

### ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Celebration in the Courtyard Poster Competition Winners
- Year 8 Science Excursion

(Pictured: Year 8 Science Excursion to St. Kilda Mangrove Trails - see page 6)

### DIARY DATES

- 23/11 Junior School Assembly (CF9)  
Year 12 Valediction
- 24/11 907 Transition Day  
ASSA Public Viewing Night (Observatory)  
Year 6 Photography Excursion - Cobble Creek
- 28/11 Celebration of Success
- 29/11 Year 6 Enrichment Day
- 30/11 Christmas Seminars
- 1/12 Year 12 Formal  
Last Day of Year 10 Classes
- 5/12 Governing Council Meeting 6pm
- 6/11 Hoyts TTP "Wonder" Excursion (804)

### School Tour Dates 2018

All scheduled school tours for 2017 have now concluded. The 2018 school tour dates can now be booked on our website.

See next page for more  
**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

[Click here](#) to view our  
online calendar

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### SUBS in Schools National Competition

Two Year 10 student teams of five travelled to Perth this week to participate in the Subs in Schools National Competition as part of our STEM and Defence Industry Skills Program.

The students were invited as South Australia's representatives after winning the State competition at the Royal Adelaide Show earlier this year.

Students had to build remotely operated vehicles to support cameras and robot arms to undertake specific tasks including diving down and recovering items from the floor of a pool while filming. The activity involved Maths and Science learning and understanding about underwater operation with robotic control; real STEM learning in practice.

We wish Adam Sobhi, Cooper McDowell, Namal Gunawardane, Dean-Ylong Sain, Jakob Phelan, Jessie Wattie, Isabella Shaw, Daniel Ko, Maximus Schellhase and teacher Ms Turton well. They are being accompanied by Ms Verdon and Mr Holyhrim on this trip.

#### IAC Student Volunteers

Recently Adelaide hosted the 68th International Astronomical Congress attended by over 4000 delegates from the space community around the world. 120 Year 11 and 12 students volunteered to experience a futures focus STEM environment.

The Heights School had four representatives Bree Mottram, Erin Clarke, Nadia Mattock and Nathanael Botten who received certificates of appreciation for their work representing South Australian public education to an international audience.

#### Year 12 Valediction and End of Year Celebration Assembly

This week and next we celebrate 2017 achievements of our students. On Thursday 23rd November we have the Year 12 Valediction followed by the Celebration of Success Assembly on the 28th November. This is a great time of the year where our school community comes together to acknowledge outstanding academic achievement and a range of other awards recognising leadership, participation, contribution and character.

For our Year 12s Valediction is the final formal farewell and celebration of their achievement. It is the culmination of many years of schooling at The Heights P-12 School involving regular and genuine positive encouragement, challenge and support to best prepare them to work towards productive, happy and healthy futures.

#### Remembrance Day Assembly

The conduct of our students throughout the Remembrance Day assembly was once again a pleasure to observe. Well done to all for the respect displayed, values and traditions observed. The minute silence, laying of the wreath and a young student bravely doing his best to play the Last Post was nicely done.

#### Congratulations Connor Whyte

Year 10 student Connor Whyte has been chosen to receive the Australian Music Examination Board Grade 8 Classical Guitar Prize. Connor will receive his award at the Showcase and Awards Ceremony at Elder Hall University of Adelaide on Sunday 3rd December.

Connor has also won Adelaide Eisteddfod Classical Guitar prizes this year.

Well done Connor.



Nigel Gill  
Principal



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### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

8/12	Middle School Social
11/12	RTA Prep Day (NO YEAR 8/9 CLASSES) Year 7 Graduation
12/12	Year 8/9 Round Table Assessments Celebration in the Courtyard
15/12	Last Day of School



### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2017

**Friday 15 December** is the last day of the 2017 school year. Students in Reception - Year 9 will have the opportunity to be dismissed at 12.45pm on receipt of a written permission slip.

Junior School (R-5): Permission letters will be sent home in Week 7.

Year 6/7: Permission letters will be sent home in Week 6.

Year 8/9: Permission letters have already been sent home as part of the Round Table Assessment notification.

Students who do not return this slip will not be dismissed early.

Students who remain after the optional 12.45pm dismissal will be supervised and involved in clean-up activities to help prepare for the following year. Please note that the remaining students will be dismissed at 2.05pm. Any student who remains until 2.05pm and uses the school bus service will need to make alternate travel arrangements.

**School Bus Service:** The only school bus service on Friday, 15 December will depart the school at 1.00pm.

**Out of School Hours Care:** OSHC will open at 12.45pm for students that are booked in for the Friday afternoon session.

Please note the following closing times for offices around the school for Friday 15 December 2017:

- The Finance Office, Junior, Middle & Senior School Student Services will be closed at 1.00pm
- The Front Office will be closed at 2.30pm
- The Resource Centre will be closed at 12.45pm
- The Uniform Shop will not be open for the afternoon session



## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On Monday 13th November, the Senior Student Leadership Team conducted a Remembrance Day ceremony which was attended by students from Years 6 to 11. We were delighted to have as our special guests Nick Lennon and Ian LeRay from the Salisbury RSL and Federal Member for Makin, Tony Zappia MP.



In the Commemorative Address, Ian spoke of the respect that Australians of all ages have shown over nearly a century for those who have served and died fighting for the freedoms we enjoy today. He also expressed his admiration for the young people who continue to show their respect as they did at our assembly. He then led us through the formalities of the ceremony, including the laying of the wreath and the playing of the Last Post by Justin Henkel, which all students observed impeccably.

Tony Zappia delivered a heartfelt message to our students about what this generation owes to those who have served and sacrificed and how they can show their gratitude by taking advantage of the opportunities that have been provided to them in such a wonderful country.

The conduct of all students throughout the commemoration was extremely respectful and they showed genuine appreciation for the contributions from our guests.

## THE HEIGHTS HISTORY CONTINUED TO DATE

During the 1980's many Royal Show prizes were awarded to The Heights school particularly in Applied Electricity, Woodwork, Metalwork, Plastics and Photography. The first pedal prize was in 1988 and organised by John Kidman and Alan Meathrel. During these early years the families, students and local community had many fund raising events for the school. This included 2 pergolas (since demolished) and paved areas around the school. The Observatory built in 1988/89 made The Heights the only government school in SA to have such a facility. This was due to the initiative of Manuel Papallea, a Science teacher, who gained some of the funding for the school and encouraged students to bring newspapers to sell and held lamington drives.

In the mid 90's German was dropped as a language at the school and only Indonesian was offered. Through the 80's and 90's Eisteddfods were associated with the school and students achieved many awards. This was later followed by the successes gained in Wakakirri and Music Festivals and the school became known for its Performing Arts achievements. After 1993 the school logo and uniform were changed and Mr. Woolley became Principal. During the 90's The Heights was one of two schools chosen to introduce a SHIP (Students with High Intellectual Potential) programme, the forerunner of the Ignite programme. In 1996 Maritime Studies was introduced as a subject and was offered until 2000. About 1997 Ken Case introduced VET programmes at the school including Auto Mechanics offered by Peter Mackay.

In 2007 the school celebrated the 30th anniversary and pavers were donated for the quadrangle area. There was a fair to mark this celebration. Other significant mile stones have been the separate purpose built Preschool opened in 2008 so the school became formally known as a P-12 school. In 2009 the Stephanie Alexander Garden was established.

Over the past two decades other programmes have been established such as Ignite for gifted and talented STEM students and the STAR group which involves students interested in astronomy, and seismic areas of study. This has become an important monitoring facility for Adelaide. In more recent years an Autism unit has been added. The school offers a variety of programmes for students from Preschool to Year 12. An historic display will be on view during the Christmas in the Courtyard event.

Compiled by Dr Bev Hall (Governing Council)



**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL**

*Dinner*

**Sunday 11th March 2018  
12noon - 5pm**

**Sferas 191 Reservoir Rd Modbury  
(on the corner of Montague Rd)**

\$50 p/p + booking fee, this is the price for early bookings  
(Partners are welcome)

*Dress Code is Neat Casual*

Cocktail food & beer, wine, champagne  
or soft drink on arrival for all attendees  
and tea or coffee

[www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) for bookings

Contact: [tammy77@iinet.net.au](mailto:tammy77@iinet.net.au)



## SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

At The Heights School, providing a caring P-12 community has always been something we are proud of, which we are and always will be committed to. Ensuring nurturing platforms for children to blossom and be themselves is crucial for their development. Our school has a wonderful relationship with the Pathways Community Centre who assists us in supporting families within our community. We are fortunate enough to find this relationship growing and with their help aim to provide further assistance to families in current need.

The Christmas Season is a time for families & friends to come together, celebrate life and show gratitude. This time of year can often be very hard for those around us. We ask for generous donations of food to ensure no child at our school goes hungry. We also ask for kind donations of Christmas themed food items & basic decorations that may brighten up the spirits of our families. We have large boxes placed in our Front Office and Junior School Office for items to be placed. These items will be collected by the Pathways Community Centre and made into vital hampers for identified families.

Any contribution you can make, no matter how small, will have a huge impact on a child's day and home environment.

Donation boxes are now available for your generosity and will remain until the end of term. Please donate to spread the feeling of joy and care during this Christmas Season.

Our biggest thanks,

Noelle Wallis (Pastoral Care Worker) & Vicki Cook (Business Manager)



## SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP NEWS

### Celebration in the Courtyard – BAKE SALE!

Please support the Celebration in the Courtyard by donating to and purchasing from the cake stall being run by our year 6 and 7 students during the Celebration in the Courtyard. We will welcome as many cakes, slices and biscuits as you can manage to whip up, just be sure to include a list of ingredients with each batch.

You can deliver your baking to the Community Room from 8.30am onwards on Tuesday the 12th of December. Can you help? Do you need to know more? Please contact Kellye using the details below.

Date: By Tuesday the 12th of December

Time: Any time

Location: Community Room

Contact: [kellye.rowe725@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:kellye.rowe725@schools.sa.edu.au)



### Term 4 School Volunteer Partnership Meeting

We would like to invite all volunteers to the School Volunteer Partnership meeting for Term 4. A generous morning tea will be provided as always, along with the opportunity to hear from, and speak with, our principal Nigel Gill as well as other members of our school's leadership team.

New volunteers are welcome to attend, as are those who are considering volunteering with the school in 2018.

Date: Monday, 4th of December 2017

Time: 9.15am – 10.30am

Location: Middle School Multi-Purpose Room

Contact: [kellye.rowe725@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:kellye.rowe725@schools.sa.edu.au)

### 'Responding to Abuse & Neglect: Education & Care' Induction and Refresher Course for Volunteers

Is your RAN-EC training certificate about to expire? Are you interested in volunteering in 2018? The Heights School will be offering the last of our face to face training sessions for the year shortly. Booking are a must so please contact the school to book in for this session as soon as possible. Places are limited and a simple morning tea is provided.

Date: Wednesday, 6th of December 2017

Time: 9.00am – 10.30am

Location: TBC

Contact: [kellye.rowe725@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:kellye.rowe725@schools.sa.edu.au)



## CELEBRATION IN THE COURTYARD POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following students who have won the Celebration in the Courtyard Poster Competition:

**1st Place:** Jessica Briscoe 6/704- prize \$10 canteen voucher

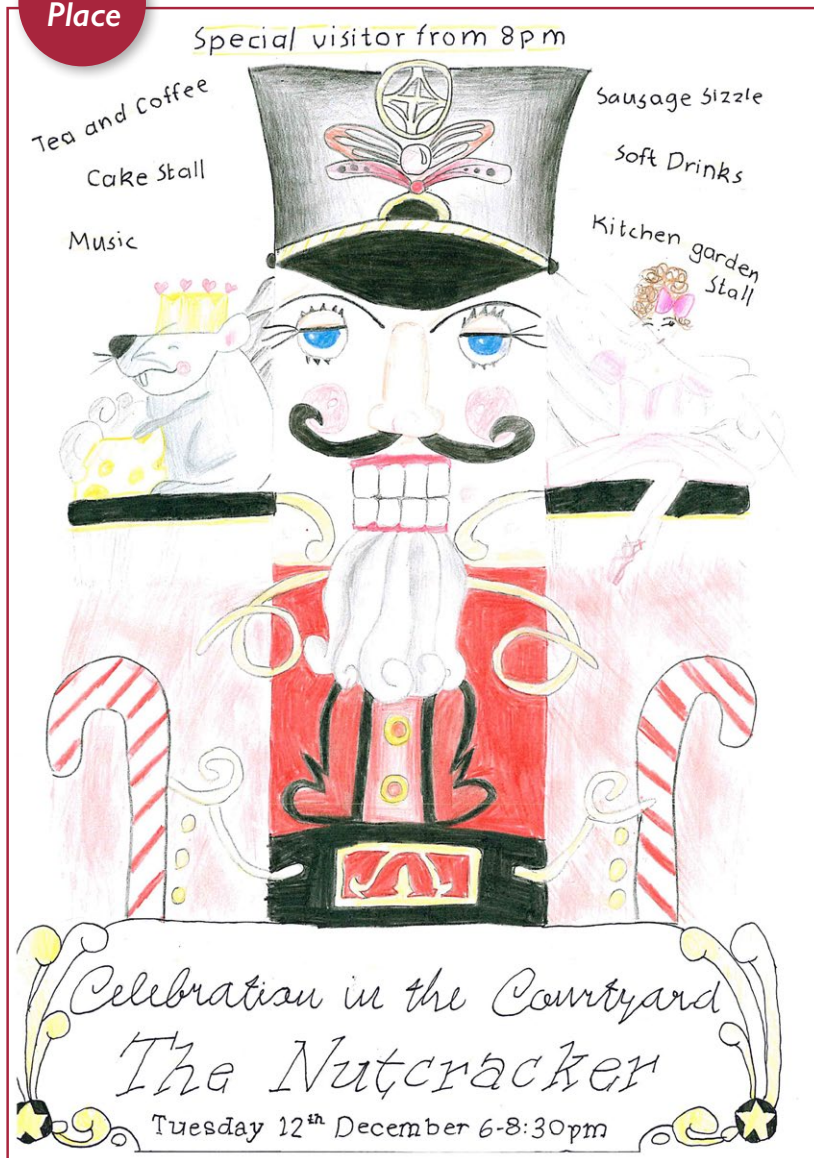
**2nd Place:** Matt Habbershaw SS26 -prize \$5 canteen voucher

**3rd Place:** Zoe Hatchard CF8- prize \$3 canteen voucher

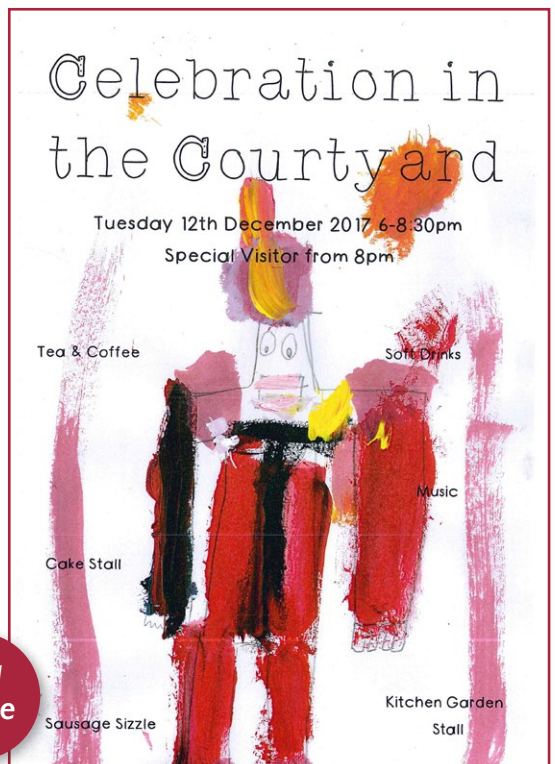
The winning posters will feature in the program available on the night, well done to you all.

Thank you to all students that entered the competition, your posters will be used around the school to advertise the event. Thank you for all your effort and creativity, all the posters were of a high quality.

**1st Place**



**3rd Place**





## INSTRUMENTAL TUITION 2018

The Heights School offers Music as an integral part of the general arts curriculum within the classroom. This is evident throughout the Junior, Middle and Senior school, as well as Instrumental Tuition outside the classroom. At the Heights School at present there are over 100 students accessing instrumental tuition from IMS teachers and private providers in a range of instruments.

The school is offering this exciting opportunity to learn a Musical Instrument again. This unique opportunity is open to students across the school. There is no cost for group lessons. Instruments available are **Strings** (starts in Yr. 3): Violin/Viola, Cello and Double Bass for the first time; **Woodwind** (starts in Yr. 5): Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone; **Brass** (starts in Yr. 5): Trumpet, Trombone and Euphonium, **Classical Guitar** (starts in Yr. 5), and **Bass Guitar** (starts in Yr. 8) **Percussion** (starts in Yr. 5), **Voice** (starts in Yr. 9). Lessons in **Piano** are also available through private provider (fees to be advised).



Lessons will start in Week 2 of Term 1 next year - Continuing students will be advised of their timetables. **Beginners will be invited to attend "a come and try session" in Week 7 this term and will be advised of the outcome.** If successful, a commitment by student and parent for 12 months must be made.

If you are looking into Instrumental tuition and the benefits for your child, you may be interested in the following clip on "How playing an instrument benefits your brain"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0JKCYZ8hng>

For more information contact Mr Laurinaitis in the Music Centre or by email: [Algis.Laurinaitis647@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Algis.Laurinaitis647@schools.sa.edu.au)

If your child would like to access Instrumental Music lessons at The Heights School in 2018 and would like to attend the initial Beginners "Come and try session" in Week 7 this term, please collect a letter with return slip from the Front Office.

## YEAR 8 SCIENCE EXCURSION TO ST. KILDA MANGROVE TRAILS

On Thursday, 9th of November, the Year 8 students from Mr Fletcher, Mrs Van Hoof and Mr Trainor's Science classes went on an excursion on the St. Kilda Mangrove boardwalk. Since the students are learning about Geology and Ecology, the St. Kilda Mangrove trail allowed them to examine the interconnections between the environment and the species that grow locally in the cooler climate. They learnt about the climates of the mangrove habitat, the animals that live in them as well as the impact of humans on the ecosystems in the area. Students were required to either complete a worksheet about the Mangrove trail or used their observations for further study. Overall it was a very enjoyable excursion with a great end to the day playing at the St. Kilda playground.

By Amalin and Trinity 801



## VISTA BEACH SOCCER

In Week 4 of Term 4, two teams of Year 8/9 Boys went to the Mawson Lakes Beach Volleyball courts to play Beach Soccer. The boys did well, but more importantly enjoyed a day on the sand! A big thank you to Nathan and Jai for refereeing. The following day, a large group of Year 8/9 girls went to participate in the girl's competition. With a big team and lots of cheer, we started off the competition with a close battle finishing with a draw. After starting to battle with the heat and wind, each game became highly competitive with close games throughout. The girls worked through 5 games in tough conditions, but their strong voices never ceased to cheer on their team mates. A big thank you going to Binar and Lucas for refereeing on the day.

*Katie Hart*  
*Head of Middle School*  
*Sports Coordinator*



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## Modbury Vista Soccer Club

invites new players for the  
 2018 season

**We currently have vacancies for the  
 following age groups:**

**U6, U10, U13-U16 and Development  
 Squads (3-5yrs)**

**We also require Coaches for the following  
 age groups:**

**U6, U11, U13, U16  
 And  
 COLTS (17-18)**

Visit [www.mvsc.com.au](http://www.mvsc.com.au)

All phone enquiries to the club Registrar on  
**0431 366 241** for more information