



Newsletter

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The Wonderful Benefits of Music in Primary School!

Music plays an important role in the learning and development of young primary school students. Through singing, dancing, playing instruments and exploring different rhythms, children develop a wide range of skills while having fun!

Participating in music activities helps strengthen listening, memory, concentration and language skills. It also encourages creativity, self-expression and problem-solving as students experiment with sounds, melodies and rhythms. Making music together provides wonderful opportunities to develop teamwork, cooperation and confidence.

Music can also support students' emotional wellbeing, helping them express their feelings, relax and build positive connections with their peers. Whether they are singing their favourite songs, learning a new rhythm or performing together, music creates a joyful and engaging learning environment where every child can participate and shine.

Music is more than just fun – it helps children learn, grow and thrive!



Student Spotlight



F/I students enjoying dressing up and using instruments learning the Mexican Hat Dance!



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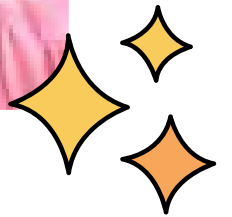
Community Notices



-Ms Cope, Music Teacher

Ngata !

Welcome back everyone. It is great to see so many students refreshed after the break, ready for the last term of 2026. Even though this is an 11week term, I'm certain that the days and weeks are going to fly by.



This term has much to be achieved. We start our Kindergarten to Foundation transition sessions on Friday 23 October with Miss Field, which is also the same day that our Girls Basketball team is playing in Ballarat and some senior students are representing our school at the HDSC for their English Humanities Games Day. Our School Council Finance meeting is on Oct 21 and School Council meeting is on Oct 26. There is also senior Girls and Boys teams competing in the District Cricket day in Portland on Oct 27. There is an incursion for F1 and 23 students on Oct 29, followed by the F1 excursion on Oct 30 and the Year 1 Sleepover that night. We have a public holiday on Tuesday 3rd November for the Melbourne Cup, followed immediately by our Grade 23 camp to Warra Gnan, Warrnambool from 4 Nov to 6 Nov, and all of this is just in the next 4 weeks.

I would like to acknowledge all of our fantastic parents and carers who continually support our school and support us with their students. Whether that be by sending in attendance notes early, returning permission forms promptly, reaching out to let us know if their child or family are going through a challenging time or just answering a phone call; all of these things plus others help us to develop strong, respectful and supportive relationships for your children and we truly appreciate it.



- Ms Hawker, Principal

Numeracy

How Does Learning About Capacity Develop at School?

Foundation: Students explore containers through play, filling and pouring. They begin using everyday language such as full, empty, holds more and holds less to compare capacity.

Years 1–2: Students compare and order the capacities of containers, make estimates and measure using informal units, such as cups and scoops. They learn that using the same unit consistently helps make comparisons fair.

Years 3–4: Students develop their understanding of standard units, including litres and millilitres. They use measuring tools to estimate, measure, compare and record capacities, and solve practical problems involving measurement.

Years 5–6: Students extend their understanding by converting between related units, such as litres and millilitres, and applying capacity measurements to more complex problems. They use estimation, accurate measurement and mathematical reasoning to check whether their answers make sense.

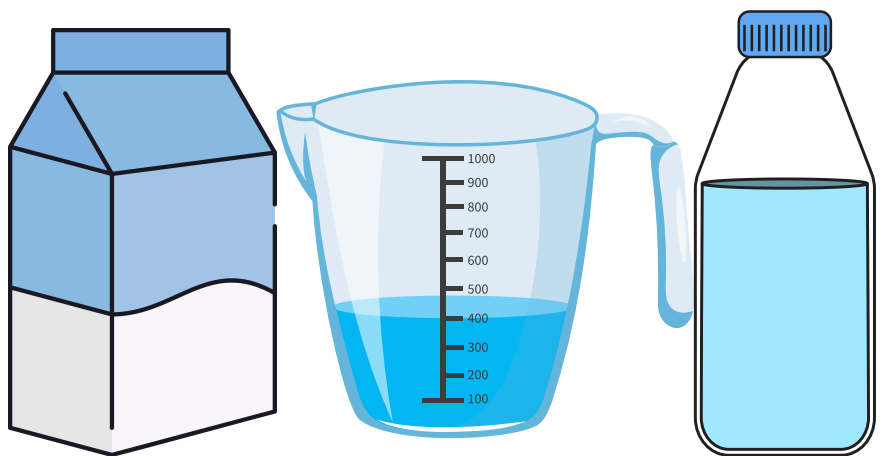
This learning progression reflects the Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 Mathematics, where students develop measurement understanding through practical experiences, estimation, use appropriate units and problem-solving.

Measuring Capacity

How much water does a jug hold? Which container holds more? How can we measure capacity accurately? Across primary school, students develop their understanding of capacity step by step, with each level building on previous learning.

Maths at Home

Families can support this learning at home by inviting children to compare drink bottles, measure ingredients while cooking, estimate how much a container holds and explain their thinking. Everyday experiences help children build confidence and see how Mathematics connects to the world around them

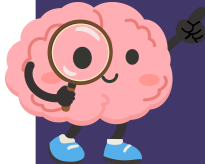


– Ms Field, Numeracy Leader

Big Life Foot Steps



Strength Spotting



This fortnight we are practicing to spot strengths in ourselves and others. Strengths are the positive qualities that make us who we are, and help us navigate life's ups and downs— like kindness, bravery, creativity, or teamwork. Noticing these strengths in ourselves helps us understand what we bring to different situations. Spotting strengths in others helps us connect with, recognise the good things in others and help people feel valued.

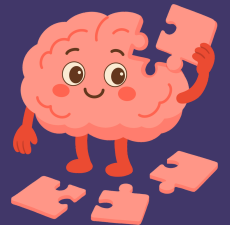


WAYS WE CAN SUPPORT Strength spotting at Home:

1. **Name the strength** you notice
EG. That was great teamwork"

2. **Explain what you saw**
EG. "You showed teamwork when you helped set the table"

3. **Appreciate why it matters**
EG. "It made the job quicker and easier for everyone"



By practicing this, children learn to see the good in themselves and in others, and to celebrate the strengths that make everyone unique.





Meet our Staff

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?

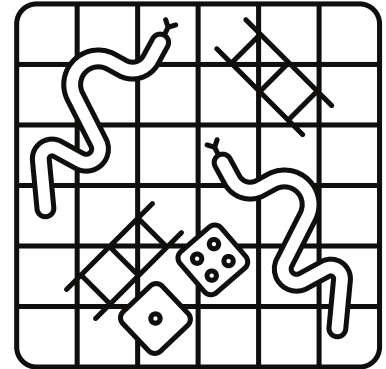
Chocolate

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.

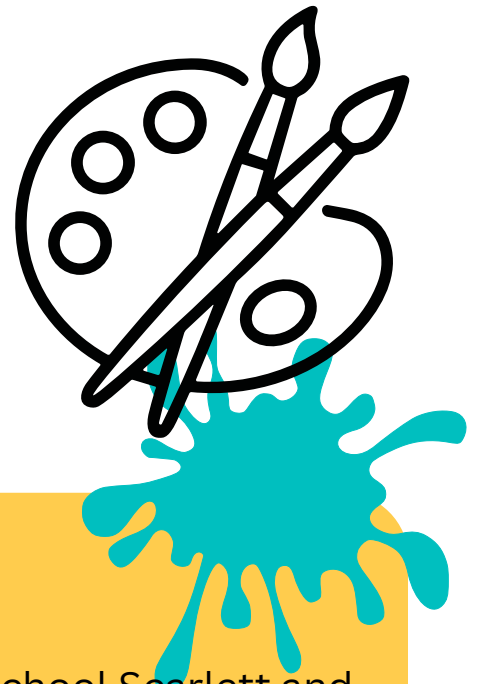
We know each other really well and

WE have lots of fun. FOOD FIGHT!!!



— Mrs C. Chaplain

New Mural at HeyCon!



Over the past term at Heywood Consolidated School Scarlett and Charlotte have been creating a mural at their school. The mural can be used as a photo background for group photos or parents can take a photo of their kids on the first day of foundation and the last day of year 6 so they can see their kids grow.

From designing to votes to mess ups repeatedly and to meetings with Ms Hawker, Scarlett and Charlotte just wanted a interactive and inclusive photo-wall, so parents can take photos from first steps, to last days.

People that helped:

Lia, Emelia, Chenay, Laura Hodges, Harley, Kristine- Charliegh and Amy all helped make the mural come to life.

Parents can come to take photos whenever they want.



-Charlotte & Scarlett



DONATE NOW

Help us fundraise for a safer School Stadium Floor



Scan the QR code for more Information

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.



Hats make their return !

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



SAVE THE DATE:

END OF YEAR CONCERT

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER
DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
CONCERT STARTS 6:30PM

ALL CLASSES WILL BE PERFORMING



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ZOOPER DOOPER ✦



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Lunchtimes starting 9/10

1x Zooper Dooper \$1.00

**Money raised goes to
2027 Camps**

WEEK	DATES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	12-16 OCT			*Breakfast Club		*Breakfast Club *Assembly F1
3	19-23 OCT			*Breakfast Club		*Breakfast Club *GW Girls Basketball *K-F Transition 9.30-10.30
4	26-30 OCT		*Super 8's Cricket	*Breakfast Club		*Breakfast Club *Assembly 23 *F1 Excursion *Gr1 Sleepover
5	2-6 NOV		*Melbourne Cup- No School	*Breakfast Club *23 Camp	*23 Camp	*Breakfast Club *23 Camp *K-F Transition 9.00-11.00

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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IMAGINE THE FUN

Calling all boys & girls aged 5-10! Sign up to this years Cricket Blast to receive the following in your blast pass! Scan the QR code to get started!

 1x BBL MCG Match of your choice	 All WBBL matches at Junction Oval	 All Victorian State Cricket Matches	 10% off Stars merchandise	 Exclusive partner offers	 20% off selected New Balance gear
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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN! - \$80
BEGINS 16TH NOVEMBER
FOLLOW 'PORTLAND BLAST CRICKET' ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS



Coordinators: Jake Patterson 0447 413 260 | Andre Wallace 0407 825 589

Joel Hines

DAD'S NIGHT

THRIVING BOYS

South West Victoria Tour

OCT 23

Warrnambool Football & Netball Club

5:30PM

Proudly Sponsored by Community Bank Port Fairy & District

North Hamilton CFA SES

Spring MARKET

Fresh Produce - BBQ - Bake Stall

Sat October 24th
9.30am - 1.30pm

BAPTIST CHURCH
48 Gray St.
HAMILTON

Live Music

Entry by Gold Coin Donation

Balloons
Lolly Jar
Lucky-Door prize!

Plants
Fresh flowers
Handmade Crafts
Jewellery
Unique Gifts
Books

Soft Drink
Coffee & Scones
Second-hand goods
Free - Kids Train rides

Face-painting
Slime...

FUN SWIM

FUN SWIM provides young swimmers with a fun and engaging program to explore and develop and improve 'race ready' skills.

1HR
TOTAL SWIM TIME


up to 12 YEAR OLDS


RACE READY SKILLS

FUN SWIM CHECKLIST

- ☒ Can you swim 25m confidently?
- ☒ Are you under 12 years old?
- ☒ Do you have a basic understanding of different strokes?
- ☒ Are you interested in racing?
- ☒ Do you want improve racing skills?

WHEN:
Seeking Expressions
Of Interest Now!

WHERE:
Portland Leisure
And Aquatic Centre

COST:
\$38 Registration Fee

Get in touch to find out more!
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