



Zest



Social
Intelligence



Self-Control



Curiosity



Optimism



Gratitude



Grit

Leadership Report / Weekly Roundup

THE MAN CAVE & FLOURISH GIRL

For the past couple of years, we have been fortunate enough to have the lads from The Man Cave and the girls from Flourish Girl come to the College to take wellbeing sessions with the Year 7-12 boys and girls respectively.

This year we have a full day of activities with The Man Cave at The Oasis and Flourish Girl here at school, next **Thursday 17th March**. Students are to wear casual clothing and lunch will be provided on the day.

We are thankful for the support of The Parents and Friends Association who have provided ongoing financial support for these programs.

A letter, links and a handout have gone home with each student this week that outline the program.



THE YEAR 10 JOB CAMP

This week the Year 10 students were involved in The Job Camp. This is an on-site program that provides students with training in Responsible Serving of Alcohol, Safe Food Handling, Barista and café skills. The presenter was very impressed with the way the students conducted themselves over the three days. The staff were also very happy to be the recipients of a multitude of test beverages over the time!



Calendar

March

Week 7

Mon 14th Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)

Thu 17th The Man Cave and Flourish Girl (7-12)

Fri 18th GWR Swim (Snr)

Week 8

Tue 21st Virtual AFL Camp session

Fri 25th Photo Day

Week 9

Mon 28th Immunisations (7-8)

Tue 29th Senior Athletics (7-12)

April

Week 10

Fri 8th Last Day of Term

Term 2

Week 1

Mon 25th ANZAC Day (No School)

Tue 26th Term 2 begins

Fri 29th SM Cross Country (P-6)

May

Week 2

Tue 3rd P-12 Cross Country

Thur 5th Little Desert Athletics (7-12)

Upcoming Meetings

School Council - Wednesday
23rd March, time TBC
(Extraordinary Meeting - building works)

Parents Club - Tuesday 15th
March, 10am

Leadership Report and Weekly Roundup continued...

BUILDING WORKS - UPDATE #4 2022

This week we had another building works meeting where we discussed the timeline and potential landscaping ideas.



We also held a special student forum on the plans. This was attended by 17 students who had a plethora of questions and ideas. The topics discussed ranged from swimming pools, paint colours and furniture ideas, to how the school would run during the works. It was pleasing to see so many students interested in the process.

The architects will be on-site Thursday 24th March for staff and student meetings and workshops. The night before they will make a presentation to the School Council.

COVID UPDATE

Thanks to all members of the school community who are being vigilant with masks and RAT tests. If you need some more tests please contact the school or text 0428951198. The school has also received a supply of N95 masks which we are encouraging staff and students to wear for extra protection.



WELLBEING ACTION TEAM

We have another volunteer for the Wellbeing Action Team. The students and staff members just need to be finalised and then we should be able to hold our first meeting (most likely early term 2).



Thanks again to the commitment of those parents who have volunteered to be part of this committee. A full list of members will be in next week's newsletter.

Student Voice, Agency and Leadership (SVAL)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SRC: Wed 16th Mar

JR SRC:

STUDENT FORUM:

FUNDRAISING: TBA



Fundraising: This week there was a joint junior and senior SRC meeting to discuss fundraising activities and casual days. Stay tuned for more information once dates have been finalised.

Junior SRC: The Junior SRC are selling icy poles at lunchtime on Wednesdays and Fridays.
Icy poles are 50c each.

Book Club Orders

Please return all Book Club orders to
Mrs Huff by

Friday 18th March

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

Junior School Talk Time

The "Talk Time" topic in the Junior school for weeks 6 & 7 is:

Share a time you were really brave



Work Experience

From Nicole Leach

The Work Experience program for Year 10 students involves at least 2 placements during the year.

One week-long placement will take place during Term 3 (date to be confirmed). There is an expectation that students will undertake another placement during one week of their holidays. This can be during any holiday period of your choice apart from the Christmas break.

We also encourage Year 11 students to undertake a Work Experience placement during the year, ideally during their holidays. COVID restrictions have meant that current Year 11 students have not had the opportunity to do this yet and it is a really important part of helping them decide on pathways for the future.

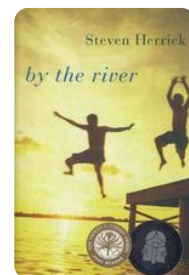
The Work Experience placement can be undertaken anywhere in Victoria that is convenient for you. You need to consider where the students can stay, such as with family or friends, or the placement can be undertaken more locally if necessary.

If you have any questions or comments about this program, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at the College. I look forward to some rewarding experiences for our students.



Showcasing Student Writing

Please enjoy some more wonderful poetry from our talented Year 8/9 English class.



Directions

You walk out and look at the long dead grass with a snake or two.

You get to the end of the cracked footpath and see an old, rusty gate.

You turn right on the empty path.

You walk avoiding all the cracks on the path because you don't want your mum with a broken back.

You're jumping side by side,
you finally reach the end.

You are surrounded by trees trying not to climb one because you don't have time.

You turn right again, trying your hardest not to slip on the loose rocks that lie across the dirt track.

If you manage to pass that you turn left to see the old bumpy road and cross it making sure no one is coming. If you don't get hit you will see a purple table and chairs surrounded by trees.

If you do see it then you have made it to the bus stop.

If you don't, you are lost and going to die in the empty, small town called Yaapeet.

By Breanna Francis

What's been going on around our school?

Showcasing Student Writing



The Colours of My Town

Green: The hard-working tractors
having a short shady break in the shed,
The luscious green grass,
freshly mowed.
The crop emerging after a big rain.

Yellow: The bright sun coming over the
colourful horizon.

The bright sun coming through the slight
opening in my tall window and waking me up.
The crunchy yellow straw falling as I walk to the truck.

Brown: The dirt turning into crops when
the big air seeder comes through.
The raising dust when the ute
goes flying past.

Blue: The sky as blue as the ocean,
but soon to be dark.
The water after putting out the cracking fire.

White: The old ute trying to start,
after a long wait in the big shed.
The lambs once white but not for long.

Black: The old rusty tractor
been sitting in the ancient shed
finally starting up and
the black smoke puffing out
the rusty exhaust.

By Caleb Tregenza



Before mother died

I sit outside
mums' hospital room

Waiting for
dad to come out

I sit there for
what feels like forever

Only feeling
hate and sadness

Having
dreadful thoughts like

"Why did you
leave us?"

Tears
started falling down my face

I curl up
into a ball dozing off to sleep

Only to find
myself waking up next to mum

She looked
pale her hands no longer warm

The nurses
come in and, in that moment,

We knew that
she has passed away

I say my
goodbyes before getting in the car

We drive off
leaving our mum behind

The kindness
and softness of our family gone

But not
forgotten.

By Chantelle Muggeridge

What's been going on around our school?

Showcasing Student Writing

We wait in silence...

We take our seats in the front row.
I can tell Keith's not happy.

We wait in silence
for dad as he wanders down
the aisle with a tear in his eye.

I look at mum's purple dress
ahead trying to keep the tears at bay.
In that dress her blue eyes sparkled
and love she had for dad, Keith and I.

The songs start
my brain flooded with memories.
Next the minister goes on
with the ceremony.

I was doing great until
he says "you will be missed."
Keith teared up and I
couldn't hold it back.

Dad got up and said his goodbyes.
It was a good moment
to be mum's son knowing
she still loved us.
We will always be one,
mum and her boys.

Aunt Alice got up and the
memories they must
have had together.
I felt terrible for Aunt Alice.

Next thing Wayne
yells out "bad luck Hodbys."
That hurt me more
than anything that day.

We follow the hearse back.
Then I just had to go
I couldn't handle it.
The last of mum I remember.

By Will Fisher

My White Cross

In 1962,
I was thirteen,
heading to my favourite place,
when it started pouring rain,
sending the flood our way.

Soon enough,
I started to see
fridges, tyres,
and bikes float downstream.

I started to walk back,
drenched in water.
Until I got pulled into the creek.

After that,
I watched from above
as a group of boys,
searched the creek for me.

Eventually,
two boys fishing found me,
jammed under logs.
My body,
full of creek water,
weeds,
and thirteen years of memories.

I never see anyone visit Pearce Swamp.
It's always just me
and sometimes,
Harry Hodby or Johnny Barlow
that visit my white cross.

I miss playing games with Johnny.
I miss reading my stories to Harry.
I miss them sometimes.

By Sally Smith



What's been going on around our school?

Little Desert and Black Ranges Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Inara, Harry, Addison, Pippa, Annika and Evan who competed in the Little Desert and Black Ranges Swimming Carnival at Horsham on Friday 4th March.

Results

Inara: 13th in freestyle, 7th in backstroke and 3rd in a mixed cluster relay

Harry: 17th in freestyle

Addison: 17th in backstroke

Annika: 11th in breaststroke and 9th in backstroke

Pippa: 4th in breaststroke

Evan: 9th in backstroke

Many thanks to the parents who transported the students and supported them throughout the day.

Comments from the students

Inara – It was very tiring but a lot of fun.

Harry – It was my very first time and it was fun, but tiring

Annika – It was a fun experience and I enjoyed competing.

Evan – The day was hard but very enjoyable.



Harry, Addison, Pippa, Inara, Annika and Evan

Cooking

The Grade 2/3 class made delicious dips in their foods class this week.



Sadie, Lane and Millie preparing corn chips



Kolby and Tyler preparing their dip



Students safely practicing their knife skills

Mathematics

Miss Newton's grade 4/5 class have been learning how to collect data and create graphs.



Miss Newton giving some assistance



Edison and Ava working on their graphs

What's been going on around our school?

Amazing Art Adventures

Thanks to Chantelle Petschel for helping the class with their scrapbook projects this week.



Choni demonstrating to Annika and Amaya how to use the cricut machine to make headings



Chantelle displaying her scrapbook page



Nekeisha, Lilly and Phoebe sorting their trimmings

Agriculture

The Agriculture students this week were dissecting single and compound flowers to see the parts of the reproductive system relating back to wheat, barley and canola production.



Evan and James dissecting flowers



Maggie happy with her results



Baxter taking care with his experiment



Caleb and James share their findings from the experiment

Fishing

The Fishing class have been busy researching different types of fishing



Archer (above), Kane and Jasper (below) learning the theory behind various fishing styles





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Dear parents and carers

The Victorian Department of Health is seeking parent and carer views in relation to COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 5 to 11.

The Department of Health recognises that there are many reasons that influence parent or carer decisions regarding vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11.

COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 5 to 11 is voluntary. By completing the survey, you will help the Department of Health to:

- understand the range of perspectives on vaccination
- design useful resources on COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination services for parents and carers.

Who should complete the survey?

The survey is designed for parents or carers of children aged 5 to 11 years old in Victoria. All people whose children aged 5 to 11 have and have not yet been vaccinated against COVID-19 are encouraged to complete the survey.

What is involved?

The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete. Please click on the [link](#) to complete the online survey. Translated surveys are available. The survey closes at **5pm AEDST Thursday 17 March 2022**.

How will the information I provide be used?

Your response to the survey is confidential and will remain anonymous. No identifiable responses will be shared with your child/ren's school or any other party.

We will summarise survey results. Victorian Government departments will use this summary to inform COVID-19 vaccination program planning and improvements. We may also use summary level data for presentations and reports / publications.

Further information about how the Department of Health handles your personal information is set out in Department of Health's [Privacy Statement](#).

What if I need help completing the survey?

Please call 03 8850 7293 if you need help on completing the survey or technical support.

Thank you for your support.

Yours Sincerely

Department of Health



Positive Start in 2022: FREE holiday camps

Dear parents and carers

During the past 2 years, the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that many students have missed out on the opportunity to experience outdoor activities in an organised, social and supportive environment.

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all children and young people, and is offering the chance for eligible students to attend a free camp program as part of the Positive Start in 2022 initiative, during the 2022 school holiday periods.

Free camps for eligible students

Camps are a great way for young people to build confidence, experience new activities, learn leadership skills, connect socially and make new friends.

Holiday camp programs can range from single overnight experiences to spending several nights away.

While on camp, your child may enjoy a range of social and adventure activities which could include team challenges, bush walks, orienteering, hut building, cooking, bush walks, painting with nature, rope courses, abseiling and canoeing. Camp providers will make every effort to ensure they are accessible to all students and will list their facilities and supports available on the Positive Start website.

Express your interest today

Places are limited, so if you are interested in this opportunity for your child or children, register your interest as soon as possible. Registrations close Friday 25 March 2022.

For further information, including how to register, visit:
<https://vacsddata.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>
or scan the QR code.



Please also refer to the Holiday Camp Information below.

Once you register your interest, the Department of Education and Training will send you more information about available programs and how you can secure a booking.

Find out more

For further enquiries about the Positive Start holiday camps or to register your interest, contact positivestart@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards

Stephen Fraser
Deputy Secretary
School Education Programs and Support
Department of Education and Training

HOLIDAY CAMP INFORMATION

Which students are eligible for free holiday camps?

Students who meet one or more of the following criteria are eligible to attend a free holiday camp:

- attend a school that experienced closures of 5 days or more due to COVID-19 in 2021
- have an approved [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#) application for 2022
- have a parent who holds a valid means-tested concession card (for example a Health Care Card, Job Seeker, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension)
- are in out-of-home care (temporary or permanent)
- have a disability
- are from a refugee background
- are indigenous students
- are in the [Navigator program](#).

When are the holiday camps?

The holiday camps will run in the 2022 school holidays — Term 1 (April), Term 2 (June/July) and Term 3 (September) 2022.

How much does it cost?

These camps are completely free of charge to eligible families. It will not cost you anything for your child to attend the camp. Most of the camps can organise transport from central locations however, for some camps, parents may need to provide transport for their child. Specific information regarding transport will be supplied by the individual camp providers.

How old does my child need to be?

Students in years 3 to 12 from the start of 2022 school year can attend holiday camp programs.

Will my child get to go with their friends?

Your child may be able to go on camp with their friends if they book to go to the same camp and there are places available. However, please note that your child's friends may not be eligible for the Positive Start free holiday camp funding. Only eligible families may book through Positive Start. Remember, your child will also have the chance to make new friends and build relationships with students from other schools.

What types of camps are there?

There will be a list of camps from which that you can choose. Each camp will have a brief description including where it is, the length of the camp (number of days), the dates it is running, how to get there; as well as a list of activities to help you decide which camp would best suit your child.

What general safety measures are in place to ensure camps are safe for students?

Camp facilities and sites are reviewed each year and are accredited by an independent national accreditation scheme to ensure they meet best practice standards and that all students receive the best care. All camp activities are compliant with national safety standards. All staff members have working with children checks and undergo a thorough induction and checking process as part of working with the camp.

What COVIDSafe strategies are in place at camps?

All Positive Start in 2022 camps must put into place a CovidSafe plan that aligns with Department of Health and Department of Education and Training advice. This includes operating under up-to-date CovidSafe practices such as appropriate cleaning, activity design, food service and accommodation density and layouts.

How do I register my interest?

It's easy to register your interest. Simply go to the link below or scan the QR code on the right and complete the registration details. Once you have provided your email address, the Positive Start team will be in touch with more information.

<https://vacsddata.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>

What happens next?

Within two weeks of registering your child's interest, you will be provided with more information including a list of available holiday camps and how to book.

If you need further information about the free holiday camps before you feel comfortable to register your interest please visit the

www.vic.gov.au/positivestart



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COVID-19

CHILDREN'S VACCINATION CLINIC

Nhill Community Centre
77-79 Nelson St, Nhill

Monday 21 March
Tuesday 22 March
Wednesday 23 March

4pm to 8pm



Book Your Appointment Today!

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines are available for children aged 5 to 11 years.

Vaccinations are by appointment only.
Please reserve your spot by phoning:

(03) 5363 2201

We're all in this together.
Roll up your sleeve.



WEST WIMMERA
HEALTH SERVICE

at headspace horsham, we understand the importance of feeling connected to others and having positive things to look forward to.

healthy relationships are important for our mental health and wellbeing. they can boost our energy, improve our sense of belonging, help us to relax and help us feel supported.

planning a catch-up, joining a club or participating in a safe online community can help you feel connected and to meet new people.

doing things you enjoy can help you to keep a healthy headspace.

here are some of the programs we run at headspace horsham!

mar chats

Led by clinicians, these chats bring young people, friends and family together and explore topics that are important to the community.

Challenging negative thoughts
[Tuesday 1 March 7-8pm AEDT](#)

Recognising early warning signs
[Thursday 10 March, 7-8pm AEDT](#)

Keeping secrets
[Sunday 20 March 7-8pm AEDT](#)

Setting up healthy work & study habits
[Wednesday 23 March 7-8pm AEDT](#)

Living in poverty
[Tuesday 29 March 7-8pm AEDT](#)

Check out and register for the chats by scanning the QR code below.



YA Book Club Sessions

Date	Time	Book
Wednesday 30/03	4pm-5pm	'Tomorrow, When the War Began' by John Marsden
Wednesday 27/04	4pm-5pm	'The Fault in Our Stars' by John Green
Wednesday 25/05	4pm-5pm	'Heartstopper' by Alice Oseman
Wednesday 29/06	4pm-5pm	'The Maze Runner' by James Dashner
Wednesday 27/07	4pm-5pm	'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusack



things to know

- Horsham Fishing Competition is back on March 12th to 14th along the Wimmera River. This year there is over \$60,000 worth of prizes to win. To register use the following website www.horshamfishingcomp.com.au
- On the 19th & 20th of March the Wimmera yard dog trials will be held at the Horsham Show grounds by the Horsham Agricultural Society.
- Horsham Autumn Horse Show is held at the Horsham Show grounds on Sunday March 27th at 9am. \$5 entry.
- looking for work or study opportunities? check out the wimmera southern mallee LLEN school jobs board at <https://bit.ly/34hZmsS>
- Love sweet cuddly kittens? Then you should check out the Cats Cafe on March 26th at the Russell Hall at the Maydale Reserve between 1pm till 5pm. There will be kitten cuddles, cuppas & treat, and lucky dip prizes.

more stuff!

- Horsham Rural City Council is partnering

with local fitness and wellbeing providers to deliver free sessions at Sawyer Park on Saturday mornings. Starting from 9am, no registrations necessary.

- Saturday March 12: Yoga with Planet Feelgood
 - Saturday March 19: Core training with Planet Feelgood
 - Saturday March 26: Yoga and core training with Planet Feelgood
- Hindmarsh Shire Council have two great upcoming events!

- Friday 18th March The Level Up team will be at the Jeparit Hall to host an epic night of gaming from 5-9pm! There will be Mario-Kart competitions, VR, nostalgic games and much more. There will be a free dinner and transport from Rainbow, Dimboola and Nhill. To register <https://bit.ly/3pIPIMJ>
- Screening of Uncharted at the Nhill Cinema Thursday 7th of April at 7:30pm. To find out more, call 03 5391 4444

Youth Reference Group

15-25 Y/O



The Youth Reference Group are Looking for New Members

Responsibilities and Benefits

- Support local headspace activities.
- Participate in meetings and be involved in the planning and the delivering in programs and events.
 - Act as a representative of headspace Horsham.
- Maintain regular contact with the group.
- Meet other young people passionate about youth mental health.
- Gain experience that can be added to resumes and create future opportunities.
- Receive training in mental health, alcohol and other drugs, media and other skills.
 - Become a community advocate for youth mental health.
- Develop a range of skills including working in groups, fundraising projects and independence.