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February Newsletter

Tech 10 Camp Starts with a Bang!

The Tech Ten camp was a great initiation to Harvester for our new year 10 cohort of 2020. Students were grouped together in dorms and given a myriad of outdoor educational challenges which they had to complete in a timely manner over 3 days.

With their Construction Induction Card Program (White Card) a key focus, students had many opportunities to

meet a range of learning competencies whilst also building important social ties. As students traversed ropes at great heights, they also learnt to build resilience and tenacity through various outdoor education tasks. Well done to all who participated including all teachers and students.

Kami Gillick-Lewis, Literacy Team Leader



A Special Thank You

Harvester would like to thank Dr Daniel Mulino for donating an Indigenous Australian flag & Australian flag to Harvester Technical College. The school is proud to hoist these up to the top of our mast at the entry of HTC school precinct.



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Harvester Technical College Principal's Report

HTC Campus Principal's Report

Welcome to 2020 at the College. I am very pleased to report that we have had a remarkably settled start to the year and the community atmosphere is very positive. May I start by thanking you again for entrusting us with the privilege of providing the Senior phase of your son or daughter's secondary education. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure that they have their best learning experience and drive for a successful outcome by the end of their journey at Harvester.

I am delighted to report that our Year 10 cohort is the largest we have ever had. They have settled very well in their new school after having a wonderful time on camp. I am looking forward to getting to know all new students to the College over the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to two important changes for 2020.

Changeover to Compass - Student Admin System:

Over the break we changed our Student Administration system from XUNO to Compass. Some families may be familiar with the Compass environment from previous schools. We are currently experiencing a few changeover problems and will notify you of your user names and access codes as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience as we work to complete the changeover as quickly as possible. In the interim, please continue to contact Renee or Jemma in the Office if you need assistance.

Mobile Phone Ban:

I am also very pleased to report that so far the vast majority of students have complied maturely with the new state-wide Department of Education and Training ban on mobile phone use from entering school to leaving at the end of the day. Students have been supported to accept the new policy and leave their devices in their lockers during the day.

Our staff have been delighted with the noticeable improvement in the quality of in-class and social interactions between students and between students and staff. Thank you for supporting this change and encouraging your child to co-operate with this compulsory change in procedure.

Communication:

At Harvester, we highly value effective and regular communication with parents and guardians about the progress of our students. I encourage you to keep in touch in person, by phone and via email, if you have concerns about any aspect of your child's life at Harvester.

On behalf of the Harvester leadership team and our staff, I look forward to working closely with you this year, and to the success of our students in all that 2020 has to offer.

Mandy Patmore
Principal

Harvester Technical College



SRC Update

Here at Harvester, we value the input of our student cohort in improving the school experience for all. This year we are expecting an active Student Representative Council, with many nominations received across the Foundation, Intermediate and Senior levels.

SRC @HTC meet regularly to discuss and put forth ideas generated by the student body. Representatives are expected to provide a voice for their respective classes and drive initiatives that support the inclusive, supportive and engaging culture of the College.

Each nominee was required to explain, in writing, why they would make a great SRC @HTC representative and get their nomination endorsed by a teacher and two of their peers. The selection process is well underway with the successful nominees to be announced at the

next school assembly, where they will be presented with their official "HTC Student Representative" badges.

The number of students putting their hand up to make a difference this year has been great! Thanks to all of the students who nominated.

Trudy Whiteside,

Campus Manager



Newly appointed SRC student Nandita Prasad on the tools.

Carpentry Classes Practice Levelling

Intermediate and Senior Carpentry classes have been hard at work practicing their 'Levelling' skills. As young emerging tradies, students have been reminded of the importance of team work and persistence as they work to complete a series of 'Levelling' tasks. With the building and construction industry forming a competitive part of the trades sector, it's imperative our Harvester Carpentry students learn their practical modules in authentic industry-style learning tasks within the college as demonstrated by the image below.

Rucio Sosnowski, Carpentry Teacher



Literacy News

Electro & Carpentry Classes Kicking Goals

Electro-Technology and Carpentry students have been working at a great pace to complete all of their work in Literacy to a very high degree. The students enjoyed writing their essays about their chosen vocation and students met the criteria with great success. The students are looking forward to completing some of the Personal Development Skills portion of their curriculum by beginning to plan their respective camps in March and April. Great work guys!

Mark Bilicic, *Literacy/PDS Teacher*

Tech Ten Literacy 'About Me' Takes Off

Tech Ten Literacy students have been working hard on their 'About Me Projects'. Students are expected to write, draft, edit and publish letters to their teachers telling them about themselves and why they chose to pursue their schooling at Harvester. Well done guys, great work!

Amy Casati, *Literacy/PDS Teacher*

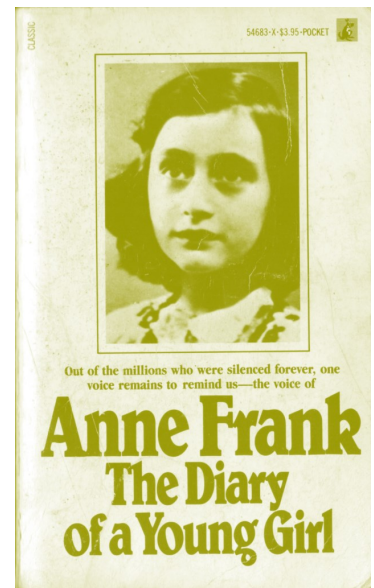


Fast Track Students Prepare for History Field Trip

The Fast Track Literacy class have been working hard to complete their first extended 'Writing for Knowledge' piece titled 'A Research Report on Nazi Germany'. With students producing a series of well researched information based reports, the task has proven to be an eye-opening experience for many.

The practical component of the research task is to visit the Holocaust Museum and link theoretical understandings of racism and the Holocaust to real world artefacts. Students will then visit the Polish cake shops on Acland Street in St Kilda before heading home from the CBD. Good luck and we hope you enjoy the field trip Fast Trackers!

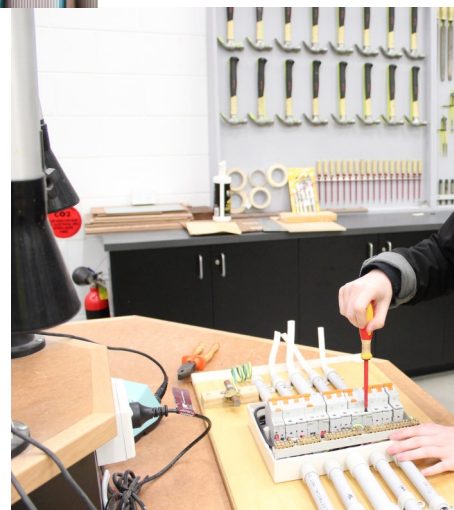
Kami Gillick-Lewis, *Literacy Team Leader*



Electro Workshop Update

The Electro-Technology class is off to a great start in 2020. They have completed their first unit which covers Occupational Health and Safety in the electrical industries. Students are also honing their hand skills by practicing cable stripping and terminations. As always there has been a lot of sore thumbs as they work on building hand dexterity and strength. The attitude towards learning and quality of work so far has been excellent.

Harry Melzer, *Electrical Teacher*



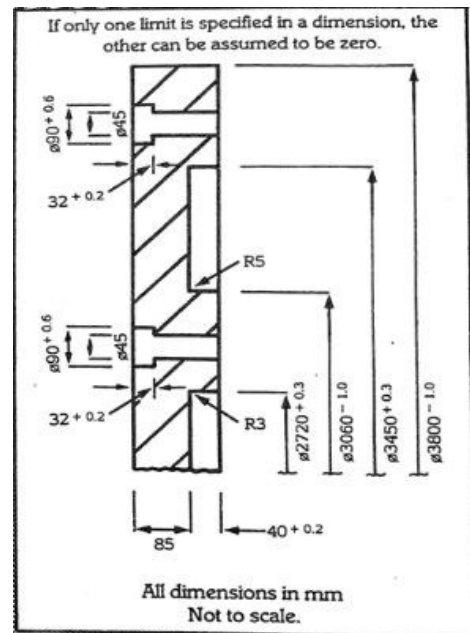
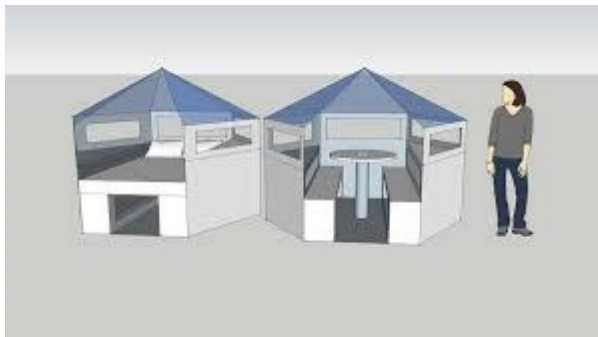
Numeracy News

Each cohort is starting the year by going back to basics, reminding students on how to process calculations with fractions, decimals and percentages- we all need a reminder after a long break!

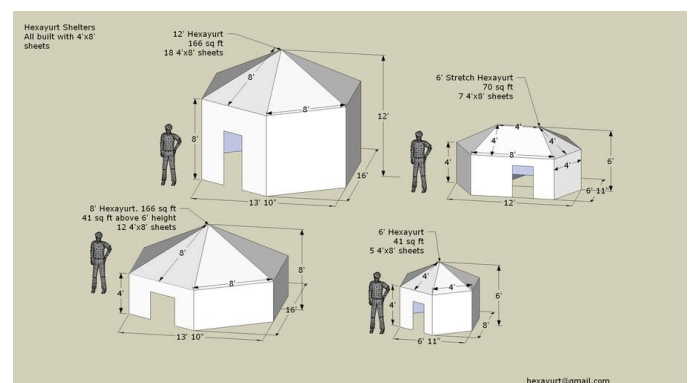
Our Engineering students have started looking into unit conversions (specifically between metric and imperial), calculating tolerances and reading diagrammatic drawings which they will be using in the workshop. The underpinning skills and knowledge of this task reinforce student's conceptual understandings of drawings in an Engineering setting which is crucial to the emerging Engineering tradesman.

In the classroom, our Fast-Track Numeracy students are just completing their logistical problem solving project, whereby they have to calculate the number of boxes, shipping containers and total pricing with the lowest amount of wastage involving the large shipment of merchandise. After this project, students will continue to be tested on their problem solving abilities by designing a Hexayurt home with limited resources. Students must calculate the correct roof pitch and angles for each panel and will be tested on their structural integrity.

Tamara Zerafa, **Numeracy Team Leader**



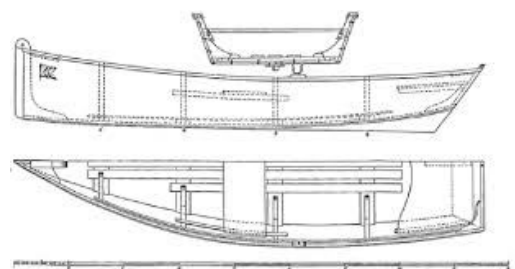
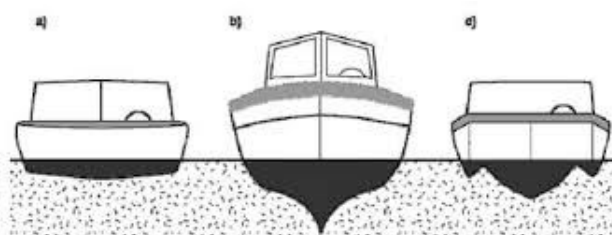
Students will create a Hexayurt home in Fast Track Numeracy



Monthly Maths Brain Teaser Challenge:

A boat has a ladder that has eight rungs. Each rung is 20cm apart. The bottom rung is 20cm from the water. The tide rises at 20cm every 10 minutes. High tide peaks in one hour. When the tide is at its highest, how many rungs are under water?

Last Month's Maths Brain Teaser Challenge: 40%



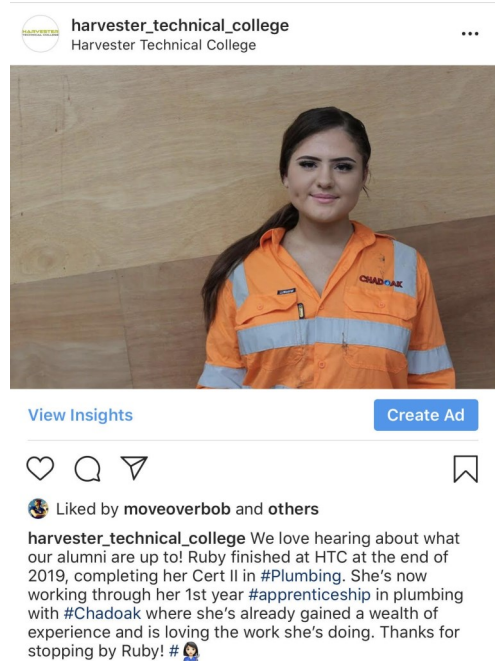
Harvester Technical College General News

Social Media Highlights:

The social media highlight this month was having one of our Harvester alumni come visit us after starting her apprenticeship in Plumbing. Our post featured Ruby who finished her Cert II in Plumbing last year and has obtained an apprenticeship in Plumbing with the company Chadian who she did many of her work placements with during her time here at HTC.

Ruby came by to tell us all about the work she has been doing, the experience she's gained and the wealth of knowledge she's obtained in just in the few months she has being out working.

Tamara Zerafa, Social Media Coordinator



Tech Ten Orientation Camp Highlights of 2020

Tech 10 students enjoyed an array of action packed activities at the King Lake Orientation Camp this year. Take a look at some of the highlights:

Kami Gillick-Lewis, Literacy Team Leader



HTC Lawn Bowls Place

On Friday 14th February 2020, Harvester students were involved in the first School Sport Victoria competition: Senior Lawn Bowls.

With over 20 teams involved in the tournament, Harvester fielded four teams. The teams were made up of the following students:

Team 1: Adam ; Hailey and Henry

Team 2: Yousef; Aidan and Charlie

Team 3: Bailey; Luke and Jesse

Team 4: Mitchell; Justin and Max

All students performed very well on the day, however, a special mention needs to go out to Yousef Saleh; Aidan Rose and Charlie Clarke whose team finished 3rd overall.

A great start to the year.

Anthony Raffoul, ***Sport Team Leader***



The HTC Senior Lawn Bowls team show us how to place 3rd overall.



Up & Coming Events

The next few excursions in the Harvester Events pipeline include: The Fast Track Holocaust Excursion is on the 20th of February; The Amazing Race for all of the Tech Ten students is on the 26th of February in the city; the Grand Prix field trips are taking place on the 12th of March for the Engineers & Plumbers while the Carp & Electro students go on the 13th of March.

All parents and students are reminded to use their **Compass** portal to access their subject notifications and events.



Child Safety

Our community values of **Growth, Relationships, Learning** and **Wellbeing** are underpinned by an understanding that **Child Safety** is a paramount responsibility of the school community. Harvester Technical College has a number of guiding **policies** regarding **Child Safety** on our web site located at www.sunshine.vic.edu.au. Please take some time to make yourself aware of these and contact the school should you have any concerns regarding **Child Safety**.

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