



Heatherhill Highlights

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR KIDS – HEATHERHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Allan Labor Government is focused on what matters most – real help for families to ease the cost-of-living. The Victorian Budget 2025/26 will make public transport free for everyone under 18, everywhere in Victoria. From January 1 2026, hundreds of thousands of families will save up to \$755 a year per child. It is a massive investment to put money back in the pockets of families who are doing it tough. A yearly student pass currently costs \$755. A family with three children using yearly student passes spends \$2,265 a year. A student without a yearly pass – who buys a daily fare four times a week – spends \$1,144 a year.

BOOK WEEK 2025

Children's Book Week is the CBCA's key highlight, a national event of the year. This year's celebration will run from Saturday, August 16, to Saturday, August 23. The 2025 theme is Book an Adventure!

The feature artist for the year, Jess McGeachin, has brilliantly captured this adventurous spirit in his artwork, which features a whimsical map filled with imaginary characters. Jess's illustration invites young readers to embark on fantastical journeys, inspiring them to travel through the worlds that books open up. As an award-winning Australian picture book illustrator, Jess's work encourages children to imagine, explore, and create their own adventures.



FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2026

If you have a child who will be five by April 30, 2026, please enrol now. If you know of a neighbour or friend in our zone who falls into that category, please remind them to enrol their child, too. Invitations for our Foundation transition program will be sent later in the year to all enrolled families.



CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

In complying with Child Safe Standard 9, an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

9.1 Staff and volunteers identify and mitigate risks in the online and physical environments without compromising a child's right to privacy, access to information, social connections and learning opportunities.

9.2 The online environment is used in accordance with the organisation's Code of Conduct and Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and practices.

9.3 Risk management plans consider risks posed by organisational setting, activities and the physical environment.

9.4 Organisations that contract facilities and services from third parties have procurement policies that ensure the safety of children and young people.

In complying with Child Safe Standard 10, an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

10.1 The organisation regularly reviews, evaluates and improves child safe practices.

10.2 Complaints, concerns and safety incidents are analysed to identify causes and systemic failures to inform continuous improvement.

10.3 The organisation reports on the findings of relevant reviews to staff and volunteers, community and families, and children and young people.

In complying with Child Safe Standard 11, an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

11.1 Policies and procedures address all Child Safe Standards.

11.2 Policies and procedures are documented and easy to understand.

11.3 Best practice models and stakeholder consultation inform the development of policies and procedures.

11.4 Leaders champion and model compliance with policies and procedures.

11.5 Staff and volunteers understand and implement policies and procedures.

Amanda McLean

Principal



SunSmart SCHOOLS – STUDENT WEARING OF HATS

Heatherhill Primary School is a SunSmart School. **From September 1 to May 29, all students must wear a sun-protective hat that shades the face, neck and ears for all outdoor activities.**

- Students wear a broad-brimmed or bucket hat school hat to protect their face, head, neck and ears when outdoors.
- Baseball or peaked caps and sun visors are not considered a suitable alternative, as they do not protect the ears, cheeks or neck.
- Students not wearing appropriate school uniform or hat will be asked to sit in our designated area under the oak tree to protect them from the sun.

Sun protective hats can be purchased from State School Relief in person at their store at 1/8 Johnston Court, Dandenong South or via their website: state.schoolsrelief.org.au

Book Week 2025

Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August 2025

This year for Book Week, we are raising money to help children in Yarrabah, a remote Indigenous community in Far North Queensland, where access to books and literacy resources is severely limited and the need is urgent.

Why Yarrabah?

- No public library in town
- Local schools lack a full library with age appropriate books
- Only 20% of students meet basic reading standards compared to 96% in major cities
- Low school attendance rates: 57% in Year 3 and 53% in Year 5. Low attendance is a major factor contributing to poor literacy outcomes
- Indigenous students in remote areas score 20–30% lower in literacy compared to non Indigenous peers

How can we help?

1) Book Week Dress Up Day: Thursday 21st August, 2025

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character for the whole day. Please bring a gold coin donation. All the money raised will bring the joy of reading to Indigenous children in remote communities like Yarrabah in Far North Queensland.

2) Book Sale: Wednesday 20th August, 2025

On this day we are having a book sale during Book Week to raise money for ROOP (Reading Out of Poverty). This is an organisation working closely to reduce the literacy gap in Australia.



IMPORTANT DATES

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| Monday 11th August to Thursday 14th August 2025 | Swimming |
| Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August 2025 | Book Week 2025 Book an Adventure |
| Friday 29th August 2025 | MS Excursion to Scienceworks |
| Monday 1st September to Wednesday 3rd September 2025 | SS Camp 2025 CYC Phillip Island Camp |
| Friday 19th September 2025 | Last Day of Term 3 School finishes 2.30pm |
| Monday 6th October 2025 | Term 4 School Starts at 9.00 am |

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of jumpers, jackets, hats and drink bottles in lost property located in the office.
If your child is missing any item of clothing please feel free to have a look at the lost property.

Office hours are 8.30am to 4.30 pm, daily.



Junior Sports Program at

Springvale Indoor Sports

Ages: 5-11 y.o
Day&Time:
Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30-6:30PM
Costs: \$15/session

GET READY TO

- ✓ Develop Essential Skills
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Get Active

REGISTER NOW

(03) 9547 2555

BASKETBALL

TENNIS

CRICKET

SOCCER

INDOOR SPORTS

Kids Parties

- Space Jump Party
- Dodgem Car Party
- Sports Party
- Bubble Soccer Party
- Nerf Party
- Lasertag Party

WON Y-T-H-M-O-C

AWARDS

Congratulations to the children who have received Awards

Perseverance

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| Khang T | JSB |
| Haifey K | JSB |
| Aaron F | JSB |

Organisation

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| Aliyah S | JSB |
| Maison S | JSB |

Confidence

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| Yusuf U | SSA |
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Respect

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| Asia Y | MSC |
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Doing Your Best

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| Iminoke S | MSC |
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No admission fees!

Enrol now!

Swimming lessons for \$21.90 in our mineral pool

small classes private facilities baby swim experts

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