

Heywood Consolidated School Newsletter

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F-2 Excursion & Grade One Sleepover

My favourite part of the sleepover was when we did skipping and we got to have chicken for dinner and ice-cream for dessert. Wally

My favourite part of the sleepover was eating the food and playing games in the stadium. On the excursion I liked holding the animals and feeding all the animals except for the emu because it was scary when it pecked my hand. Felisha



On the sleepover I liked all of the free play that we got. I liked playing in the playground and going in the maze at Lake Pertobe because it was fun. Leo

I liked it when we got to hold the snake and lizard. I also liked feeding all the animals. At the sleepover we got watermelon, and we had chicken for dinner. We got breakfast biscuits and strawberry milk for breakfast. I liked Movie we watched it was Despicable Me 4. It was funny. Tyler

I liked the movie; it was Despicable Me 4. It was so funny and there were lots of minions. I liked having breakfast at school. I had Nutella toast, breakfast biscuits and milk. At the

excursion I liked seeing the barking owl, the cockatoo, the wombat and the emu. I gave them food and patted them. It was fun. Danny



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From our Principal, Ann Hawker...

Ngata Everyone!

I would like to congratulate all 12 students who applied for, wrote and presented speeches for our 2026 Student Leadership team. It was so pleasing to listen to how important and special our school is to our future leaders. And although there will be disappointment for some of the students and their families at the End of Year Concert, I hope that they feel proud of the effort and time that they all put into this process. And don't forget that there is still leadership opportunities with House Captains and Student Representative Council in 2026.



I wish to acknowledge the amazing Mrs Kerri Colliver. Every year since forever, she volunteers her time to teach Christmas Carols to our students at lunchtime to then spread the Christmas Spirit to the Heywood Hostel and the streets and businesses of Heywood. It was wonderful to accompany 33 students last Wednesday around Heywood and see the joy and pride of our community in this annual event.

Today, we announced our classroom teachers for 2026:

F1 with Miss Field

23 with Mrs Booth

45 with Mr Kennedy

56 with Mrs Watson and Mr Lipscombe.

Ms Cope will be teaching the following classes; F1 Music, 2-6 Digitech, Art & Science (whole school) and Hands on Learning.

However, it is with sadness that we announce that Mr L will be leaving HCS by gaining a new role in Hamilton. I'm sure that he will be missed by our students, staff and community, just like Miss Goddard, Lisa Emerson, Wendy Gallagher and Madalyn Hiscock; however, I'm sure that we will wish them all the best and hope that they look back on Heycon as a positive experience.

Finally, I have had the privilege of reading 100 student semester reports. It is an honour to read about the learning successes that is occurring at Heycon, from the viewpoint of staff, but also through the student comments. The reports are coming home Friday (12/12/25) so make sure that you keep your eyes open.

The final week of school is extremely busy:

Monday 15th December – Xmas Activity Day – Christmas clothes are encouraged and permitted.

Monday 15th December – Grade 6 Graduation

Tuesday 16th December – End of Year Concert – Doors open at 6:00pm, with the concert starting at 6:30pm

Wednesday 17th December – Picnic Day adventures

Thursday 18th December – Pack Up School Day – normal 3:20pm finish

Friday 19th December – Last day for Staff.

Thanks everyone for a wonderful 2025. We wish you all the best for a safe and enjoyable end to 2025 and look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Term 4 Week 9 Awards



CLASS OF 2025



Ahlea	Bailey	Floyd	Jackson
Jarren	Jessi	Logan	Lucas
Mahalia	Matilda	Noah	Ryder
Sienna	Wyatt	Xanda	Zahlia

Literacy

This week's topic: Decoding

What is Decoding?

Decoding is the process of translating written words into sounds or spoken words. It is the first step in understanding written text and is a critical component of reading development.

Why is it important?

Decoding is a critical component of reading development and is essential for academic success. By developing good decoding skills, students are better equipped to understand what they read, expand their vocabulary, and achieve success in school.

Ways families can support this at home

Encourage your child to decode words, both in books and in everyday life.

For example, you can ask them to read signs, labels, and advertisements.

Play games and engage in activities that promote awareness, such as clapping out the syllables in words or identifying the first sound in a word.

Read books with your child and encourage them to sound out words. This helps build their decoding skills and confidence.

If you would like to know more ways of supporting your child/ren's literacy skills contact their classroom teacher who are happy to provide additional assistance.

Maddie Goddard

Meet Our Staff: Wendy Gallagher - ES

What kind of pet do you have? Dog – Roxy the Foxy

What was your favourite subject at school? Art and Maths

What is your favourite food? Chocolate

What is your favourite board game? I don't have a favourite; I like most of them.

What is your favourite TV show? I rarely watch TV.

What is your favourite movie? Too many to choose just one.

What is your favourite book? Again lots, Jane Harper and Chris Hammer are a couple of my favourite authors lately.

What is your favourite vacation? Camping outback.

What is your favourite activity for you to do? Archery

What are you thankful for? My beautiful family.

If you could wish for one thing, what would it be? Cure for diabetes.

If you were an animal, what would it be? Blue wren, they seem so happy all the time.

If you had a superpower, what would it be? Go back in time.

If you were famous, what would it be for? I don't think I would like to be famous but if I was, I would like it to be for doing something kind.

What skill do you wish you had? Musical skills

What do you like about Heycon? I love the friendly atmosphere and that no one gets left out.

How would you describe yourself? Caring and energetic



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.



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.

Menu: **ZOOOPER DOOPER**



Monday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Lunchtimes starting 20/10

1x Zooper Dooper \$1.00

**Money raised goes to
2026 Camps**

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 * Christmas Carols @ HRH & down the street	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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