



THE PULSE



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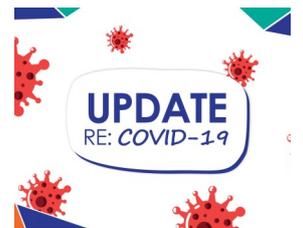
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of a new term. It has been lovely to hear the students share their holiday experiences with one another this week. We have many exciting activities and programs planned for this term including Art Alive, SRC Colour Run, Book Week, Music Festival, and a Gymnastics program.



Covid-19 Update

The Victorian Government has decided to continue the provision of Rapid Antigen Tests to schools during Term 3 and 4. Parents and carers can request RATs from our school when needed as there is no longer the requirement for weekly/daily testing of students and staff. We will continue to notify parents/guardians/carers when a diagnosed or probable COVID-19 case attended the school during their infectious period, and ask that you monitor your child/children for symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Senior Football Clinic

Next Tuesday 19 July, our senior students are participating in an AFL Football Clinic at school. Please make sure students wear sports uniform.



Music Festival 2023

A note was sent home earlier this week in regards to the Music Festival next month. If your child would like to represent our school, could you please return the note back to the front office by tomorrow 15th of July.

Employment Opportunities - Classroom Teacher 2023

Enquiries regarding the position should be directed to our Principal, Tara Pritchard tpritchard@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au and the position is advertised on www.teachersonnet.com.au



Playgroup

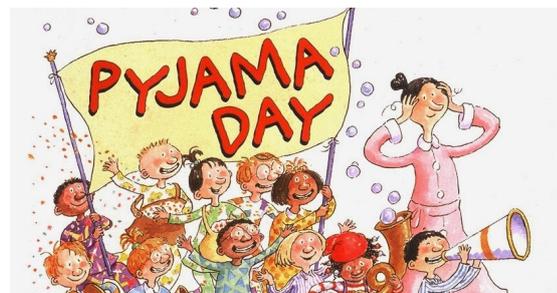
Our Playgroup resumed this week and runs every Wednesday and Thursday morning 9.00-11.00am. For more information, please contact our front office on 5523 3833, Facebook page or our Playgroup Coordinator, Mrs Jess Cook jessmarycook@outlook.com



SRC News...

Next Friday, 22nd of July, the SRC are holding a Pyjama dress up day. Students are invited to come to school in their Pyjama clothes for a gold coin donation.

Next week a parent note will be sent home to all families outlining the SRC fundraiser that's happening later this term.



Child Safety..

When is the right age to give your child a smart phone, tablet or other internet connected device? It is a tricky question, and in an increasingly internet-dependent world, the 'right' answer seems to be getting younger every year. According to the Trend Micro Australian Children & Mobile Device Survey, close to half of 3–7-year-olds use their parent's device and a third of 8-11-year olds have one of their own. For parents, when to get your child a device of their own is an important decision. An internet connected smart phone or tablet can be extremely helpful for your child and even a great tool in keeping them safe from threats when you are not around. On the other side of the coin, leaving a child alone with a portable device, internet connected camera, and access to social platforms full of strangers can lead to some dire consequences. If you would like to take a look at the pros and cons, read the blog on the Internet Safety Education website <https://www.internetsafeeducation.com/blog/how-young-is-too-young-for-kids-to-own-their-own-device>

(Resource: Internetsafefamilies.com)





★ Student Awards ★

Term 2 Week 9—RECIPIENTS

Foundation

- ☆ Ezzianah Finch
- ☆ Lucas Pepi
- ☆ Callum Malcolm

Year 1/2

- ☆ Eva Prentice
- ☆ Dustin Hofmaier



Croc Award

Term 2 Week 9—RECIPIENTS

Year 3/4

- ☆ Ava Alexander
- ☆ Ruby Smith



Year 5/6

- ☆ Isabella Smith
- ☆ John Carrington

Story of the week

STORY OF THE WEEK

Read or view the video at

www.lca.org.au/sow



GOOD NEWS
story of the week



'Why I am giving up my bed'

CHURCH OF LUTHERAN COMMUNION
Love, serve, transform life

'Encourage one another...'
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Read your GOOD NEWS Story of the Week at www.lca.org.au/sow



Devotion...

In the eighth chapter of Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus warning his disciples to "watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees." (v 15). They immediately felt guilty because they had forgotten to bring food for their journey. Their response seems strange because in recent days they had seen two separate miracles by which Jesus fed large crowds, using only a few fish and bread loaves – a fact Jesus then pointed out to them in no uncertain terms. The concern most pressing for the disciples was not an issue for Jesus. His focus was elsewhere. When he had mentioned the "Yeast of the Pharisees" he was referring to hypocrisy (see Luke 11:1). This was evident in the Pharisees' teaching about God, contrasted by their refusal to look to him for direction and guidance. They taught dependence on God but behaved in ways that were completely self-sufficient.

We can learn two important things from this episode. Firstly, our worries are often futile. In this respect we can end up behaving like ignorant children, wasting our time worrying about matters that our Heavenly Father has already promised to handle. The Bible tells us in Philippians 4:7 not to be anxious about anything by changing our worries into prayers of faith. If God is for us, who or what can be against us? (Romans 8:31). The second thing we can learn from Jesus' talk with his disciples is that self-sufficiency is never helpful. We are at our best when we learn to stop relying on ourselves, and instead begin trusting God. "God helps those who help themselves" may be a common saying, but it is found nowhere in the Bible. On the contrary, Jesus told us, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mat 5:3). At the beginning of a new school term, let's make faith in Christ our highest priority.

Chaplain Jurgen

Chapel...

Our Chapel service for tomorrow has been organised by Chaplain Jurgen. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend. Here's a list of songs that will be played tomorrow:

- ◇ Wave Walker: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogmsXfAEXq0>
- ◇ One Way: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G689PIEXiXk>
- ◇ King of Me: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-38JEtbkKE>

Each week our Chapel offerings go towards our sponsor child Luis. Last week, **\$12.00** was collected and so far, this year, **\$497.25** has been generously received. Thank you for helping us bless Luis.

What's been happening...





What's coming up ...



OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Term 3 Week 2	18 JULY	19 JULY Football Clinic 3/4 & 5/6	20 JULY 9am-11am— Playgroup	21 JULY 9am—11am— Playgroup	22 JULY 9am—Chapel and Assembly	23/24 JULY
Term 3 Week 3	25 JULY	26 JULY	27 JULY 9am-11am— Playgroup	28 JULY 9am-11am— Playgroup	29 JULY 9am—Chapel and Assembly	30/31 JULY
Term 3 Week 4	1 AUGUST	2 AUGUST	3 AUGUST 9am-11am— Playgroup	4 AUGUST 9am-11am— Playgroup	5 AUGUST 9am—Chapel and Assembly	6/7 AUGUST
Term 3 Week 5	8 AUGUST	9 AUGUST	10 AUGUST 9am-11am— Playgroup	11 AUGUST 9am-11am— Playgroup	12 AUGUST 9am—Chapel and Assembly	13/14 AUGUST



Community Notices...



Heywood Consolidated School Contact Details:
Centre Phone: 0484 110 304
Centre Email: bigchildcare@bigchildcare.com
Monday - Friday 8:30-6:30 AM / 9:30-6:00 PM

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT O.S.H.C.?

Hello Families!

I hope everyone is excited for a well-deserved break over the Winter Holidays. I wanted to share a little bit about who we are.

At Big Child Care we believe in creating an environment where children feel safe, confident and secure in who they are as individuals. The activities we create are through the thoughts, interests and suggestions from your children. Each activity has a different skill focus or learning outcome to expand children knowledge.

With Holidays approaching fast we wanted as many new families as we can find to come and attend our beautiful Centre in Heywood. Get your enrolment form in today to secure a spot of fun!

This is the place for all Children!

Chloe and the team.

Reminders:

- Please make sure you sign in and out on the tablet at the sign in table.
- Limited spots for Holiday Care. We don't want anyone missing out!
- For enrolment forms contact Chloe and get your child in for the fun!
- **Reminder**, we do have a non-communication fee that can be applied any time when we are not notified of changes to your bookings; Like picking your child directly from school or if you drop them off without booking them in

Important Dates Term 1

- ❖ School Holidays 25th June-10th July Term 2



HOLIDAY CARE

HOLIDAY CARE – TERM 2

Make sure your Child/ren get in on all the fun!

We have our Winter School Holiday Program coming up very fast and we very excited to be doing this again! We all had so much fun last Holidays.

We have some awesome activities planned for each day so don't miss out on a spot for fun.

Contact Chloe on 0484 110 304 to secure a spot.

Have a look at the photos of what we did last Holidays. Musical chairs, egg painting, ninja masks, obstacle course and load more!



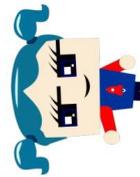
Hello Families!

Thank you for welcoming us into your school, we LOVE being here to offer our outside school hours care service!

It would be great to hear from you whether you have used our service or not, so if you could take the time to fill out this short survey, it should take you no longer than 1 minute, we would be extremely grateful!

Click or scan the QR below or visit surveyMonkey.com/r/bcc-hoc to take part.

Thank you in advance, we really appreciate your feedback and hope to see you around the school soon!



BEFORE CARE AFTER CARE HOLIDAY CARE