Heatherhill Highlights

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Prep Bags

Today, the Honourable Eden Foster, the member for Mulgrave, visited our foundation children to present them with their prep bag. The prep bag contains information for parents and carers as well as some books for the children to enjoy with their families. The prep bags can also serve as a library bag for children to use when borrowing a book from the school's library.

Every Day Counts

The importance of regular school attendance.

At **Heatherhill Primary School**, we priorities regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

Last **year**, on average, the number of students who were absent included:

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
22.16	17.15	24.06	14.08	17.18	15.09	17.28

Students at our school missed on average **17.88** days of school in 2025. If this pattern continued each year, it would amount to **125.16** days over the **seven years of schooling**. Last year, 36 students received certificates for 100% attendance. We also have students who have maintained 100% attendance for more than one year, and a few have maintained 100% for six years. We recognise the classes with attendance of 95% or more at assemblies each fortnight. The class with the highest attendance each term is acknowledged.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school, but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or **Ms Harris** about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get their children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via **Compass** so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see **Attendance and Missing School.**

Remember, Every Day Counts.

Amanda McLean

Principal

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' privacy policy and the Schools' privacy collection notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents. This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

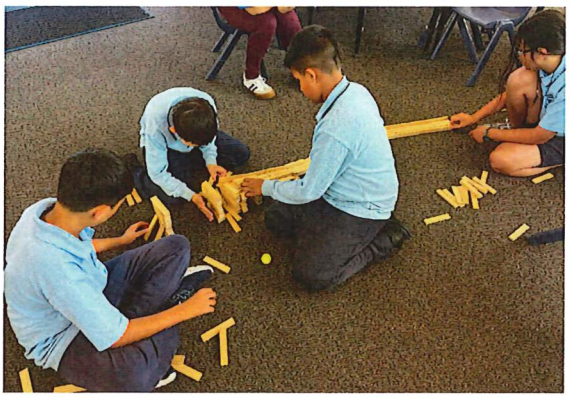
STEM NEWS

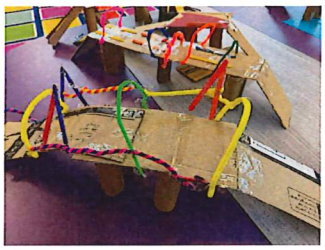
During the first two weeks of term 1 in Learning to Learn, students in the STEM classrooms focused on developing teamwork skills while working toward shared objectives. Junior and middle school students designed and constructed strong bridges using recycled materials, ensuring they were sturdy enough for toy cars to cross. The process involved careful planning, thoughtful conversations, trial runs, and refining their designs. Every group proudly achieved a successful result.

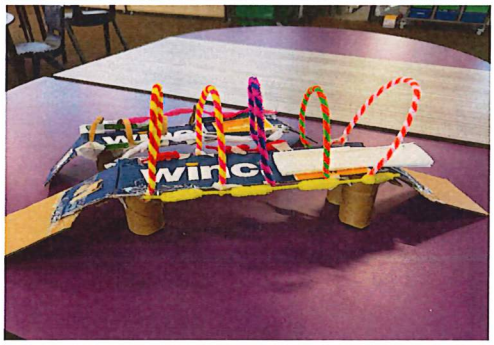
In the senior school, students collaborated in teams to take on the challenge of creating the longest possible marble run using Keva planks. Throughout the activity, they demonstrated imagination, strong communication, and determination as they tested ideas and refined their structures.

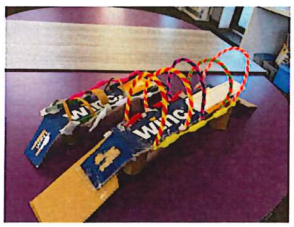
Foundation students engaged in hands-on playdough activities to develop fine motor skills and explore how materials can be shaped and changed. They rolled, pressed, twisted and moulded dough to create flowers and imaginative food creations. Students practised controlling tools and materials while building independence and creativity.

Ms. Su-Phin The & Ms. Emily Choo
STEM Teachers









IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 13th February 2026	Eden Foster Visit
Thursday 26th February 2026	Junior School Teddy Bears Picnic
Monday 9th March 2026	Labour Day Public Holiday No School
Tuesday 10th March 2026	Meet and Greet from 1.30 pm
Wednesday 11th March 2026	Meet and Greet From 3.30 pm
Wednesday 11th March to Thursday12th March 2026	NAPLAN
Friday 20th March 2026	Senior School District Athletics
Thursday 2nd April 2026	Last day of Term 1 School finishes at 2.30 pm
Monday 20th April 2026	Term 2 School resumes at 9.00 am

AWARDS

Congratulations to the children who have received Awards

Perseverance

Sunia N	JSB

Getting Along

Vichea S	SSB
Abby P	SSB
Seav Ming C	MSC
Ocean M	JSC
Dave P	JSC
Aurora M	MSC

Organisation

Paige M	MSB

Confidence

Hermione F	MSA
Ethan S	JSB
Nyapal N	JSB
Ruiming C	MSB
Joy C	SSC

Resilience

Jeslyn S	JSC

Respect

Adam Z	JSA
Ayra M	JSA
Yuvraj D	JSD
Alyssa H	MSC
Krystal M	SSC

Doing Your Best

Cooper N	JSC
Aliyah S	JSD
Pauline H	SSA
Emaan F	SSA
Asia Y	SSA
Claire D	JSA