

Harvester Students Commemorate ANZAC Day

Harvester students and staff joined forces this month to commemorate the ANZACS who served in the first World War. As part of the service hosted by the Electro-Technology students, a pine tree was planted to pay tribute to the thousands of soldiers lost in battle on 6 August, 1915. The Aleppo pine which once covered the surrounding areas of the trenches, in Gallipoli, became a significant symbol when one solitary pine was left standing after many bloody battles.

Harvester students came together to recognise the significance of the Aleppo pine as well as the overall significance of ANZAC Day. With a high level of maturity displayed by all students on the day, Harvester staff would like to thank teacher- Terry Coombs for his dedication and commitment to planning and hosting such an important event and all the students involved in the event.



The students of Harvester gathered to commemorate the ANZACS & plant an Aleppo pine (left)

Work Placement Takes Off

All students at Harvester are about to commence their first two week work experience / work placement block next week. For many of the students, this will be their first time experiencing the workforce. Each student has arranged a placement in either the Carpentry, Electrical, Engineering or Plumbing fields. For Year 10 students, this is a great opportunity to try the trade they are considering undertaking next year. However, for Year 11 and 12 students, this is the chance to use some of the new skills learnt this year in their chosen trade, out on the job. The College is proud to announce that Tech 10: 1 were the first class to submit all of their formal documentation for Work Placement and are therefore the recipients of a pizza lunch. Good luck to all students on placement, we hope you find your experience valuable and enjoyable.

Karen Riley, *SWL & Careers Coordinator*

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Harvester Technical College Principal's Report

HTC Campus Principal's Report

As we move into the middle of Term 2 Harvester is happy to announce the commencement of building works on our new STEM Facility. This facility, which we will share with Sunshine College North Campus, will increase our workshop spaces to accommodate our growing number, particularly in our Tech 10 Program. Building works are planned to be completed by the start of the 2019 school year.

Work Placement Success

This semester, all students were successful in finding Structured Workplace Learning and are currently out on work placements until the 18th of May. This is an important part of our programs here at Harvester and gives students the opportunity to experience what it is like on the worksite as well as providing them invaluable experience and immersion in the industry they are seeking to work in. Their placement and the work they complete in class, around their experiences, also contributes to their learning and assessment in VCAL Work Related Skills.

A big thank you to Karen Riley, our SWL and Careers Coordinator, and our WRS teachers for all their help and support in assisting students to find their placements.

I wish all students a safe and positive experience and look forward to placement visit and hearing about their experiences on their return.

Student Leadership

During our last college assembly, student leaders had the opportunity to present to the rest of the college some of the excursions and camps they have attended over the past couple of months. This is a great way for these students to practice their public speaking and presentation skills and allows the rest of the college to look at some of the activities and learning tasks undertaken by the different classes.

Well done to all students who presented.



Daniel Monigatti presenting at the May assembly

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Harvester Precinct Principal's Report

In Term 2, the College community has successfully settled in to the serious business of applied learning projects whilst continuing the development of core skills. One of the highlights of this term, of course, is always the opportunity for all students to get out in the 'real world' and experience what it's really like to be a 'tradie'. Both teaching and support staff, in particular Karen Riley, our Careers Coordinator, have been working madly with students and their families and with our industry partners to ensure that all students are based in a safe, supportive and relevant work placement for the two week block coming up in May. The importance of these twice yearly Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) blocks cannot be underestimated. The ability to confirm by practice in industry, that the program content being taught at school is current, highly relevant and prepares students well for the transition to work at the end of their course, is an essential ingredient of the "Harvester experience". I wish all students well on placement and thank sincerely all our industry partners for their continued support of our students during the SWL blocks.

When I refer to the Harvester experience, it means more than just turning up to class and passing your assessments. It's also about strongly committing and identifying with belonging to the HTC community and wanting to promote us positively at all times. It means taking up opportunities to represent the College at community, sporting and as well as education and industry events. I am delighted to either directly observe and or hear about the high levels of positive spirit our students display both at school and when representing the College in public. At our recent annual ANZAC Day observance, the entire College community conducted itself with honour and respect as Terry Coombs and the Electrotechnology class led us through a very moving service. The experience filled me with great pride, especially when the students planted a Lone Pine sapling for future cohorts to appreciate.

Often in my role, it is hard for me to make time to get away from my desk and spend quality time with students. As an old PE teacher, from back in the day, I can't resist making time to drop in to support our students playing interschool sport. So far, I have had the pleasure of watching both our cricketers and Senior

soccer teams in action. Whilst we don't always 'come home with the silverware', I am so proud of the effort and teamwork shown by our guys and girls, who are

often playing sports they haven't played before. It is very pleasing that our students are happy to jump in to fly the HTC flag at sporting events and to do so in positive and respectful spirit. Thanks too to Anthony Raffoul and his support staff, who work hard to get our teams organised and well presented on the day.

On another note, I would like to provide you with a quick up-date on the Sunshine College building works on the Harvester Precinct. Demolition of part of North Campus has commenced recently to enable the construction of a state of the art Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) facility that will be linked to HTC near the Tech 10 area. Although, mainly for use by the Junior Campus, it is expected that opportunities will be created for Tech 10 to share this facility into the future. It is expected that the building works will be completed around this time next year and will be a wonderful addition to the precinct facilities. We do not expect that there will much inconvenience to the day-to-day operations at Harvester, although there will be some disruption to the 'flow' of people and vehicle traffic at the rear of the College for the life of the build. As always, safety is our highest priority. You may have noticed barrier fences have been erected with a large margin to ensure that no students will be in proximity to the building works. Also, we are very fortunate that Hutchinson Builders, the company responsible for the construction works have also very kindly offered to volunteer some time to show some classes around the works and also to be guest speakers in some of the trade classes.

Please enjoy reading this issue of the College newsletter and witness the diverse activity and creativity that is the daily experience of our wonderful Harvester students.



Amanda Patmore,
Precinct Principal

Fast Track Literacy Students Launch Digital Media Campaign



Fast Track students present their marketing certificates for 2018

Fast Track Literacy students recently launched their own marketing campaigns for the Harvester social media platforms on Instagram and Facebook.

Students worked in pairs to produce a series of images that would market a key aspect of the College. Some chose to promote the cutting edge technology while others focused on the open learning aspect. The team to acquire the most combined “likes” were the winning team. We’re proud to announce that Tamu Mathews and Bradley Zahra captured the most striking image as it received a combined total of 118 “likes”. Well done guys! The winning image has been officially selected to appear on the HTC information night flyers. Superb effort guys! **Kami Gillick-Lewis** *Literacy Coordinator*

Tech 10 Literacy Students Work on 6 Minute Speeches & Short Stories

Tech 10: 1 students have been working hard to produce a series of short creative stories for *Writing for Self-Expression outcomes*. With some students really challenging themselves to write some engaging narrative plots, the task revealed some seriously talented writers in the class!

Kami Gillick-Lewis, Tech 10 1 Literacy/PDS Teacher

In Tech 10: 2&3 classes this semester we are trying to get our students more comfortable presenting in front of class. As part of PDS and Literacy I have requested that my students participate in the ‘6 Minute Speech’ challenge. Students have been given the task to talk about an issue they are passionate about or tell a story that runs for 6 minutes.

Students have already started preparing themselves by writing down 6 key points about their topic or story and

then breaking those 6 key points into 3 smaller key points. By utilising this breakdown method, students have then found it easier to write and expand with a number of sentences from the smaller key points. This helps provide students with some cue cards or a written piece to refer back to when presenting if they need to. However, we do aim for students to talk without the aid of written material.

This exercise is aimed to help students become more confident in situations that may be out of their control or when they have to talk with people they have never met, the work place is one such place that our students need as much confidence as possible. I look forward to seeing the students present in the weeks after their return from Work Placement. **Robert Coghill Tech 10 2&3 Literacy/PDS Teacher**

Where are they Now?

Ramiz Ayoob graduated from Carpentry at Harvester Technical College in 2017 and is now working as a trainee builder for a private company. Ramiz is learning mostly framing and cladding and says he is enjoying everything he’s learning on the job. Harvester is always proud to touch base with our alumni as we see immense growth in students from the moment they enter HTC to the moment they leave and forge incredible careers. Well done Ramiz.



Ramiz Ayoob is now working in construction

IKEA Inspires Problem Solving in Numeracy

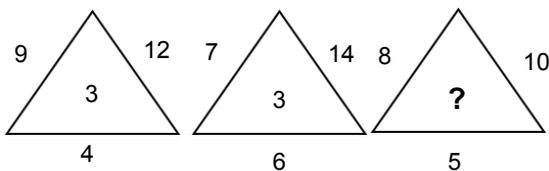
For the Design and Measurement outcomes for Numeracy, our Tech 10 students were asked to design a living room and were given a strict budget of \$8,000 and a total room area of 30m².

Students had several items they had to search for at the IKEA store and measure and record their dimension and prices. Some of the items students had to look for were sofas, sideboards, pendant lighting, coffee tables and floor lamps.

Once all the items were selected, students had to design the floorplan of the living room, making sure all purchased items fit in the given dimensions.

Monthly Maths Brain Teaser Challenge:

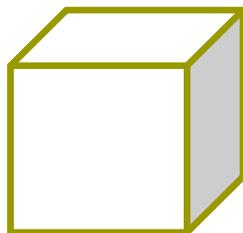
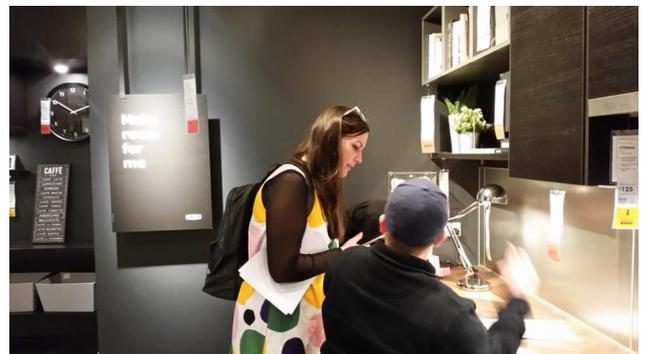
What number fits in the last triangle?



Last Week's answer:

Q: The number 8,549,176,320 is a unique number. What is so special about it?

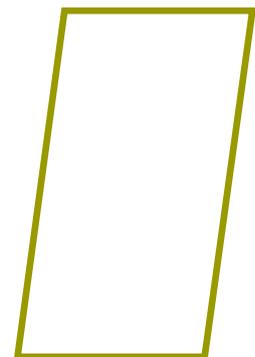
A: Each number is written in alphabetical order



Tech 10 students and Numeracy teacher– Tamara Zerafa explore the IKEA store in Richmond (left & above)

Student of the Month

This student has great qualities that we like to see in all Harvester Students. He is always keen to get his work completed to a high degree. He sets a great example for other students to follow in class and shows a maturity and leadership qualities beyond his years. Harvester is proud to announce the Student of the Month for April is Jye Veith. Well done Jye.



Student of the Month: Jye Veith

Social Media Highlights



The winning image from our year 12 Fast Track digital marketing campaigns courtesy of Tamu Mathews & Bradly Zahra (above left)



HTC Fast Track students recently launched their online digital marketing campaigns which saw our Facebook & Instagram 'likes' increase rapidly. Well done guys! A successful campaign takes precision and planning and the Fast Track class achieved a solid result with their immaculate photos. Harvester prides itself on its community involvement and its connection with local businesses. The Fast Track campaigns promoted student leadership and connected VCAL Literacy outcomes to an authentic marketing task linked to the school community. This event was certainly a social media highlight.

Plumbing Students Visit Water Treatment Plant

Plumbers attended the Western Treatment Plant on Tuesday 24th April, continuing their research for their literacy assignment and oral presentations. Students were given a behind the scene tour of the facility, looking at the sewage and recycling process from the moment it enters the plant until the recycled water is released back into the sea. They learnt about the lagoons and how the water is treated at each stage of the process. Students also learnt about how the plant works with the environment, looking at the wildlife and endangered species. They also learnt about how else the plant uses

the land for grazing and quarantine of livestock. They attended the plant on a relatively windy day so they were able to experience the odours at the treatment plant.

Jacqueline Fellows, Plumbing PDS/Literacy Teacher



Plumbing students explore the history behind Melbourne's Western Water Treatment Plant

Fast Track Set to Present at the Sunshine Convention Centre

A call out to all parents, relatives and friends of the 2018 Fast Track students. The 2018 Fast Track students will be presenting their 15 Minute Skills for Further Studies Oral Presentations at the Sunshine Convention Centre on Tuesday June 5th 9am-12:30pm. You are cordially invited. All Fast Track students must have at least 2 guests attend.

Carpentry Students Pitch their Tents in Kinglake

Looking in from the outside, waking up at six in the morning and cracking the ice off the tent, wouldn't seem like a good idea of fun or education. That was the first morning of the Kinglake Carpentry II camp. The previous day we had travelled to Kinglake learning about each other in the closed quarters of the Fuso school bus. That's where the comradery begins. The carpenters started to learn about each other's little differences and the great amount of what each have in common. Everyone had an opinion on how to drive the bus and find the correct gear sequence. The following week Carpentry 1 made the same trip and had the same opinions. Both classes followed the same sequence of events, first stopping at Mount Sugarloaf lookout to orientate were in relation to the CBD we were and where home maybe. What was evident was that the damage from the Black Saturday bushfire was still visible but the recovery was in full swing both for the flora and fauna. We back tracked down a little way to start the circuit hike to Masons falls. Both groups walked in a tight group discussing a large range of topics from bush camping experiences to the sound a turbo make at high revs. Most of the hike to Masons falls is downhill and relatively easy.

The view at the falls from the counter levered platform was enjoyed by all and many scenarios were shared about the consequences of the failure of the viewing platform, who would fall the furthest and how to save your mobile phone if it fell between the decking boards, all this while having lunch that some shared between each other. The walk back to the bus was a different story, steep and it seemed longer with a lot of groans. However, the team spirit came out as the stronger and fitter member would wait and encourage their mates to

keep going and not give up. Reaching the bus gave everybody a sense of achievement. The camp site was the next stop, Ferns camp ground in Murrindindi Scenic Reserve where tents were erected with collaboration and team work sparkling. Dinner was prepared. This activity brought out the differences between the carpenters. The variety of food that was produced and cooked on the methylated spirit burning Trangia's. Steaks, pan fried chips, two minute noodles sausages, marinated chicken wings chops and other mouth-watering offering were cooked and shared. No one went hungry.

Camp fire stories and shenanigans followed till it was time to rest. It was time to rest but the shenanigans didn't, a visit from the local Wombat, the local Wallaby and even the calling of a feral cat entertained the tent dwellers.

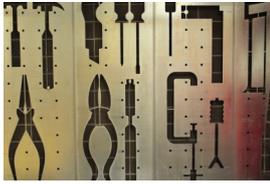
The next morning before breakfast the tents were hung out to dry from the ice and dew, personal equipment was packed and then breakfast. Tents packed, the trailer filled, the site cleaned the Carpenters climbed on to the bus and headed to the Glenburn service station for hot drinks quickly followed by a short dive to Toolangi to take a guide tour by the Gould League, where the campers learned about where the natural and sustainable resource hardwood timber comes from and the benefits of looking after our environment. The history of logging in the area was explained, an old growth forest, a logging coup and a temperate rainforest were visited, while all the time workbooks were completed.

The tired but more educated campers made it back to Harvester after a little more than an hour of bus travel. The education like this does not happen without the



Carpentry students visited Kinglake to explore the processes behind the processing & treatment of timber used in the construction industry. Students also camped overnight developing their team work skills.





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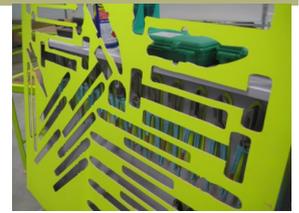
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COMMENCING IN 2019

Our Information Evenings will be held on the following dates throughout 2018:

- Tuesday 8th May
- Tuesday 12th June
- Tuesday 24th July
- Tuesday 14th August
- Tuesday 16th October
- Tuesday 20th November

The information sessions are an excellent opportunity to meet the Principal and teachers and learn more about:

- ▶ Curriculum options and Career Pathways

Key Calendar Dates

7th-18th May: **Structured Work Placement**

18th May: **DATTA Vic Conference**

29th-31st May: **Fast Track Gold Coast Camp**

3rd June: **Exam Revision**

5th June: **Fast Track 15 Minute Oral Presentations Sunshine Convention Centre**

12th June: **2019 Information Night**

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