

# Heatherbank CONNECT

In today's fast-paced world, the role of a school extends beyond just imparting academic knowledge. Heatherbank Primary School, recognizing this shift, has focused on building a strong, interconnected community that harnesses the power of connection for overall development.

## Christ Connect

The Christ Connect initiative at Heatherbank Primary School is all about instilling life-building values in our students. We believe that values are not just taught, but are caught and lived. To facilitate this, we have a dedicated daily worship time which allows our students to start their day serving God. Our weekly devotional and prayer sessions aim to provide an opportunity to learn about God's Word and pray for one another.

## Community Connect

At Heatherbank Primary, we believe in serving and giving back to our community. The Community Connect program encourages our students to participate actively in volunteering activities and collections. This gives a selfless joy, captures the essence of giving and instills a sense of responsibility and respect towards our neighbours. The senior team does one out-reach project each term while the junior classes do collections at school and keep our farm litter-free.

## Check in Connect

The Check in Connect initiative is designed to encourage self-reflection and accountability among our students. We follow a restorative justice approach, centered around principles of safety, trustworthiness, empowerment, and support. This unique initiative encourages students to question, reflect, and make amends, thereby fostering a sense of responsibility and empathy.

Reflection sessions are hosted on Friday afternoons. Learners are able to work in the school garden or have one-on-one sessions with a trusted teacher on staff.

## **Parent Connect**

The Parent Connect program recognizes that parents are our partners in this journey of education. We strive to strengthen our connections with them through regular communication, by providing mentoring sessions and workshops. This not only helps us understand our students better but also ensures that the parents are actively involved in their child's education.

## **Team Connect**

Teaching is a demanding profession that requires continuous learning and adaptation. Our Team Connect program supports our educators and staff members through weekly meetings, team-building and training sessions. These platforms provide a space for our staff members to connect, share their experiences, and learn from each other, thereby enhancing their skills and boosting their morale.

In conclusion, Heatherbank Primary School is not just about academics, it's about nurturing well-rounded individuals who are ready to face the world. By fostering these various connections, we are building a strong, resilient community that thrives on mutual respect, empathy, and cooperation.