

Heywood Consolidated



School Newsletter

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Local Language & Culture (Gunditjmara) Learning

So far this term in Local Language and Culture, our Grade 4/5 students have been exploring the rich storytelling traditions of the Gunditjmara People. We learned about the importance of Dreamtime stories—how they explain the creation of the land, the animals, and the deep spiritual connections that First Nations communities share with Country.

After reading and discussing several traditional stories, students worked together to plan, write, and illustrate **their very own Dreamtime picture storybooks**. They carefully considered the lessons each story teaches, the characters that shape the narrative, and the ways the land itself becomes part of the story.

Students then published their stories using both artwork and digital images to bring their creations to life.

Throughout the process, the class reflected on:

- The significance of storytelling in Aboriginal cultures
- The connections between Dreamtime stories and the Gunditjmara landscape

How stories can teach respect, responsibility, and understanding

We are incredibly proud of the creativity, care, and cultural awareness shown by all students.



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From our Principal, Ann Hawker...

Ngata Everyone!

The weeks left of term are disappearing quickly now, but hopefully soon the weather will be consistently better.

Last week, we were fortunate to have our last Special Lunch for 2025. Thanks to the Heywood Bakery for their delicious pies, sausage rolls, pasties, donuts and hedgehog and for Courtney Millard in running the whole event. Speaking of Courtney, this will be her final year as a parent with us. She has been a massive support throughout her children's lives at Heycon, and she has and always is willing to give anything a go. I would like to publicly thank Courtney for her endless volunteer hours that she has done to support all students at Heycon. We really appreciate you! But now this means we are after some new volunteers to help in 2026. To find out more about when and how you can help, please speak to Jacqui or Cass in the office, or reach out to Courtney, as I'm sure that she will be a good support.



Lately, we have noticed that our Senior Boys toilets are having some vandalism being done. It seems to be contained to the cubicles for now. However, more concerning is the fact that students are playing in excrement. Although we have plenty of soap, we do not recommend playing with poo. Please take the time to speak to your children about this as we have spoken to many classes several times!

Also on another wellbeing note, we have requested that Heywood Police Officer Phil attend onsite and speak to students about getting home safely. There have been too many close calls of late with students not stopping and checking before crossing roads. I'm sure nobody wants a visit from the police for a worse reason, or to be the victim that may collide with any of our wonderful students. Although Heywood is a relatively quiet town, accidents still occur. Getting to school and home from school safely is important!

Finally, we will be holding **our 2026 Grade 6 Student Leadership speeches in the Mayapa Room on Friday 5th December at 11:30**. There are 12 students that have completed the application form and have been successful in gaining a speech opportunity. You are most welcome to attend on the day, and voting will be open via Audiri – so keep your eyes peeled!

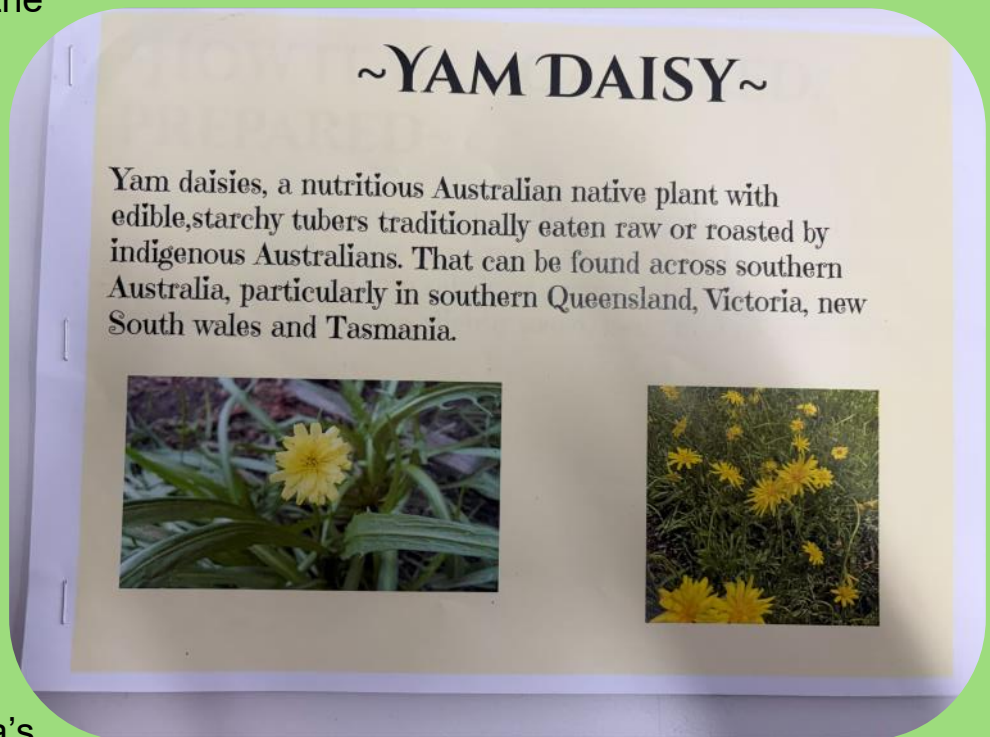
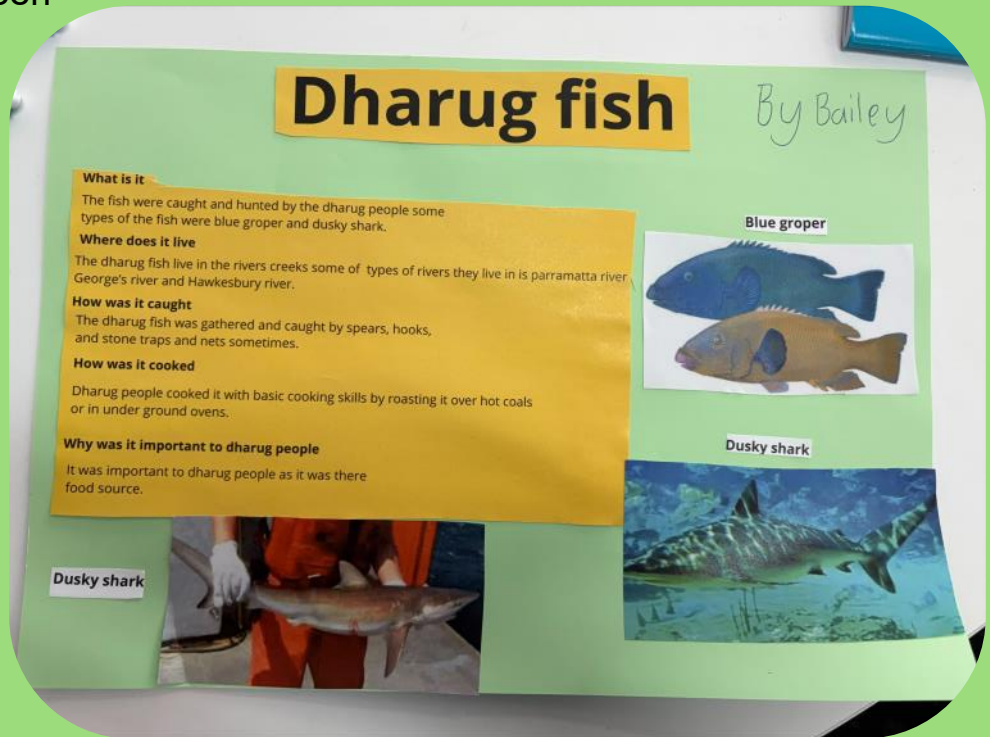
Term 4 Week 7 Awards



Whats happening in 56G...

Exploring *Walking the Boundaries* and Indigenous Foods

This term, 5/6G have been diving into *Walking the Boundaries* by Jackie French, a novel that explores connection to Country, history, and the environment. Inspired by the landscapes and cultural themes in the book, students have been researching Indigenous foods from the regions featured in the story. They've discovered how traditional knowledge of native plants and sustainable practices continues to shape the way we care for the land today. It's been a rich learning journey that deepens both understanding and appreciation of Australia's First Nations cultures.



Numeracy



Holiday Maths Made Fun!

How Parents Can Support Maths Learning This Summer

The summer holidays are a fantastic time for children to relax, explore and learn in natural, playful ways. Maths is all around us, and with a little creativity, families can help keep important skills ticking over without it feeling like schoolwork. Here are some simple and fun ideas to try at home or on holiday:

1. Bake and Create

Cooking is full of maths! Let your child measure ingredients, set timers and compare amounts. Ask questions like, “What happens if we double the recipe?” or “How many cupcakes will we have if we share them evenly?”

2. Shopping Shenanigans

Turn a trip to the shops into a maths adventure. Children can help read prices, compare costs, count items, or estimate the total before you get to the checkout.

3. Car Journey Challenges

Long drive? Play number-spotting games! Look for patterns on licence plates, count red cars, or estimate how many kilometres until you reach your destination.

4. Outdoor Maths Moments

At the beach or park, encourage your child to look for shapes in nature, measure sticks or footprints, count shells, or time how long it takes to run between two points.

5. Board Games and Puzzles

Card games, dice games, dominoes and jigsaw puzzles all build logic, counting and problem-solving skills—plus they’re great family fun.

6. Real-Life Problem Solvers

Ask your child to help with everyday tasks: “How many cups will we need if Grandma comes for dinner?” or “Can you split this snack evenly between everyone?”

With just a few small activities sprinkled throughout the holidays, children can keep their maths skills fresh while having fun at the same time. Happy summer exploring!

Sallie Field

Numeracy Leader



Meet Our Staff: Tania Catell - Chaplain

What kind of pet do you have?

Two Dogs and a cat

What was your favourite subject at school? Music and Drama

What is your favourite food?
Chocolate

What is your favourite board game? Snakes and Ladders

What is your favourite TV show?
Of Course Home and Away!!!

What is your favourite movie?
The Proposal with Ryan Reynolds and Sandra Bullock

What is your favourite vacation? A family holiday to the theme parks on the Gold coast. Lots of fun

What is your favourite activity for you to do? I love playing Walking Netball

What are you thankful for? I am very thankful for my Husband and Four Grown up children.

If you could wish for one thing, what would it be? To have enough money to help everyone I care about.

If you were an animal, what would it be? A sloth, Slow and reflecting Haha!

If you had a superpower, what would it be? Super fast speed. So I can get places quickly and on time.

What do you like about Heycon?
I like our close Community. We know each other really well and WE have lots of fun. FOOD FIGHT!!!



Reminders

Road Safety Reminder For School Pick Up and Drop Off

At Heywood Consolidated School, we have many students coming and going from school in different ways. Some students may ride bikes/scooters, walk, or travel by bus or car. All of these ways require safety measures to make sure that all students get to school safely.

Please be aware that:

- ❑ cars should not be driving through the staff car park to drop off and pick up students.
- ❑ cars should not be parking on the north side of Kentbruck Road to collect or drop off students.
- ❑ cars should not be doing **U-Turns** along Kentbruck Road. We thank all the safe drivers within our community and hope that we don't need to notify the local police for daily drive throughs.



HEYWOOD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025

WIN BIG THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

This is our major fundraiser for 2025.

DRAW DATE : 16 DECEMBER, 2025

AT THE SCHOOL CONCERT

LOTS OF PRIZES



\$2 EACH

or

3 TICKETS FOR \$5

DON'T MISS OUT!



Hats make their return in Term 4!

Please remember to send your child with a hat in term 4. Without a hat your child will be limited to play in the shaded areas. School hats are available for purchase at the office for \$15 each.

Safe Migration

Make your child's active journey to primary school a safe one.

Whether your family walks, cycles, scoots, or drives, there are simple steps we can all take to make every journey safer.

Together we can support our children to travel safely to and from school.

We're proud to share these tips and support safe school journeys as part of the TAC's Safe Migration Project.



Make the journey to primary school as safe as possible for your child.

The TAC has developed a range of new resources just for Prep families – engaging content and simple, practical advice to help parents and carers establish safe travel habits from day one.



Scan this QR code and view the resources to spark important conversations about safe travel to and from school.

Helping our youngest students travel safely to and from school is a priority we all share.

Let's work together to make every school journey a safe one.



ROAD SAFETY
EDUCATION
VICTORIA

Menu:

ZOOPER DOOPER



Monday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Lunchtimes starting 20/10

1x Zooper Dooper \$1.00

Money raised goes to
 2026 Camps

3 4 5 6 DISCO

ENTRY & CASUAL CLOTHES
\$2

TUESDAY 2ND DEC

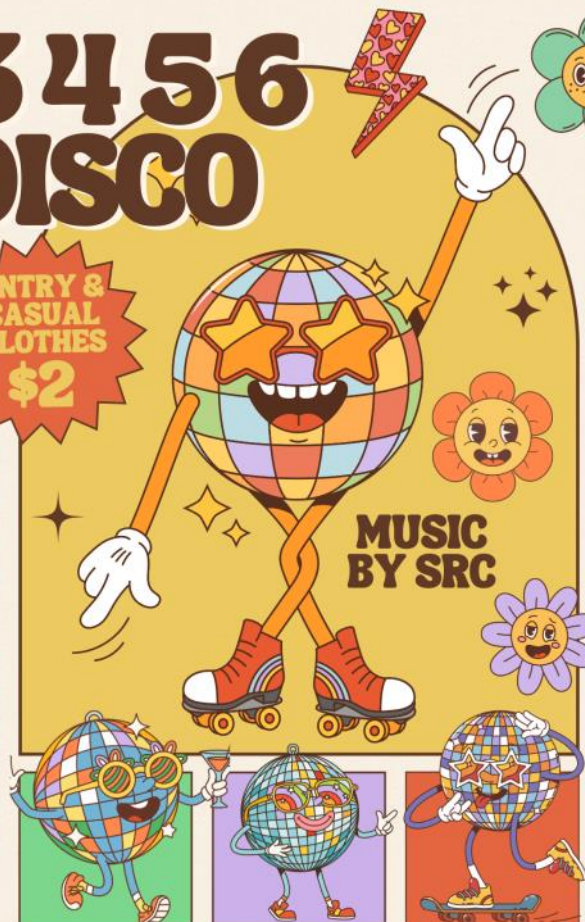
OPEN 1:40PM IN STADIUM

MUSIC BY SRC



Items for
 sale

Fruit box \$2
 Packet of chips \$1



Is Your Child Starting School at Heywood Consolidated School in 2026?

Heywood Consolidated School can't wait to welcome our 2026 Foundation students to the transition sessions, getting them ready for a happy and memorable beginning to school life in 2026.



New families are welcome to stay for an introduction to Heywood Consolidated School's staff, students, facilities and curriculum.

Transition dates
are as follows:

1. Friday 24th of October
9:30-10:30.
2. Friday 7th of November
9:00-11:00.
3. Friday 21st November
9:00-12:30.
4. Friday 5th of December
9:00-1:30.
5. Tuesday 9th of December
9:00-3:20.

By the end of our transition program, we hope your child feels as at home at Heycon as we do and is ready and rearing to go on Day 1 2026.



For enquiries, please contact:
Heywood Consolidated School 5527 1200 -
Sallie Field (Transition Co-ordinator),
Jacqui Fox/Cass Harris (Administration),
Ann Hawker (Principal).

GRATITUDE

KINDNESS

RESILIENCE

RESPECT

What's Coming Up?

W8	24th November * Curriculum Day	25th November	26th November * Brekky Club	27th November	28th November * F-2 Excursion * Grade 1 Sleepover * Brekky Club
W9	1st December	2nd December	3rd December * Brekky Club	4th December	5th December * Brekky Club * Assembly F1F * Transition 9am-1.30pm * 2026 Leadership speeches
W10	8th December * G6 Big Day Out	9th December * UP Day	10th December * Brekky Club	11th December	12th December * Brekky Club * Assembly 56G
W11	15th December * XMAS Activities Day * G6 Graduation	16th December * School Concert	17th December * Brekky Club * Picnic Day	18th December * Pack Up Day	19th December

Contact Us

Our School Values are Kindness, Respect, Resilience and Gratitude.

When these values drive student actions, we have a positive student community working together to achieve higher educational outcomes.

At Heywood Consolidated School every child is encouraged to be the best person they can be. While we have a strong focus on academic curriculum, we also recognise that our students need to engage strong social emotional skills.

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HEYWOOD



PORTLAND

Celebrating 32 Years



TOY RUN



SATURDAY 6TH OF DECEMBER 2025



Watch the Event or Join the Ride
All Licensed Riders are Welcome

*Must have a Registered Motorbike

*Participation in the ride is at your own risk



Event Schedule:

10:00am: Meet at Heywood Takeaway

10:30am: Depart Heywood - ride together to Portland

Regroup opposite Alexander Shell Servo at info site

11:00am: Depart together for ride through Percy St - Town Centre

Ride concludes on the Portland Foreshore - Free BBQ for riders

All riders must ride together safely and lawfully

The Salvation Army Portland will be accepting
New Toys, Food and cash/card donations
to support struggling Families in the Glenelg Shire

Toy & Food donations can be dropped to:
Heywood Takeaway - 50 Edgar St, Heywood
Squidly Dids for Kids - 52 Percy St, Portland
The Salvation Army - 33 Henty St, Portland

For enquires, contact The Salvation Army on 03 5523 3749, visit 33 Henty St Portland or contact John from Lions on 0424 447 958

Glenelg Shire Community Food Access Survey

The Health Promotion team at Portland District Health are keen to hear how the Glenelg Shire community accesses food.

Complete our 5-minute survey to go into a draw to receive a **\$100 voucher** to a local supermarket of your choice

Responses will help us understand how we can support our community to access food.

Survey closes
21st November 2025



PORTLAND
DISTRICT HEALTH

FROM 8TH TO 23RD DECEMBER

SANTA PHOTOS

@ EMERALD VILLAGE PICTURE FRAMING

KOROIT

HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN WITH SANTA

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY

EMERALD VILLAGE PICTURE FRAMING



SANTA SESSIONS

Monday 8th 12pm - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B)	Tuesday 9th 12pm - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L) SENSITIVE	Thursday 11th 11am - 2pm (L) 2:30pm - 5pm (B)
Friday 12th 12pm - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)	Saturday 13th 11am - 2pm (L) PETS 4pm - 6:30pm (B)	Sunday 14th 11am - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)
Monday 15th 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B)	Tuesday 16th 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B) PETS	Thursday 18th 11am - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)
Friday 19th 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B) PETS	Saturday 20th 11am - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)	Sunday 21st 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B)
Monday 22nd 11am - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)	Tuesday 23rd 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B)	Key: Barn (B) Lounge (L)



PHOTO PACKS

Snowy Pack
\$20

6x8 (1)

Nutcracker Pack
\$30

4x6 (2)
5x7 (2)

Jolly Pack
\$40



4x6 (2)
5x7 (2)
6x8 (2)

Festive Pack
\$50

4x6 (2)
5x7 (2)
6x8 (2)
8x10 (1)

NO ALTERATIONS TO PACKS AVAILABLE

For bookings:

 **Contact our page and send us a message**
 **Give us a call on 0415 272 755**
Pop in store at 133A Commercial Rd Koroit