

HARVESTER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2 2021

A message from the Principal...

As Term 1 draws to a close there is much to celebrate here at Harvester, and with on-site learning back in full swing, many of our pre-COVID activities are back on the calendar to enhance the learning experience of our students.

Our Tech Ten students have settled in well and are quickly becoming accustomed to the senior school environment. With their White Card ticked off, they are ready to safely enter the workshop and begin to develop and refine their practical foundation skills. It has been extremely rewarding to see students fully engaged, persevering to achieve an accurate drawing or cut of wood, knowing that these basic skills are the key to quality workmanship, something that is held in high regard out in industry.

As for our Intermediate and Senior students across Fast Track and the four trade disciplines, they have had little time to ponder, with the rigorous demands of every Certificate II, and VCAL course made apparent with deadlines to meet from day one. The expectation to keep up to date with both theory based and practical work to ensure all unit outcomes are met, means regular school attendance is vital. I am pleased to say that student attendance rates have been excellent thus far and I thank all families for supporting their child and the school in achieving this.

Outside the classroom, Harvester is fast becoming known as a high performing sports school with many of our College representative teams achieving success across a wide range of sports as part of the inter-school competition. Our cricket, volleyball, baseball and futsal teams in particular, have put Harvester on the sporting map, with many advancing to the next level of competition. We may be a small school, but our students possess a sporting drive like no other! I look forward to cheering our Intermediate Volleyball team at the semi-finals on Tuesday 30th March.

I'd like to thank families and students who attended the Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday 18th March. The Harvester team work hard to ensure that the strong links between school and home are maintained to give our students the best opportunity at achieving success. If you were unable to attend you are strongly encouraged to contact your child's teachers to discuss their progress.

With the Sunshine College school council election process finalised, I'd like to congratulate Evie Andrews for her successful nomination. Evie joins the school council as the second Harvester representative, in addition to Lianne Boxer, who has been an active member since last year. I thank Evie and Lianne for their involvement in the important work of the school council and look forward to working with them both.

Finally, a quick reminder that all students are expected to source and engage in a meaningful 2 weeks of Structured Workplace Learning (SWL). The deadline to have this placement secured is fast approaching. As many of you are aware, a good quality SWL placement can often lead to apprenticeship offers for our students so I can't stress enough the importance of this program.

As we head into the school holidays I would like to thank you for your support, and our dedicated staff for their hard work this term. Enjoy your break and stay safe.

Trudy Whiteside
Principal



REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If your child is absent please follow the steps below:

1. Call HTC on 8311 5555 **before 8.50am.**
2. Press 1 and leave a message.
3. State your child's name and a valid reason for their absence.

OR

1. Login to the Compass Parent Portal
2. Add an Attendance Note
3. Be sure to do this **before 8.50am.**

**it's not okay
to be away**

CAMPS, SPORTS, & EXCURSIONS FUND

Have your circumstances changed? If so, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF). Please contact Renée at the front office on 8311 5555 for more details.



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AWARD RECIPIENTS

Student of the Month:

Joshua Alvarez

Josh has been nominated for Student of the Month by five staff this March at HTC. Josh has earned a reputation for working consistently, demonstrating a high level of engagement in his subjects and a willingness to have a go. Demonstrating growing maturity, Josh is also willing to take on advice and use feedback to improve his performance in the workshop and the classroom. Further, Josh always demonstrates good manners and respect for his classmates and others. His attitude and behaviour do him and HTC credit.

Carolyn Papageorge
Campus Manager



Literacy Award:

James Troon

James is a student that continually plans his Literacy work in a meticulous and thoughtful manner. He strives to improve his work and takes feedback as a way to learn and improve his writing. James continually seeks clarification and takes it on himself to get his work checked and corrected in a timely fashion. He conducts himself in class with a maturity beyond his years, participating well during class discussions and continues to work on his written pieces when left to his own devices.

Rob Coghil
Tech Ten Coordinator



Numeracy Award:

Tyson Hassan

Tyson always comes to class with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. He strives to always do his best and never hesitates to ask for help. Tyson's great work ethic has been evident through the improvements he is showing in his work, as well as his confidence in Numeracy.

Amy Doherty
Numeracy Teacher



Sport Award:

Luke Calleja

Luke is a determined and self-driven student who has made a great start to Health & PE at Harvester. He has attended all PE classes in his full uniform and participated in all activities to a very high standard. He represented the college in Senior Futsal and is captain of the Tech Ten Volleyball team that has progressed to the Semi Finals. A natural leader, this student motivates and encourages his team mates to be the best that they can be.

Anthony Raffoul
Sports Coordinator



VET Award:

Peyton Andrews

Peyton is always up to date with her carpentry workbooks and consistently completes them to a high standard. Further, Peyton demonstrates very good hand skills and uses her time in the workshop efficiently. Peyton was the first student in CA1 to finish her saw horse and it was to a very high standard.

Steve Menhennet
Carpentry Teacher



Technology Award:

Joel Crosswell

Joel Crosswell recently completed a near perfect tool caddy and in the process became efficient at using sheet metal cutting, folding and joining machinery. He was then able to use these new skills to assist other students with their projects.

Harry Melzer
Technology Leader &
Electrotechnology Teacher



Attendance Awards:

Savannah Mattinson TT1, Adam Wilby ENG & Oliver Burch ELE

The students receiving this award have not missed a day of school this term. Therefore, they all have 100% attendance. This is a fantastic achievement! Congratulations to the nominated students.



SRC

SRC 2021

The SRC was elected earlier this term, with 15 members of the HTC community meeting with Carolyn and Jacquie for the first time on Wednesday 17th of March.

We are pleased to announce that we had much interest for positions of responsibility. Rob Wills from Plumbing was elected President and Youssef Saleh of Fast Track is his deputy. The SRC are in the process of organising a survey of the students. They would like to obtain student opinions on a range of requests, ranging from beanies to cold water taps. More news to follow.

Carolyn Papageorge & Jacquie Fellows
Curriculum Manager & Wellbeing Leader



SRC Members receiving their awards

2021 Members

Tech Ten 1:

Luke Calleja & Savannah Mattinson

Carpentry 1:

Peyton Andrews & Hollie Pickering

Carpentry 2:

Jamin Bastiaan & Ryan Culos

Electro:

Connor Grillo & Declan Tucker

Engineering:

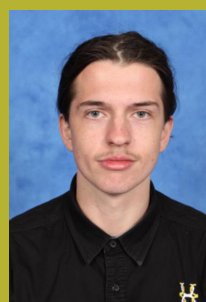
Naim Hassen, Daniel Steele & Daniel Thangngan

Plumbing:

Noah Cooney & Robert Wills

Fast Track:

Jacob Martin & Youssef Saleh



SRC President
Rob Wills



SRC Vice President
Youssef Saleh

TRADE UPDATES

Tech Ten

Wood and metalwork projects are now underway in the Tech10 workshop. Students have been exploring a range of timber jointing techniques including housing, halving and dovetail joints. In metal work students have used cutting, folding and joining techniques to produce their Tool Caddy, and are now adding the finishing touches using the sticker cutting machine. Both classes have been introduced to CAD drawing through the Fusion 360 program and are now learning how to draw a range of 3D objects.

Harry Melzer

Electrotechnology Teacher & Technology Leader



Plumbing

Well the Certificate II Plumbing class of 2021 is well under way. The students have worked their way through the Sheet Metal, Hand and Power Tools units with ease. We celebrated World Plumbing Day at school this year, using the internet rather than travelling to the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre due to COVID restrictions.

On to the sand pit where they began learning the art of being able to not only dig, but undertake this skill with the ability to do it for long periods, without ending up with a sore back or legs. They successfully completed this task and enjoyed being out in the fresh air.

The students have begun to learn how to set out string lines and excavate the soil to the correct width and depth required, for the installation of pipe work for the purpose of sanitary drainage.

Following their practical sessions, students returned to the classroom to familiarise themselves with the AS3500 regulations for plumbing installations, the importance of thorough trench preparation and safe use of trench shoring equipment in deep excavations.

Good luck with your SWL placement class, you are doing fine.

Darren James

Plumbing Teacher



Carpentry

Our Carpentry students are beginning to develop employability skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving, planning and safety awareness. They are really enjoying the “hands on” work of building things using their hand tools this month, and they have progressed from practice joints to building a mitre box and a saw horse.

Students have learnt how to use a variety of hand tools such as panel saws, clamps, bevels, squares, marking gauge and have learnt to maintain and sharpen their own chisels.

Furthermore, students have learnt how to use a spirit level to check for plumb and level, and an automatic level, laser level and a water level to transfer heights.

Steve Menhennet
Carpentry Teacher



Clare Crooks CA1 - Student Perspective

In these past few months since school has started we have been practising working safely inside and outside the workshop. We have practised workplace communication and improving our skills with hand tools such as chisels, hand saw and bevels. We have practised our joints to help us make one of our projects such as the saw horse. We have done a lot of team work with helping one another out with the saw horse and as well as working in teams doing the ‘two peg test’ and using the automatic level to understand the concept of levelling and practise our levelling skills.

Electrotechnology

Numeracy is imbedded throughout the electrotechnology program. The 2021 electro class is realising this at the moment as they work through the Engineering Computations unit. This unit introduces mathematical principals including trigonometry, transposition and ratios. The students then apply these principals to practical electrical situations. In the workshop ,students have been using a range of fastening devices to fix electronic components to wall plasterboard, brick and other wall surfaces.

Harry Melzer
Electrotechnology Teacher & Technology Leader



LITERACY NEWS

Literacy Update

The Literacy team has been hard at work delivering dynamic lessons in reading, writing, speaking and listening across the college this term. In the realm of Carpentry Literacy, Amy Casati and Mark Bilic are about to launch into their first extended 'Writing for Self-Expression' project called 'Why I Like Carpentry'. Students will be scaffolded through self-reflective thinking strategies, basic grammar and punctuation and the overall writing process using the TEEL structure.

In the Fast Track Literacy classroom, students are working on a 1,000-word research report titled 'Racism, Prejudice and Discrimination in the Workplace'. Students will not only research key terms, concepts and statistics, they will also engage in a range of complex discussions in order to develop their critical thinking skills. Tech Ten students have embarked on their oral presentation projects where they will be exploring innovative initiatives tackling the issue of homelessness in the community.

The Engineers have started their PDS curriculum, and are preparing a Camp Folio which is part of the PDS course. Students are working through aspects of camping and exploring these issues.

The Electrical Literacy class has been researching the 'Wars of Current,' the war between Edison's DC power and Tesla's AC power. The students have delved into the history of Electricity and have reviewed the battle between Edison and Tesla.

Plumbing Literacy students have just wrapped up their 'Why I Like Plumbing' extended written pieces and have launched into their Phillip Island camp looking specifically at environmental factors surrounding the area.

At Harvester, we work hard to build every students' capacity to read and write fluently. With HTC students raising the bar every year, we're excited to see the announcement of the March Creative Writing Competition winners for the 'One Man's Trash is another Man's Treasure' contest this month.

Kami Gillick-Lewis

Literacy Learning Specialist

March Creative Writing Competition

The Creative Writing Competition for March has now closed.

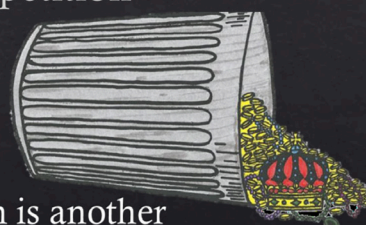
The challenge was to write a 150 word creative story using the 10 words provided.

Keep an eye out for our winners to be announced soon!!

Creative Writing Competition March

Topic: "One man's trash is another
man's treasure"

Due date: March 25th



NUMERACY NEWS

Numeracy Update

This month we saw our students getting more hands on with the Numeracy we have delivered since the start of the term.

Our Tech-10s started applying geometry, measurement and unit conversion in a paper planes competition. In groups, our year 10 students had to follow a list of instructions and build a paper plane that would be tested on it's aerodynamics and design structure. Students had to measure the distances and compare stats as well as make judgements on how the shape of it's design effects its flight capabilities. Students did an excellent job of this activity and were able to identify the key features that helped with aerodynamic design.

Our Intermediate and Senior students are continuing to work through the numeracy relevant to design and measurement. Our Fast-Track students had a bit of practise with problem solving and building and design and our Engineering, Electrical, Carpentry and Plumbing classes are all working through measurement concepts such as unit conversion, perimeter, area and volume before they move on to their 3D model projects coming up next month!

Next month we have an IKEA excursion with our Tech-10 students so look out for photos in the next issue!

Tamara Zerafa

Numeracy Team Leader



Numeracy Brainteaser

A cement company divides 171kg of cement in 5kg and 2kg bags. If the company always produces twice as many small bags as big bags, how many small bags does the company use?

Please see the next issue of the newsletter for the answer!

SPORTS NEWS

SSV - Senior Baseball

The HTC students, led by their coach Darren James, travelled to Keilor Park Baseball Club on Monday, 1st March confident of a win after taking out last year's competition. The first game had us up against VU Secondary College. Student Stephen Ozhan Duvall, not known for his batting ability, set the scene by hitting a home run to win a lunch that I had promised him if he hit a home run. With Jayden Crawford, Nathan Duvall and Jack Kline all pitching superbly, HTC found themselves dominating the day, making light work of Keilor Downs SC; St Albans SC and finally, Gilson College.

All of the students played their role superbly on the day and were brilliantly coached by Darren James. The team will now make the trip to Belmont on Monday, 10th May to represent HTC in the Western Metropolitan Region Finals. The baseball squad was made up by Noah C, Jayden C, Nathan D, Jhett G, Connor G, Brodie H, Stephen O D, Brandon P, Nathan V, Robert W and Jesse W.



Baseball Team

SSV - Senior Cricket

The senior cricket team travelled to Fairbairn Park in Ascot Vale on March 10th to compete in SSV Cricket.

Our first match was against Vic Uni Secondary College, the students clicked as a team and had a very good win. The second match against Keilor Downs SC was a tighter affair, however the HTC students dug deep and had another good win. The highlight of the day has to go to Youssef Saleh, a student who likes to motivate, encourage and lead by example, so you can imagine the team's delight when Youssef misfielded two balls in a matter of minutes and conceded two boundaries. Luckily for both himself and the team we were still able to manage a victory.

The team was brilliantly led by the captain Nick S and the Vice-Captain Jhett G. The remaining squad was made up by Brodie H, Noah C, Jesse W, Max S, Tyson C, Youi S, Corey S, Jye M, Ethan B, Luca M & Stephen OD

Finals

The HTC Cricket team, after winning their division a week earlier, found themselves back at Fairbairn Park to challenge Strathmore SC in an attempt to take the next step. We lost the toss and were given the ball to bowl. The students were energetic and did a good job in the field, however, one batsman from Strathmore proved to be a handful, making 65 runs. Strathmore ended up making 102 off 14 overs.

Harvester opened the batting with both the Captain and Vice Captains at the crease. They settled well before Nick was run out and moments later, Jhett lost his wicket to an unplayable delivery. The HTC students, although losing four wickets early, made it a contest and made 82 off 14 overs, falling 20 runs short.

A shout-out needs to go to Jye M, a year 10 student who batted superbly, making a rapid fire 28 runs which included two sixes and two boundaries.



Cricket Team



Cricket Finals Team

SSV - Volleyball

Intermediate

On Wednesday 3rd March 2021, the Tech Ten Volleyball team made their way to Copperfield College Sydenham to compete in the SSV Intermediate Volleyball Tournament. We were lucky enough not to be scheduled on court first up, so the students used this time to refine some skills before they were to take to the court against Springside West SC

They managed to have a very solid win over Springside West before finding themselves up against St Albans SC. They had to fight harder for this win, eventually saluting by taking out the third and deciding set.

The team will have to front up at Sunshine College on Tuesday, 30th March where they will take on Keilor Downs SC in the Semi Final.

A great effort by all members of the team who were well led by the team captain, Luke Calleja. The squad consisted of Noah B, Luke C, Jesse F, Anthony F, Blake K, Lachlan M, Jye M & Christian M.

Senior

The Senior Volleyball team was formed on reputation and their prior volleyball performances in either PE classes or last year's school sport volleyball competition.

The senior team gelled together immediately, winning their two scheduled games in their pool. They performed really well, beating Springside West Secondary College and Keilor Downs Secondary College.

The students found themselves up against St. Albans Secondary College in the Semi Final and had a hard-fought win to progress through to the final. The Grand Final had them facing Sunshine College who were the tournament favourites, having apparently had taken out the last three competitions.

The first set was tight and a great contest, and Sunshine College happened to take it out. The second set belonged to HTC so we found ourselves heading to the third and deciding set. Unfortunately, Sunshine College proved to be the better team on the day, taking the third set and the championship.

A great effort by the students who gave it their all. Toso Tyrell captained the team and led by example on the court with his fantastic ability and sportsman-like behaviour. The senior volleyball squad was made up of Aydrien C, Tyson C, Jhett G, Connor G, Brent M, Harrison P, Youssef S, Daniel T, Chris T and Toso T.



SSV - Senior Futsal

On Wednesday, 17th March students travelled to Derrimut Sports Centre to compete in SSV Futsal. A big day with 9 schools competing, we were drawn to play Springside West SC. With Kenan Sacirovic leading by example, the team played some exciting and fast paced soccer, passing the ball off quickly and precisely to notch up a pleasing 6-4 win.

The second game had us up against Keilor Downs SC, and we had a hard fought 2-2 draw. A special mention to William Milonis who was best on ground in this game. His ability to read the ball; pass the ball to his teammate's, and use his body to advantage was first class.

Harvester made it through to the semi-finals and faced St. Albans SC, who proved too strong on the day. It was the first time Harvester had ever reached the semi-finals in Futsal. A great effort.

A special mention to Noah B and Luke C, both year 10 students, who played above their age group. Luke was the Goal Keeper and did a brilliant job. The Futsal squad included: Kenan S, William M, Naim H, Noah B, Luke C, Luke P, Daniel T and Youi C.



Futsal Team

CAMPS & EXCURSIONS

Carpentry Camps

Carpentry 1&2 students set out on the 3rd and 10th of March towards Kinglake for an overnight camping trip. The students firstly completed a 5km hike in the Kinglake National Park, where they got to see the beauty of Masons Falls.

After stretching their legs on the hike, the students packed back onto the bus where they travelled further into Kinglake to the Murrindindi Scenic Reserve to set up camp. The students were eager to go fishing, set up their tents and to adventure around the campsite! Well done to Gabriel and Christian from Carpentry 1, who were able to catch some fish in the river!

The students effortlessly set up their tents and trangia stoves, thanks to the practise in PDS class. After dinner, some students headed off on a night walk with Dan. While the rest stayed back with Amy or Mark to relax around the campfire.

The next day, the students packed back onto the bus after dismantling their tents at 8am. First stop was the Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre, to learning about the history of timber harvesting and to meet our tour guide, Jan.

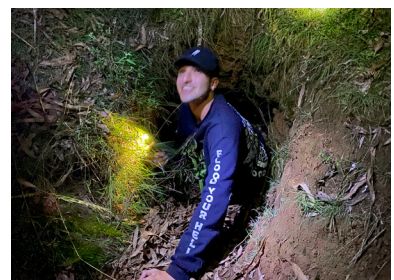
With Jan, the students ventured around the Toolangi State Forest and the Wirrawilla Rainforest to learn sustainable timber harvesting, timber quality and the versatility of wood as a resource. The students got to see the logging coupe before jumping back onto the bus and heading back to school!

Overall, the students really enjoyed the camp while building on their knowledge around sustainability and the materials they will use in Carpentry.

Amy Casati

Literacy, Numeracy & PDS Teacher





KEY DATES

Upcoming Events

1st April: Last Day Term 1

19th April: First Day Term 2

21st April: Interschool Table Tennis

21st April: Interschool Basketball

26th April: Interschool Soccer

28th-30th April: Plumbing Camp

3rd-14th May: SWL Block 1

19th May: Interschool AFL

28th May: Interschool Cross Country

1st June: Simulated Interviews

11th June: Last Day Semester 1

11th June: Fast Track Finish

14th June: Queen's Birthday - No School

15th June: Curriculum Day - No School

16th-18th June: CSPA Testing

25th June: Last Day Term 2

FIRST AID

Student First Aid Training

The college recently welcomed back IVET, our partner RTO for the delivery and assessment of the First Aid components of our Carpentry, Electrotechnology, Engineering and Plumbing VET Certificates for 2021.

The HTC student cohort worked with Marty, Bron and Petar for the day, developing skills and knowledge around responding to emergency situations, applying appropriate first aid procedures, communication and evaluations. Congratulations to all of the students who completed the training, it's always pleasing when we receive positive feedback such as these words from Marty:

"For a large group like that I felt the students were really good, they paid attention and this showed because the majority did well on the assessment..... the course flowed quite well with little to no interruptions ."

Kerrie McKay
RTO Manager



Students demonstrating their learning

CAREER NEWS

Past Students: Where Are They Now?

Spencer Cockburn

Boilermaker/Welder Apprenticeship - Bell Environment

Spencer completed his Engineering pre-apprenticeship in Year 11 with great skills and a love of welding. Spencer even purchased his own welding equipment to practice at home. He is loving his Boilermaker/Welding apprenticeship at Bell Environmental and has already completed some impressive projects such as building water tanks for a MFB vehicle. Spencer is performing MIG and TIG welding, marking out and reading and interpreting technical drawings. Spencer looks forward to starting his TAFE component at VU Sunshine soon.



Past Students: Where Are They Now?

David Milic

Plumbing Apprenticeship - PSP Plumbing Group

David has worked for over 12 months with PSP Plumbing throughout the holidays and lockdown to gain experience. Peter at PSP was so impressed with David's skill and work ethic that he offered him an apprenticeship early and was prepared to wait until he completed his schooling. David is very happy with the company and is learning all aspects of the plumbing industry such as underground plumbing, new house renovations, rough ins, fit offs and gasfitting. David's boss picks him up every day until David gets his licence soon. He is enrolled with VU Sunshine to complete his TAFE in block model.



Past Students: Where Are They Now?

Bailey Chetwynd-Brown

Carpentry Apprenticeship - Elite Carpentry

Bailey completed a Carpentry and Engineering pre-apprenticeship whilst at Harvester and although deciding he wanted a carpentry apprenticeship, is enjoying that he is utilising some of his engineering skills also. He says that his apprenticeship is "pretty cool", he says that he has enjoyed every day and loves the variety of work. So far, he has done general carpentry work, framing, building and fitting cabinetry, demolition work, bathroom remodelling, tiling, commercial painting, using CNC machines and CAD. Bailey is enrolling, and starts soon at Kangan TAFE.



KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING HTC?

Information Evenings for 2022 enrolment will commence in April. If you have a team mate, family friend, cousin or next door neighbour who you think would be interested in enrolling at Harvester, get them down for a tour and information session!

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WE WARMLY INVITE
YOU TO ATTEND OUR

INFORMATION EVENINGS

FOR STUDENTS
COMMENCING IN 2022

Our Information Evenings will
be held on the following dates
throughout 2021:

Tuesday 27TH APRIL

Tuesday 8TH JUNE

Tuesday 27TH JULY

Tuesday 24TH AUGUST

Tuesday 14TH SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 19TH OCTOBER

WHERE

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or call 8311 5555

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

- ▶ Curriculum options and Career Pathways
- ▶ Policies regarding student wellbeing
- ▶ VCAL programs
- ▶ Scholarship opportunities
- ▶ Frequently asked questions about secondary education and student support

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Child Safety

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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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