



Heatherhill Highlights

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

BOOK WEEK 2025

This week, Ms. Jan organised a variety of activities for students to celebrate Book Week. On Monday, students took part in literacy rotations, where they engaged in literature-based activities designed and led by teachers. Next, students and families were invited to purchase books as part of a fundraiser for the Reading Out of Poverty (ROOP), an Indigenous community in far north Queensland. On Thursday, students and staff were encouraged to dress as their favourite book characters and showcased their creative costumes at a whole-school parade. Thank you to Ms. Jan, staff, and parents for supporting students in celebrating Book Week.

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP

Senior school students and their teachers will be going to the Phillip Island Resort from Monday, September 1, to Wednesday, September 3. Students will have the opportunity to develop their skills in climbing, completing rope courses, orienteering and bush walking. Camp is a wonderful experience for students to develop their independence and confidence to try new things in a safe and supportive environment. Thank you to the Mrs K, Ms Zhu and Ms Lap for organising the camp and to Ms Su-Phin and Ms Jan for attending camp to support senior school students and teachers.

PHONICS AND WORD STUDY

You may be aware that the minister for education has mandated the introduction of Systematic Synthetic Phonics for students from foundation to year two and Word Study for students in years three to six by 2027. This term, teachers at Heatherhill Primary School have worked collaboratively with educational consultant Anny Lawrence to align their classroom practice with the government's mandate. Although phonics and word study have always been part of teaching and learning at Heatherhill Primary School, the mandate has invited us to reflect on our practice and make adjustments to meet the government's expectations.

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.

Amanda McLean
Principal

BOOK



WEEK



IMPORTANT DATES

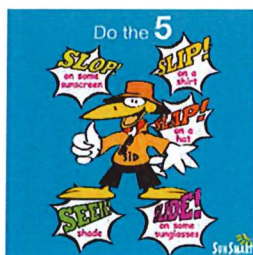
Wednesday 27th August 2025	SS Market Fresh Incursion
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Friday 29th August 2025	MS Excursion to Scienceworks
Monday 1st September to Wednesday 3rd September 2025	SS Camp 2025 CYC Phillip Island Camp
Wednesday 10th September 2025	Special Lunch
Friday 19th September 2025	Last Day of Term 3 School finishes 2.30pm
Monday 6th October 2025	Term 4 School Starts at 9.00 am

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: stateschoolsrelief.org.au



AWARDS

**Congratulations to the children
who have received Awards**

Perseverance

Joy C	SSA
Christian G	MSB
Gohar K	SSC
Sufang H	SSC

Getting Along

Than O	MSA
Savannah H	JSC

Organisation

Maryam Y	SSC
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Confidence

Hendrix L	JSB
Joseph E	JSC
Kate P	JSD
Bao T	SSB

Resilience

Sila C SSB

Respect

Jennifer S SSB

Doing Your Best

Raz M	MSC
Charley M	JSA
Syazwan M	JSC
Aiden V	JSC
Krystal M	SSC
Socrates M	SSC
Showaif B	SSB
Halima Y	JSA
Aleesya M	JSA
Hee Hee A	SSA
Joy C	SSA
Mario C	SSA

