

# The Haven Education Centre



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## Haven Happenings

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From the Coordinator

I take great pleasure in looking back on yet another busy term. I smile because I feel a great sense of pride and warmth as I reflect on our students' achievements. I thank the staff and parents for working in partnership to help make a difference in the lives of the students we teach.

We have seen some changes during Term 3, Jay Robinson (HSIE Teacher) accepted a full time position at TLSC Berkeley Vale Campus. Jay worked effortlessly for the last four years sharing his knowledge about the world in which we live. Jay developed a wonderful rapport with students and he will be sadly missed by all. I would like to extend a big 'Thank You' to Dan Eastwood who has replaced Jay.

Students have experienced challenging, interesting and awe inspiring excursions this term: Central Coast Car Museum, Outdoor Training Centre Tuggerah (Ninja Warrior), St Edward's College Food Tech Rooms with Anne McDonald, PCYC Oztag – Kids vs Cops and our Sport's Extravaganza with Sam to name a few. It's wonderful to see students challenge themselves, learn new information and share their interests and knowledge with others during these planned experiences.

It was wonderful to hear from former Haven students who have successfully re-integrated into their mainstream schools. Their teachers have been very impressed with their efforts both academically and socially. It is a true credit to the staff members at The Haven and the effort they have made in creating such a rich and engaging program and the persistent efforts in assisting students in reaching their goals.

A big 'THANK YOU' to our Sponsors and Haven Board on behalf of Haven students and staff. You are always in our thoughts!

Sonya Robinson



The Chicken Whisperer



Giving it 100%



Blast from the past... an old student now completing year 12!!!





The Green Classroom

### Green Classroom

The vision of having an outdoor learning space has finally arrived at The Haven Education Centre. Whether it is sitting on the two new bench seats in front of the chook shed, around the fire pit or sitting on the edge of the raised garden bed. All of our students have loved and been absorbed by this sensory experience as their learning comes to life! It is amazing how much students learn and retain when the content is real and they can engage in it with all their senses. The 'Green Classroom' has not only been used for classes across all KLA's but it has also been used as a 'chill out' spot at recess and lunch. Students will bring down the scraps from the kitchen and just watch the chickens do their thing. All the chickens have a name now and some are quite happy for the students to pick them up. It is amazing how calm the students are when they are sitting on the bench seat stoking a chicken in the sun! Staff have noticed that having this calm area has reduced the amount of incidents between students at recess and lunch. Finally, to top it all off our feathered friends are now producing eggs, which is the excitement of the morning when the students go down to check. This then provides a nutritious start for the day for some who have not yet had breakfast that morning. I look forward to learning all the different *eggcellent* egg recipes the students will learn in cooking over the next term when there are more and more eggs. Next term will see a mural slowly start to take shape on the side wall. Students have been working hard on a design and logo and are eager to get a chance to paint it.



Planting....



Brigga...



## Garden to Kitchen

The Garden to Kitchen program was in full swing this term. Our garden was full of fresh produce from our winter crops. I could not help but to go down into the garden myself and harvest the fresh produce from garlic, cauliflower, broccoli, leeks, shallots, parsley, sweet potato and potato. The kids got into the kitchen and chopped the vegies up and I put them into a big pot, cooked it all up and made a big pot of soup.

The student ate it for lunch the same day, and the next morning they pulled more out of the garden and asked if they could have soup again for lunch. I loved how they all got in wanting to help!

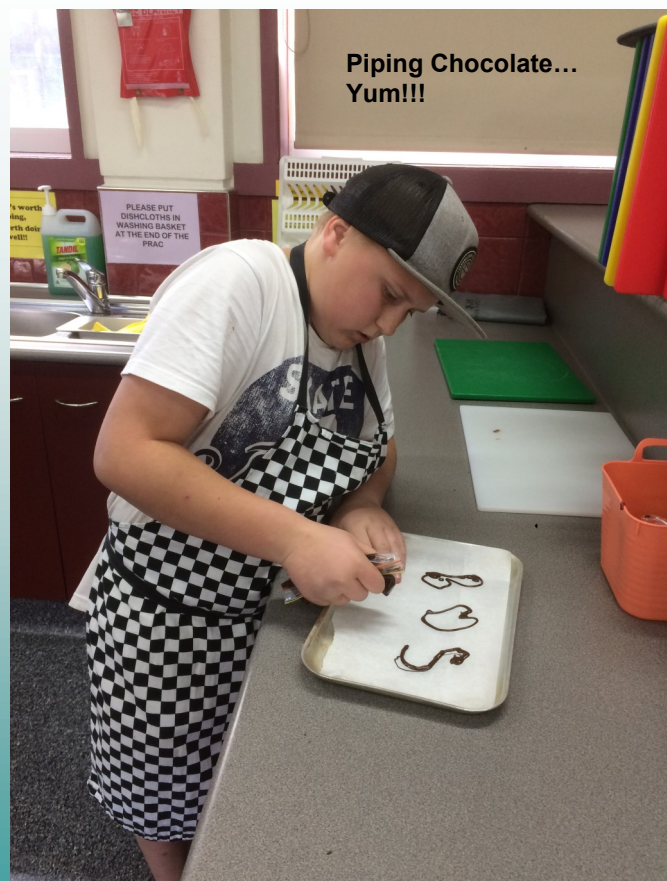
Our Chickens started laying this term, which meant everyone was excited. Last week we got about 12 eggs so I boiled them up, cut them in half and gave them to the students for recess. It is great to see students reconnecting with their food chain and eating healthy fresh produce!

Anne Lynn



## Cooking at Eddies

This term as part of our Inquiry learning students had to work on a cooking project. The project included defining what is healthy, creating a cover for a 'Haven Cook Book' and creating 4 healthy recipes to go in the book. The book is to be collated and put on sale at The Star of the Sea Fete. To reward the students who had worked so hard Anne McDonald, who is the Hospitality teacher at St Edwards College, offered to cook a three-course meal with the students. Our students were very excited to go over to St Edwards in the big kitchen to cook. They were extremely well behaved on the day and it was great to see the students demonstrating the things they had learnt during inquiry learning and applying it. The highlight for me was to sit down with all the students and share a meal with them and for the Eddies staff to get to know our students a little better. For some this was a new experience as they normally eat dinner in their bedrooms! Thanks to Anne Lynn and Anne McDonald for organising such a great day.







This term's Haven Day Out reminded me of why we created the incentive in the first place. After each week we show students their statistics in relation to their 'Haven Day Out' points. After five weeks, one of our students was sitting on 56% of positive behaviour (you need 75% to be invited). At the time, I calculated the possibility of him being invited and it worked out that if he were to come and behave on every excursion and Friday Rewards Day he would have 76%. For the last four weeks this student worked hard at changing his behaviour and he was invited!

For the Haven Day Out students went to complete a Ninja Warrior like challenge at the Obstacle Course Racing School. The students were very excited when we arrived, as there were photos all over the walls of the people that had participated in the Ninja Warrior. Students pushed themselves to the limit and worked with each other to complete the challenges. I was proud of the students' enthusiasm and it was great seeing the students, who are not normally physically active, participating in and enjoying physical activity. Well done to all students!







### Oz-tag

Once again, The Haven Education Centre participated in the annual PCYC Bateau Bay Oz-Tag Gala Day. The day saw schools from all over the coast playing Oz-Tag against each other and the Police. It was great to have a bit of fun with the police and see our students develop positive relationships with them. All students represented The Haven with pride and displayed good sportsmanship including how to encourage others in a positive way. Some students had to work hard on their behaviour in the week leading up to the event in order to be selected. For some students, this was the first time they had been selected in a team and had family there to support and watch on. Other students enjoyed the day so much that they want to join an Oz-Tag competition after school! On the day, past students having left The Haven in year 8, came up to say hello and catch up. It was great to tell a few stories of when they were at The Haven and see in their eyes how much The Haven helped them get back on the right track. Thank you to Kurt and Raquel from PCYC for organising another great day!





## From the students...

I like going to the chicken coop because there are chickens and I like to hug them. Jayla is my favourite chicken and she lets me pat her. When I am with Jayla she is calm and relaxed and this makes me calm. At my old school we didn't have chickens and that is one reason why I like to come here. Another reason why I like coming to The Haven is my friends, most people accept me for who I am. When I first came here I liked playing basketball because that is something that I like to do outside of school. I am looking forward to re-integrating back into my mainstream once I can learn how to control my anger.

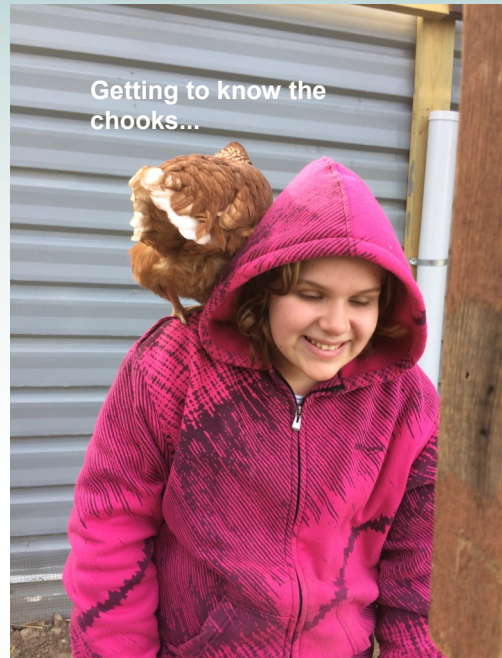


### Bubble Soccer

This term we did lots of activities but I think my favourite one was bubble soccer. I really liked it because I love flipping upside down and charging at people.

So the point of the game is to try to play soccer with a big bubble on you but we never really play soccer we just play gladiator and that is when one person is at one side of the field and the other is at the other side, then they say three, two, one then they charge. If you fall you lose, if you stand you get a point. It is first to three.

I know it does not sound like a lot of fun but it is and you need to do it before you see it because it is a good weekend activity. Thank you for funding this school so we can do fun things like this and much more.



### The Film Unit By Josh

One of the three PBL subjects this term was film. In the project there were 3 different tasks. The first task was write about your favourite movie and a description why it is. My choice was Star Wars because of the fact that it is bigger than what you see in the movies. The second task was a video about different camera shots and film techniques. We took notes on them and used them in our third task which was making a short movie with my friends. In the movie we utilized the different skills we learnt in the second task. We used different programs to edit the movie and add more to the film. I really enjoyed making the film with my friends and learning more about how movies are made. As a result, film making could be something I want do in the future.





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