H&DSC Annual Deb Ball.

Business Breakfast

On Wednesday, 2nd of September, the Year 10 students held a Business Breakfast to thank our work experience employers.

Despite the early start, the breakfast was a success with the students and teachers working together to make sure everything ran smoothly.

The Beacon Leaders, Maggie Greenham, Kellie Beatty, Stewart Eather and Alayna Jackson, did an excellent job MCing the morning and the talk by guest speaker, Councillor Kenny Saunders, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Several Year 10 students also shared an overview of their work experience with Pat Parker's slide show being one of the many highlights of the event.

I would really like to thank everyone who was involved with the Business Breakfast, including all the teachers and guests who came. I think it was a great way to thank our employers and overall a fantastic event.

Karley Beatty

I would also like to congratulate all the Year 10's who were involved in the Business Breakfast. Because of their commitment and hard work, it was a successful event. Thank you to Ms O'Dea, who catered for the breakfast with the help of some dedicated Year 10 students, who had to be at the Heywood Football Clubrooms at 6.30am!

**Kerrie Smith
Careers Advisor.**

Cyber Bullying

The cyber bully is HIDDEN, RELENTLESS and DEVASTATING.

New research into bullying in Australia, published in June, shows cyber bullying has become a serious issue for many young people. At least 10% of students report being cyber bullied every few weeks, while another 8% admit to cyber bullying others. This figure is probably higher, because cyber bullying often goes unreported.

Students at H&DSC should remember that REALLY SMART PEOPLE AVOID CYBER BULLIES:

- ***TELL** someone about any cyber-bullying.
- ***RECORD** dates and times, save print-outs and messages.
- ***BLOCK** messages or calls from cyber bullies.
- ***POLICE** need to know about any threats.
- ***AVOID** responding to cyber bullies.
- ***CHANGE** contact details, email accounts and phone numbers.
- ***BE** there for others who are being cyber bullied; stand up for them.

See Ms Thomas for further information.

Community Events

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.

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