



HEATHCOTE HIGH NEWS

TERM 1, WEEK 11

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

P&C

I would encourage all parents and interested citizens to join our P&C. The P&C brings our school community together and helps to raise funds to finance school improvements and additional resources.

The P&C meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month (except during school holidays) beginning at 7 pm. You will find these dates advertised under 'Upcoming events' on our website.

The 2024 P&C office bearers are:

President: Neridah Armstrong

Secretary: Karen Paxton

Treasurer: Anthony Schnabel

P&C enquiries should be directed to the P&C Secretary via the school's email:

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STUDENTS HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

It is wonderful to see our students giving back to the community.

Lathika V, Year 12 and former student Dharrani volunteer at the Helensburgh Salvos Store.

Toby M, Year 8 made Easter bunny pots, vases, cards and puzzles for his stall to raise money to save our wild life

These students and former student exemplify initiative, kindness, commitment, passion and concern for people and animals. We are very proud of you.



SHAPE 2024

Jessica H, Year 12 2023, was one of a select group of 40 HSC students to have their major projects from Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, and Textiles and Design exhibited at SHAPE.

On Monday 18 March, the opening of the SHAPE exhibition was celebrated at an event held at Pier 2/3, Walsh Bay Arts Precinct. The exhibition is open until 17 May.

Congratulations Jessica, we are very proud of your achievement and wish you all the best for your architectural studies. Thank you to Mr Tsaccounis for guiding and supporting all our Industrial Technology Graphics students.



HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

All students in NSW need to reach a level of functional literacy and numeracy to be awarded the HSC.

Students need to achieve Level 3 or 4 in short online numeracy, reading and writing tests of skills for everyday life to meet the HSC minimum standard.

Students can sit the numeracy, reading or writing test from Year 10 up until they reach the HSC minimum standard for that test. There are multiple opportunities to sit the tests in Years 10, 11 and 12.

If you plan to leave school before completing the HSC, you can arrange to take the minimum standard tests to demonstrate your level of literacy and numeracy.

If a student has fulfilled all their HSC requirements except for the minimum standard of literacy and/or numeracy, they can sit the test for up to 5 years after commencing their first HSC course.

Our Year 10 students have been sitting their Reading, Writing and Numeracy Minimum Standards test in Week 9. Congratulations to all our students who have been successful getting through these tests with flying colours.



HIGH SCHOOL FOR A DAY

On 4 April we welcomed Year 6 Students from Heathcote Public School to experience High School for a day.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SERVICE

This week we celebrated a combined 70 years of service in public education for Mrs Noble (40 years) and Mr Katehos (30 years).

Thank you for your dedicated years of service, professionalism, and your outstanding contribution to public education and the lives of young people. Congratulations on your outstanding career milestones.



YEAR 12 HALF WAY MARK

On Wednesday, Year 12 is marking half-time in their HSC year with sports-themed celebrations. Consistency and putting in your best effort is the key to achieving your personal best.

A NEW INITIATIVE FROM THE MATHS FACULTY

In the week prior to Years 7 to 10 maths assessments, members of the Maths Faculty were on hand every recess and lunch to provide help to students for the upcoming maths tests.

YOUTH CHAT



On Thursday evening 11 April, Maryanne Stewart, Member for Heathcote and Rose Jackson, Minister for Youth and Minister for Mental Health will be holding a Youth Chat.

The parliamentarians want to hear first-hand from young people about their challenges and what they would like to see governments do to address them.

Heathcote High School will be hosting the evening and our Hospitality Students will be providing a light supper.

TERM 2 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Across NSW, the Term 2 school development day on April 29 will focus on curriculum implementation. This is part of the most comprehensive curriculum reform in NSW in three decades. The new curriculum will give students more time to focus on key learning areas so that they can acquire a deeper understanding of central concepts and provide them with the skills and knowledge to succeed in an ever changing world.

This year we have commenced implementation of new 7-10 English and Mathematics syllabuses with Years 7 and 9. Years 8 and 9 will be implemented in 2025. Also in 2024, we have implemented the new 11-12 Geography syllabus for Year 11 students and this will be examined in the 2025 HSC. New syllabuses will be progressively developed and implemented for all subjects by 2030.

You may be wondering 'what is the difference between syllabus and curriculum?' A syllabus is a mandated document produced by NESA to inform teachers of what they're required to teach students and why. After receiving the syllabus from NESA, schools then use this to develop the curriculum.

The curriculum is a plan for learning that every school develops for each key learning area. It includes all relevant syllabuses, departmental policies and procedures, school priorities, how the content is planned to be taught, teaching and learning advice, assessment resources, and materials including scope and sequences, units of work, standards, and work samples.

Curriculum implementation is a complex and ongoing process. Effective curriculum implementation drives student growth and attainment, and school improvement. It is worthy of a full school development day focus, but I can assure you we continuously focus on curriculum implementation in faculty and whole-school meetings and it is at the heart of our school planning.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Have a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing students back for Term 2 on Tuesday 30 April.

Steve Waser
Principal

SPORT

Rugby League Nines

On Wednesday 27 March, our under 14 and under 16 rugby league teams competed in the inaugural Rugby League 9s at Sutherland.

The game is played with nine players instead of 13 in the traditional game. There are two 9-minute halves with a 2-minute interval, unlimited substitutions, conversions by drop-kick, and scrums with no more than 5 forwards, to name a few of the rules.

The 14s fought hard all day and showed some grit and immense talent. They beat Cronulla 2 with relative ease, beat a much larger Belmore Boys, and unfortunately lost to Engadine in the last play of the game to knock them out of final contention.



The 16s entered the grand final ranked number 1. They easily accounted for Kingsgrove 25-4 and Peakhurst 13-0 and then dominated their local rivals Engadine High 13-0. The 16s played Cronulla in the grand final which turned out to be a grinding match with Heathcote coming out on top 9-8. They excelled in every area of the game and the players never gave up and shone through in the end.

Well done to all players, the future is looking bright at Heathcote High.

Open Boys Touch Football

Great work by the Open Boys Touch Football team, coached by Mr Hearnden, against a highly-favoured Engadine High team on 26 March.

The boys played with a great level of commitment in the local derby but were eventually beaten 5-8.

Good luck to Engadine High School in the next round of the knockout.

Boys U15 Football - Bill Turner Cup

Congratulations to our U15 Boys Football team who won a sensational game against The Jannali High School in round 1 of the Bill Turner Cup. Heathcote won 2-1 in extra time with goals to Kai T and Jenson M.

We couldn't be prouder of our boys, who played with sportsmanship and teamwork to golden goal victory in front of an ecstatic home crowd. Congratulations to the team and their coach Mr Valentino on this impressive win.



Open Girls Touch Football – Phil Stewart Memorial Shield

The Open Girls Touch team won their round 2 match against Inner Sydney High School 12-1.

The round 3 match was against Lucas Heights Community School. HHS won 10-0.

Well done to the team and coach Miss Mercer and best of luck for the semi-finals next term against the winners of Matraville Sports HS and South Sydney HS.

Open Girls Football

The team coached by Mr Hearnden won their round 3 match against Marrickville High 2- 0.

Open Boys Volley Ball

The team coached by Mr Bass won their round 1 match against Cronulla High 2-1.

Open Boys Rugby League – University Shield

There was great excitement at school on Wednesday 10 April when Heathcote played Marrickville High in round 1 of the University Shield.

It was a free-flowing game with all players working together leading to some spectacular tries. Heathcote won 64-8 and will meet Cronulla High School in round 2.

Thank you to Mr Sargent who stepped in as coach and to Mr Hearnden, Mr Bass and Adrian Sandy for your help and to Luke W and former student Jordan W for being touch judges.



Other Knockout Competitions

Boys Cricket – Alan Davidson Shield. Heathcote High lost in round 2 to Kirrawee High.

Girls U15 Football – Bill Turner Trophy. Heathcote High lost in round 1 to Shire Christian School 5-3.

Open Boys Football –lost in round 1 to Engadine High School 2-0.

Open Girls Netball – lost to Lucas Heights Community School 60-34.

Open Girls Volleyball – lost to Newtown Performing Arts High School 2-1.

Boys U15 AFL – Lost to Sydney Secondary College.

Congratulations to all our sporting teams. Win or lose, you have demonstrated team spirit and maximum effort. Your hard work is noticed and we are proud of your fair play.

NSW Girls U15 Oztag Team

Congratulations to Rhianna K, Year 10 on being selected to NSW Girls U15 Oztag team. The team will play against Queensland in the State of Origin in September.



Tarsha Gale Cup

Congratulations to Brydie K (five-eighth) and Chyna H (centre), Year 12 who played their last game of the 2024 season of the Tarsha Gale Cup for St George Dragons on Saturday 30 March.

The Tarsha Gale Cup is an elite under 18s Women's rugby league competition in NSW and ACT and was named after a pioneer of the sport and former captain of Australia, Tarsha Gale. It is recognised as a pathway to the NSWRL Women's Premiership.



School Athletics Carnival

The School Athletic Carnival will be held on Friday 3 May at Sylvannia Waters Athletic Track.

School Cross Country

The School Cross Country was to be held on Friday 5 April but was postponed due to inclement weather and will now be held on Friday 10 May.

Miss Turner

Sports Organiser

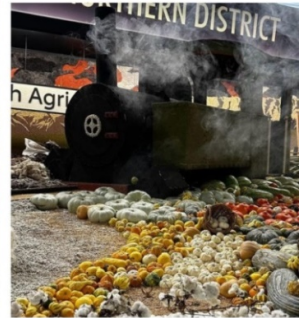
EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS

Year 10 Food Technology – Royal Easter Show

Year 10 Food Technology students attended the Royal Easter Show on 25 March.

Students gained an insight into the agriculture and food industry in Australia which included experiences of grinding wheat for pastry making and the breeding of chickens.

Students had a great day and got to see the amazing “Paddock to Plate” produce we get to eat every day.



Year 10 Marine Studies – Rock Platform Fieldwork at Bonnie Vale

Year 10 Marine Studies students had a great day out exploring the rock platforms and sand dune ecosystems that they had been learning about in class this term. This was part of their fieldwork assessment task for this unit. Thankfully Audley Weir reopened and the heavy clouds stayed away for us.



Year 9 Marine – Cronulla Beach

Year 12 SLR – Bronze Medallion Course

Year 11 Geography – Fieldwork Minnamurra River

The Illawarra Environmental Education Centre hosted and immersed our Year 11 Geography students in a highly educational fieldwork experience. Students explored how the natural processes, cycles, and circulations shape the land and water cover at Minnamurra River.



Year 7 – Fairytale Code Cracker

On the last day of term, all of Year 7 will be taking part in a Fairytale code cracker (mini event). Students will be placed in groups of 6 and complete 7 puzzles to try and reveal the secret name.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Running Club

The HHS Running Club meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am. It is a fun way to improve your fitness and get to know students across all years.

At the meet before the Easter break, after an excellent run, the students participated in an energetic form of an Easter egg hunt.



If you are interested in joining the Running Club, please see Mr Barnes in the HSIE staffroom for details.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Our Year 9 and 10 Duke of Edinburgh students have been working hard in preparation of their upcoming bush walks.

So far, students have completed a 'long' training walk which tested their ability to travel at a steady pace for an extended period and a 'heavy' walk where they practised carrying the weight of a camping bag.

Students have had a great time so far and demonstrated the determination, motivation and teamwork required to succeed in their future walks.



Sustainability Team - Youth Climate and Biodiversity Forum

On Friday 5 April, eight members of the Sustainability Team and Mr Batcheldor attended the Youth Climate and Biodiversity Forum facilitated by Sutherland Shire Council and the NSW UN Youth Australia Branch at Cronulla RSL.

The students participated in leadership workshops, listened to guest speakers and exchanged ideas and experiences with students from other schools across the Sutherland Shire.

It was wonderful to hear students' ideas and actions they are taking on the important issues of climate change, biodiversity and other environmental concerns in our community and beyond.

Art Club

Art Club is held at Recess in D2 on Tuesdays in Week A and Wednesdays in Week B. The current project is to design and paint the backdrops for HHS's production 'Treasure Island'. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please see Miss Bell.

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE



On Wednesday 10 April we held the World's Greatest Shave.

Students and staff stepped up to **Shave. Cut. Colour.** to raise much needed funds to research blood cancers and provide desperately needed assistance and support to families affected by blood cancer. We also held a mufti day for the cause.

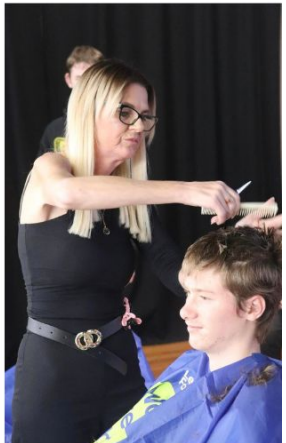
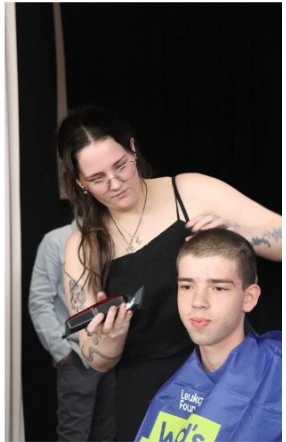
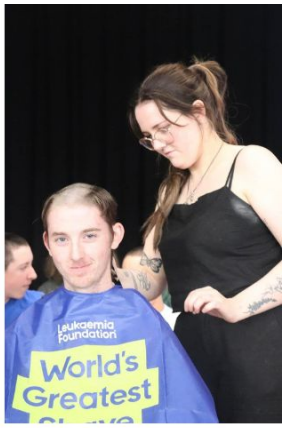
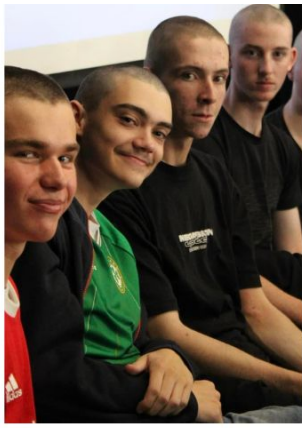
Thanks to our generous school community, to date we have raised over \$14,500.

Thank you to the SRC for organising the event, uniting our school community for a great cause and raising awareness of blood cancers.

Special mention to our fantastic volunteer hairdressers, Taliah-Rose Good, Joanne Beards, and Katie Bowron, who generously donated their time and skills to make the event possible, the event organiser, Maddie B, Miss Roberts, SRC Coordinator and Julia H, compere.

There is still time to donate. If you have missed out and want to support the cause, you can do so by clicking on the link below.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=144768&langPref=en-CA>





UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 30 April (Tuesday): | Students commence Term 2 |
| 3 May (Friday): | School Athletics Carnival |
| 6-10 May (Mon-Fri): | Hospitality Work Placement |
| 9 May (Thursday): | Year 12 Career Expo |
| 10 May (Friday): | School Cross Country Carnival |
| 15-17 May (Wed-Fri): | Year 7 Camp |