

HARVEY SHS NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr David Gault

Welcome to Term 3! The beginning of this semester has been filled with energy, achievement, and opportunities for our students to engage in both learning and community events. I am pleased to share some of the highlights so far and what lies ahead this term.

COUNTRY WEEK

Our Country Week team once again represented Harvey SHS with distinction. Around 40 students, supported by four dedicated coaches, competed across Boys and Girls Basketball and Boys and Girls Volleyball.

All teams played with determination and pride, achieving outstanding results. Both the Boys and Girls Basketball teams, along with the Girls Volleyball team, won Gold, while the Boys Volleyball team brought home Bronze.

A sincere thank you goes to our coaches - Mr Woodard, Ms Hernaman, Mr Gaff, and Ms Mugan, whose dedication and leadership made this opportunity possible.

LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday, 20th August, our Year 7 and 8 students travelled to Bunbury to participate in the Lightning Carnival. Students competed in Basketball, Volleyball, Netball, and Soccer.

We congratulate all teams on their efforts and thank the staff for their commitment in preparing students for this exciting day.



"IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?" INTERACTIVE THEATRE EXPERIENCE

In Week 4, our Year 9 students participated in the thought-provoking and interactive theatre production, "Is There Anybody Out There?" Students described it as one of the best incursions they have ever been involved in.

Students valued the opportunity to explore how to recognise and defuse toxic behaviours and felt that the performance opened their minds to new ways of thinking. Several students have since expressed enthusiastic interest in doing more theatre and drama-based activities.

The Actors Hub, who delivered the performance, also featured Harvey SHS on their Facebook page, with glowing praise and fantastic photos of our students in action.



Photos courtesy of The Actor's Hub

STUDENT REPORTING

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve student feedback and performance tracking, we are excited to commence the regular distribution of Task Mark Reports across Learning Areas.

These reports provide a detailed summary of each student's performance on individual tasks within their course units. They include a box-and-whisker distribution of results, giving students and parents a clear view of achievement relative to peers.

The Task Mark Report replaces the traditional Term 1 and Term 3 Progress Reports. This new format offers more specific insights, making it easier to track progress and set improvement goals across the semester. Task Mark Reports will be emailed home at the completion of each assessment task for all subject areas. Semester 1 and end of year reports remain unchanged.

Please note: if a student does not complete an assessment task, and has not discussed the circumstances with their teacher, they may be awarded a mark of zero in accordance with the Harvey Senior High School Assessment Policy.

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in student success. Missing even a few days of school can have a negative impact on academic outcomes and overall wellbeing.

We ask families to continue making attendance a priority—establishing morning routines, scheduling appointments outside of school hours, and speaking positively about learning. If your child is experiencing difficulties with attendance, please contact us so we can work together to provide support.

Our shared goal is for every student to achieve at least 90% attendance.

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY MATTERS

	Attendance Percentage	Total number of days absent in a school year
	80%	38 Days of absence
	85%	28 Days of absence
	90%	19 Days of absence
	95%	9 Days of absence
	97%	5 Days of absence
	100%	0 Days of absence

SCIENCE WEEK: DNA, DISCOVERIES & THE HARVEY RIVER!



This year's National Science Week theme, Decoding the Universe, sparked serious curiosity at Harvey Senior High! Year Ten students became real scientists—collecting bugs and plants, then diving into DNA analysis using micropipettes, PCR, and gel electrophoresis. Their samples are off to Murdoch University for sequencing, helping map WA's biodiversity!

But it wasn't all lab coats and microscopes—other classes battled it out in Kahoot quizzes, voted for ABC's most underrated Aussie animal, and explored the Harvey River. Science Week was a blast of discovery, teamwork, and real-world impact!



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

We recognise that some families may be experiencing financial or emotional challenges. Our school is committed to supporting you wherever possible.

If your family is facing hardship, please reach out to our school chaplain. Assistance may include uniforms, food support, or simply having someone to talk to. All conversations are handled with sensitivity and confidentiality.

We want our families to know that you are not alone—Harvey SHS is here to walk alongside you as part of a caring and connected community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Harvey SHS. It is inspiring to see our students excelling in so many ways, and I look forward to sharing more highlights with you throughout the term.



Just a reminder to complete the **Tell Them From Me (TTFM) – Partners in Learning** survey
The link is attached in the News feed.



TERM 3, 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	July 21 Staff PD Day	22 Students Resume	23	24	25
Week 2	28	29	30	31	August 1
Week 3	4	5	6	7	8
Week 4	11	12	13	14	15
Week 5	18	19	20 Lightning Carnival P & C Meeting 4.15pm	21	22
Week 6	25 Outdoor Ed Camp	26	27	28	29
Week 7	September 1	2	3 Cinesnaps Excursion	4	5
Week 8	8 Youth Leadership Summit	9	10	11	12
Week 9	15	16	17 Year 9 Mindflight Excursion	18	19
Week 10	22	23	24 Year 9 & 10 Winter Carnival	25	Yr12 Farewell Assembly Students Last Day 26

