

Heywood Consolidated



School Newsletter

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Meet HeyCons 2025 Leadership Team

Introducing HeyCons 2025 Leadership Team

School Captain - Jackson Harris

Jackson is a kind, caring, honest and responsible student. He aims to set a good example for all students, new and returning in 2025. He wants to help them grow as individuals as well as continuing his growth as a leader. Jackson's wish for 2025 is to continue seeing HeyCon be a safe place for all students, where they can be themselves.

School Captain - Sienna Blacksell

Sienna is a hardworking, honest and active student. She aims to grow this year in her role, learning more about what it takes to be a good leader and further develop her public speaking. She wants to continue making important relationships with students, teachers and community members. Sienna's wish for 2025 is to create a Buddy Bench for students and create more student voice.



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Student Leader - Ahlea Meredith

Ahlea is a kind, respectful and compassionate student. She aims to help out her school and get out of her comfort zone in 2025. Ahlea's wish for 2025 is to see the expansion of the bike track and more play equipment for the students.

Student Leader - Lasharni Malseed

Lasharni is a friendly, active and honest student. She aims to lead the younger students and give them guidance in 2025. She wants to help make decisions with her leadership team. Lasharni's wish for 2025 is to brighten up the bus shelter and introduce more indigenous items around the school.

Student Leader - Logan Millard

Logan is a kind, trustworthy and humorous student. He aims to model good behaviour and leadership to the younger kids. He is keen to help everyone out. Logan's wish for 2025 is to host more games at recess and lunch and to make people happy.

Student Leader - Mahalia Wamoana

Mahalia is a humorous, determined and sporty student. She aims to represent HeyCon and show the community how proud she is of her school. She wants to set a good example for the younger students and work on her confidence of speaking in larger groups. Mahalia's wish for 2025 is to compliment 1 person each day and build up the student's buckets.



From our Principal, Ann Hawker...

Ngata Everyone!

Welcome back one and all. And I'm sure that you are all excited that school is back!

It was a fabulous start to 2025, and we would like to thank all the families who attended their assessment interviews last week. This is a huge commitment from you all and teachers thoroughly appreciate your support to allow one on one interviews so that students can show their true and honest depiction of their current understanding.



We are currently sitting at 107 students within our 5 classes:

F1F with Miss Field and Rachelle
12B with Mrs Booth, Miss Hawker and Jess
34K with Mr Kennedy, Carly, Cass & Jacqui
45L with Mr Lipscombe and Wendy
56G with Miss Goddard and Carly.

And specialist teachers of:

Miss Cope with Art, Hands-on Learning, Science and Senior Music
Mrs Watson with Physical Education, as well as Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader and Disability Inclusion Leader
Mrs Emerson and Mrs Parry for Tutor Learning Initiative.

And at the office, we have:

Jacqui and Cass doing School Administration
Sharyn as the Business Manager and
Ann as Principal.

Mrs C continues as a School Chaplain.

Don't forget we have breakfast club every Wednesday and Friday morning in the Kareeta Building and Assemblies every Friday starting at 3:00pm after the Clubs session.

We look forward to your support and positivity in 2025 and hope it will be another successful year to ***Learn Together Grow Together***.

Literacy

Welcome back to another year. Our staff are dedicated in helping educate all students in their literacy skills. All classes have been busy preparing English and CORE literacy lessons around our new instructional model. As we get back into school routines there will be some new reading terminology that will be used within the school. This section of the newsletter will help families understand what it all means and ways on how your family can support your child's literacy development at home.

This week's topic: Phonological Awareness

What is Phonological Awareness?

Phonological awareness is the ability to recognise and manipulate the individual sounds (phonemes) in spoken language. This skill involves being able to recognise and distinguish between sounds, identify syllables in words, blend sounds to form words and segment words into their individual sounds.

Why is it important?

Phonological awareness is important because it lays the foundation for reading and spelling. Research has shown that children who have strong phonological awareness skills are more likely to become successful readers and spellers.

Ways families can support this at home

Rhyming games: Encourage your child to identify words that rhyme with each other. You can also play word matching games where children have to find pairs of words that rhyme.

Syllable clapping: Clap out the syllables in words to help your child recognise the number of syllables in words.

Sound segmentation: Say a word slowly and have your child repeat each sound in the word. For example, "s-u-n"

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.

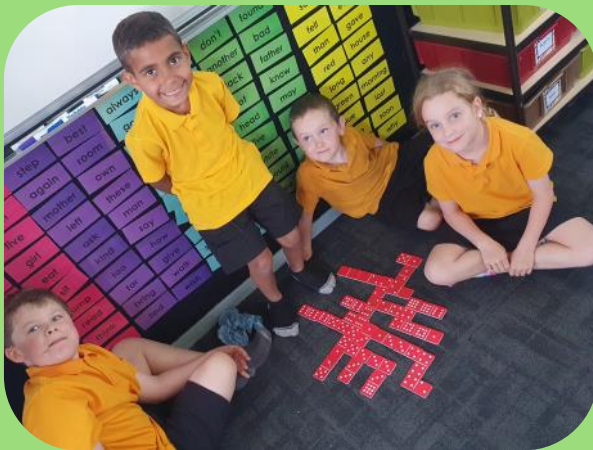
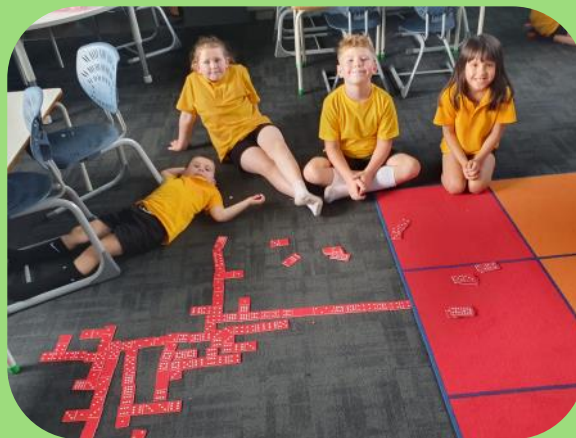
Maddie Goddard

Literacy Co-ordinator

Photo Gallery



Scarlett's generous donation of a set of books for our classrooms



Miss Hawker's maths class enjoying their work with dominos. A great start to their learning, working on teamwork and having fun.



Meet Our Staff: Ann Hawker - Principal

What kind of pet do you have?

2 Dogs (Roxy & Tilly)

What was your favourite subject at school?

Maths

What is your favourite food?

Chocolate

What is your favourite board game?

Monopoly

What is your favourite TV show?

Highway Patrol

What is your favourite movie?

Wicked!

What is your favourite book?

Wizard of Oz

What is your favourite vacation?

Ireland

What is your favourite activity for you to do?

Gardening

What are you thankful for?

That I work with great staff, students, family & community

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

If you were an animal, what would it be?

A dog

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

Invisibility

If you were famous, what would it be for?

Doing something stupid probably!

What skill do you wish you had?

To help more!

What do you like about Heycon?

The “feel” and “vibe”

How would you describe yourself?

Caring!



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.



2025 CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is an annual payment to a student's school of \$150.00 to assist with the expenses involved with camps, sports and excursions.

If you were eligible for CSEF in 2024 forms will be automatically sent home this year. If you continue to hold a Health Care Card please complete and return the form together with a copy of your Health Care Card as soon as possible.

For those Parents and Carers that are not familiar with CSEF, If you hold a Veteran Affairs Gold Card or a current Health Care Card your student will be eligible for this payment. Please contact the school if you would like us to send a form home or call in at the office to collect one.

If you are unsure if you are eligible or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Hats make their return in Term 1!

Please remember to send your child with a hat in term 1. 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.

Message from the Dept of Education

Child safety and wellbeing at Heywood Consolidated School: information for families and the school community

Heywood Consolidated School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm.

These documents are available on our website: www.heywoodconsolidatedschool.com.au

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the Principal on 5527 1200 or at heywood.cs@education.vic.gov.au

2025 School Contributions

Heycon School Contributions:

School contributions (formerly known as school fees) can now be paid via bank transfer (BSB: 063 813, Acc# 10000518) or at the office.

Gr F-6 is \$220 per student.

Please see or contact Sharyn in the office to discuss payment plans or other support options including CSEF – Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund.

A reminder that our Parent Payment Policy is available on our school website or from the school office: www.heywoodconsolidatedschool.com.au

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.

For Students, please call:
1800 551 800 (Kids Helpline)
In an emergency, always contact 000 for emergency services



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

For Parents
1800 991 099 (Child Wise Helpline)
131 278 (Child Protection Crisis Line)
1300 138 180 (Child First)

What's Coming Up?

Term1 W1	27th Jan *Public Hol	28th Jan *Teachers 1 st Day back	29th Jan *Assessment Day 1	30th Jan *Assessment Day 2	31st Jan *Assessment Day 3
W2	3rd Feb *Students 1 st Day back	4th Feb	5th Feb * Brekky Club * No Founda- tions	6th Feb	7th Feb *Assembly 56G * Brekky Club
W3	10th Feb	11th Feb	12th Feb * Brekky Club * No Founda- tions	13th Feb	14th Feb *Assembly 45L *District Swimming * Brekky Club
W4	17th Feb	18th Feb *Somers Camp depart	19th Feb * Brekky Club * No Founda- tions	20th Feb	21st Feb *Assembly 34K * Brekky Club
W5	24th Feb *Questacon @ HeyCon	25th Feb	26th Feb *Somers Camp return * Brekky Club * No Founda- tions	27th Feb *School Pho- tos	28th Feb *Assembly 12BH *Brekky Club *Food Fight *Open after- noon

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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PORTLAND PANTHERS SOCCER CLUB



2025 JUNIOR SOCCER

JUNIOR SUMMER TWILIGHT COMP

for boys and girls aged 8-14 years
every thursday games start at 5:30pm

\$5 each week

registrations welcome on the night or
scan the QR code for early registration.

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME



SCAN ME

ALL TRAININGS WILL BE HELD AT

FRIENDLY SOCIETY RESERVE

2025 Season Training :

Kicks off Tuesday 4th Feb 2025

-mixed U/12 & U/14 , Tuesday & Thursday
nights 5-6pm

-mixed U/17, Tuesday and Thursday nights
6-7:30pm

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

FOR INFORMATION

portlandsoccerclub@hotmail.com



GIRLS DAY!

**COME DOWN AND
JOIN IN THE
SOCCER FUN**

**GIRLS AGE 8-16
YEARS**

**PORTLAND FRIENDLY
SOCIETY**

TIME:

**Wednesday 12th &
19th February 2025**

05:00 PM- 06:00PM

Have You Used the LITTLE FREE PANTRY?

We Want to Hear From You!

Help us understand the impact of the Little FREE Pantry.
Take our short anonymous survey today by scanning the QR code



New to Branhholme In 2025!

come find your awesome **nab AFL Auskick** **woolworths** **NET SET GO!**

THURSDAY'S AT 4.30

BRANXHOLME REC RESERVE

FOR KIDS 5-12 !

\$85 WITH PARTICIPATION PACK INCLUDED !



HOME GAME SATURDAY'S AT 9.30AM

BRANXHOLME REC RESERVE

FOR KIDS 5-10 !

\$99 WITH PARTICIPATION PACK INCLUDED !



REGISTRATIONS OPEN !
START DATES ANNOUNCED SOON !!

Go to the Branhholme Wallacedale Football Netball Club's facebook page for links to register or use the QR codes above !

If you have never played footy before and are older than 12, but interested, please contact Dave Simpson - 0459 126 441

BW FNC
BRANXHOLME WALLACEDALE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB