Heatherhill Highlights

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

TOILET UPGRADE

The newly upgraded student toilets opened on Monday, May 4, and generated a lot of excitement among students. Many were impressed by the modern design, with some even commenting that the facilities looked like they belonged in a restaurant. The positive response highlighted how much the students appreciated the improvements. Notably, the girls' toilets had not received a full upgrade since they were first installed in 1958, making these improvements especially significant. We would like to thank those parents who pay the parent contributions, as our school is not funded for toilet upgrades, and every dollar counts in ensuring our students have access to quality facilities.

Mother's Day

Wishing all mothers in our school community a great Mother's Day this weekend. We hope you enjoy the day, get a well-deserved break, and are spoiled by your children!

A special thank you to Ms Jan for organising the wonderful gifts that students were able to purchase for their mums. A special thank you to Mrs Mac for assisting with the gift wrapping. Your effort helped make Mother's Day even more meaningful for our school community.

For every hug and every smile,
For going the extra mile,
For gentle words and guiding hands,
For helping us to understand,
Today we thank you,
Happy Mother's Day to you, from all of us!

Foundation 2027 enrolments

From the start of term two in 2026, parents and carers are warmly invited to submit enrolment applications for 2027 Foundation students. If your child will turn five by April 30, 2027, they are eligible and need to be enrolled in Foundation. With the release of the 2027 school zones on the department's Find my School website and the publication of Foundation enrolment information packs, we look forward to supporting families through this important step. If you would like assistance with the enrolment process, please contact Ms Jan, the school's enrolment officer.

Pupil Free Day

Just a reminder: Monday, May 11, is pupil-free day. Teachers will be writing student reports on this day. We look forward to seeing the students return on Tuesday, May 12. Breakfast Club will be open from 7.45 am.

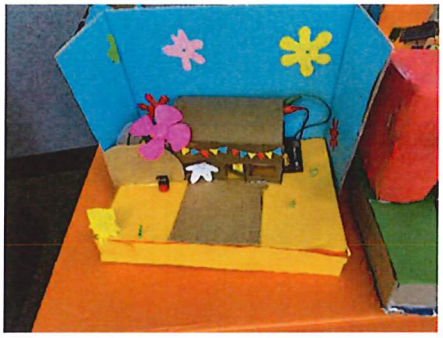
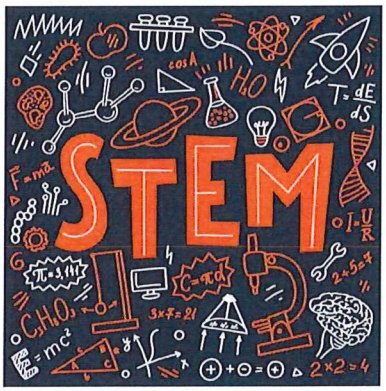
Amanda McLean
Principal

STEM News

Lighting Up Learning — Electrical Circuits in Senior School Science

Our Senior School students embarked on an exciting and hands-on Physical Science investigation into the world of electrical circuits. Working collaboratively in teams, students were challenged to apply their understanding of electricity in a real-world context by designing and constructing a model house powered by a functioning electrical circuit.

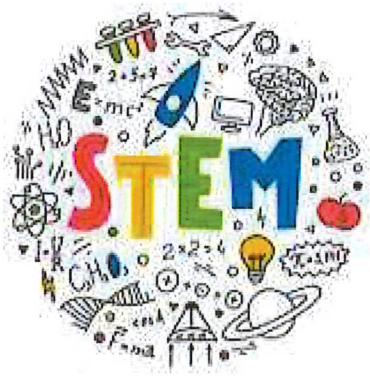
Using batteries, wires, and switches, each team successfully engineered their model to power both a light bulb and a fan, mirroring how electricity operates in a real home. The activity not only deepened students' understanding of how electrical energy is harnessed and controlled but also encouraged creative problem-solving, perseverance, and meaningful teamwork.

Forces, Flippers and Living Things — STEM in Middle School

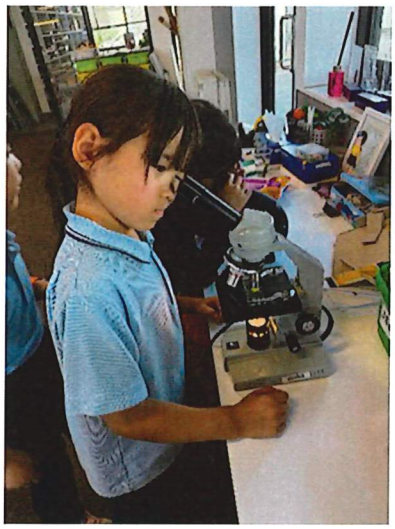
This term, our Middle School students have begun exploring Biological Sciences by investigating the differences between living things, once-living things, and products made from living things. Through hands-on activities, discussions, and classification tasks, students are developing their scientific observation skills and learning how materials and objects connect to the natural world.

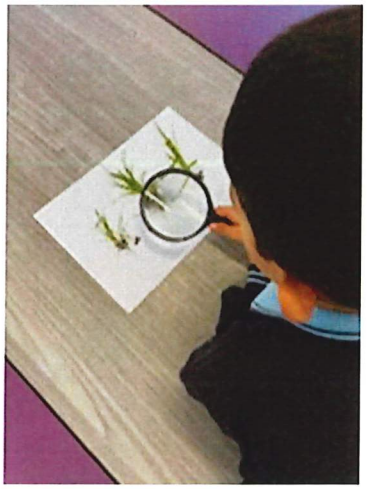
Students have also been proudly working on their cardboard pinball machines, culminating their learning from last term's Physical Sciences unit on forces. Throughout the design and construction process, students applied their understanding of pushes, pulls, gravity, friction, and contact forces, combined with their engineering skills, to create interactive games with moving components. It has been wonderful to see students demonstrate creativity, problem-solving, perseverance, and collaboration as they refined and tested their designs.



Growing Curious Minds — Plant Investigations in Junior School

This term, our Junior School scientists explored the wonderful world of plants, discovering how external features such as roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruit, and bulbs each play a vital role in a plant's survival. Students observed a variety of plants and seeds, using microscopes to identify leaf veins and examine flowering plants up close. They explored and described each plant's texture, shape, colour, and size, developing their observational skills and growing curiosity for the natural world.





Education Week 2026
'Showcase Your School!'

Heatherhill Primary School Open Afternoon
Wednesday, 20th of May 2026

Victorian schools will be celebrating Education Week 2026 from Monday 18 May to Friday 22 May. This year's theme is 'Showcase your school', encouraging school communities to celebrate what's great about their school.

There are many great things about Heatherhill Primary School, from our people to our school facilities, our learning programs and our supportive school community. It's all here at our school!

To celebrate Education Week, our school will be hosting an open afternoon. We welcome all parents and carers to visit any of the class sessions below on <u>Wednesday, 20th of May 2026 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.</u>

Open Afternoon Classes

- All the Junior School classes in their classrooms with their home-group teachers - JSA, JSB, JSC and JSD
- All the Senior School classes in their classrooms with their home-group teachers – SSA, SSB and SSC

***MSA – Italian in the Italian portable with Ms Maria Zaban**
***MSB – Physical Education starting in the hall with Mr Jason Cech**
***MSC – STEM in Building C's central foyer/the STEM learning space with Ms Emily Choo**

We look forward to seeing you at our school's open afternoon.
Heatherhill Primary School staff and students

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th May 2026	Student Free Day No School on this Day
Monday 18th May 2026 to Thursday 21st May 2026	Scholastic Book Fair 2026
Tuesday 26th May 2026	JS Excursion Moorabbin Airport
Wednesday 27th May 2026	School Photos 2026
Monday 8th June 2026	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 23rd June 2026	Parent/ Teacher Interviews 1:30 pm to 4:50 pm
Wednesday 24th June 2026	Parent/ Teacher Interviews 3:30 pm to 4:50 pm
Friday 26th June 2026	Last day of Term 2 Early Dismissal at 2.30 pm

HEATHERHILL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR STARS

Charley	JSD	Pauline	SSA	Desmond	SSA
Uriana	JSD	Ali	SSB	Eric	SSB
Jordan	JSD	Asia	SSA		

HOLIDAY SPORTING CHALLENGE WINNERS
TERM 1

JS: 1ST REACH JSA
R/U CAIA JSA

MS: 1ST QUIXIA MSB
R/U YANG MSA

SS: 1ST WILLIAM SSC
R/U AUSTIN SSB

AWARDS

Congratulations to the children who have received Awards

Perseverance

Kayden P	JSB
Joseph E	JSD
Nina N	SSA
Tobias F	JSA
Maison S	JSC
Austin B	SSB
Alvin P	MSB

Getting Along

Faraz H	JSD
Hwa Hwa A	SSA
Moliks D	JSD
Fathiya M	SSC

Organisation

Bella G	JSC
Hee Hee A	SSB

Confidence

Adam Z	JSA
Christian G	SSB
Diana H	JSC
Omairah Y	SSB

Resilience

Rannia R	MSA
Kyde L	JSC
My Quynh N	MSB

Doing Your Best

Ruiming C	MSB
Reinjella P	SSC
Chloe T	SSA
Fateh S	SSA
Desmond I	SSA
Mario C	SSA
Benjamin D	JSA
Josella L	SSC
Davita U	SSB

Trust

Rayyan Z	MSC