

The Heights School NEWSLETTER

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> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future

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The Heights School has received \$3.5 million to upgrade student facilities to provide vital new learning spaces and opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Additionally, The Heights School has received a further **\$10 Million** to develop state of the art new buildings and facilities.



A Fair Go Have a Go, Go Hard, Keep Going! Go Together

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- STEM Works
- SVP Appreciation Morning Tea
- Year 12 2018 Exam Timetable
- Jubilee Way Parkrun

Pictured: STEM Works unvielled! (See article on pages 3 & 4)

DIARY DATES

25/10 SAPSASA Cricket T20 Blast **STAR Group Excursion** - Hamilton Secondary College Space Centre **Primary Years Assembly** - CF9 & 603 26/10 World Teachers' Day Primary Years R-5 29/10 Swimming Week - 2/11 30/10 Year 12 Last Teaching Day Governing Council Meeting 6pm 31/10 VISTA Year 8-10 Boys & Girls Ultimate Frisbee Carnival Year 12 Farewell Morning Tea & Parade 1/11 Year 6 Science Excursion - The Beachouse 2/11 STAR Group Meeting Night 7.30pm VISTA Year 8/9 Boys Super 8's **Cricket Carnival** 6-16/11 Year 12 Exams VISTA Year 10 Boys Super 8's 7/11 Cricket Carnival School Tour 9am

Click here to view our online calendar

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 4

Preparations begin for a range celebrations held this term and depending on the age of your child and what they've been involved in you might want to make note of some of these dates.

- Year 12 Valediction Thursday 22nd November
- Celebration of Success for Middle and Senior students on Tuesday 27th November
- Celebration in the Courtyard predominantly for Junior students on Tuesday 11th December

Keep an eye out for more information and I look forward to seeing you at one them.

This term sees Bruce Osborne, Angel Golotta and Sally Putnam return from long service leave.

Derk Kappelle will be on leave for most of this term and filling in behind him is Champak Khurmi.

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is recognised and celebrated on Friday 26th October throughout the world to raise the profile of the profession. The time teachers give to the role in this school and many schools is an indication of the importance teachers place on their work. For example, recently we've had many teachers on duty during the school holidays preparing students for their Year 12 exams and other assessment tasks. There have also been school camps and numerous sporting and extra curricula activities as well as many assisting at celebration events that often occur in the evenings. These are only a few additional parts of a teacher's work. Each week there would be other different activities teachers get involved in.

Congratulations teachers and thank you for the work you do.



Student Attendance

We are still emphasising the importance of regular school attendance. Other than for reasons of exceptional medical circumstances, more than 10 days absent in a school year is considered to be too many. We are concerned that many of our students are exceeding this level. We continue to follow up student absence if we haven't heard from you. Please endeavour to inform us soon as possible if your child is absent from school.

Benefits of Regular Attendance for Students

- Getting the maximum benefit from school will optimise your life choices.
- Attending school regularly will develop skills and attitudes that will help you to be successful in later life. These include self discipline, punctuality, being organised and sticking to routines.
- Regular attendance leads to an increased likelihood of being successful at school.
- Attending regularly leads to making friends and learning to maintain relationships over a length of time.
- You will learn social skills necessary to live and work successfully with others.
- People will be more positive about you if you have a good attendance record.
- Attending school provides opportunities for socialising with your friends.
- The more you attend, the more you learn, and this will probably mean you will like school more.

Year 12 Students

The last of the scheduled lessons for students sitting exams takes place next week. Study programs continue up to the beginning of the exams, for groups of students exams start Monday 5th November.

Good luck to our Year 12 students at this time of their study programs.





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 School Tours School tours are held on Wednesdays mornings from 9.00am-10.15am as listed below. Bookings are required via our website. 7 November Term 4, Week 4
Across School Events 27/11Celebration of Success (Years 7-11) 11/12Celebration in the Courtyard (Whole School)
Year 12 Students 30/10Last Teaching Day for Year 12 Students 31/10Year 12 Farewell Morning Tea 6/11-16/11Year 12 Exams 22/11Year 12 Valediction 30/11Year 12 Formal
Year Students 6/ Last Teaching Day for Year Students 9/ -2 / Year Exams
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Year 7-9 Students 14/11Year 8 Immunisations (HPV2) 20/11Year 7 to 8 Transition Day 7/12Last Teaching Day for Year 7-9 Students 10/12Year 6/7 Graduation 10/12Round Table Preparation Day Year 8/9- No scheduled classes 11/12Round Table Presentation Day Years 7-9- No scheduled classes 12/12-14/12- Year 7-9 Activity Days
Primary Years 29/10-2/11Primary Years Swimming Week (Years R-5) 3/12-4/12Year 6 Aquatics 6/12Year 7 Waterworld Excursion 10/12Year 6/7 Graduation 12/12Years 1-7 in 2019 Transition Day (10:00am-11:10am) 14/12Last Day of Term 4

OSHC BBQ FUNDRAISER

OSHC BBQ FUNDRAISER BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE–WINDSOR GARDENS

FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER 2018 9am – 4pm

Please come and support our service by either volunteering your time to help on the day or by making a donation of sausages, bread or cans of soft drinks - <u>or purchasing on the day!</u>

Support our children!!

All funds raised will go towards the purchase of new books, toys, crafts and materials for our OSHC children!



STEM WORKS

\$3.5 MILLION STEM WORKS... READY TO UNVEIL

As I write this, builders are doing final minor adjustments and furniture and equipment is being delivered on a daily basis.

Once this goes to print and you are reading it, your child/children will be experiencing the most up to date, modern facilities as their learning environments have been transformed to incorporate STEM throughout our school.

Their new environments will encourage engagement, provide opportunities for project based learning which in turn challenges their thinking, promotes inspiration and creativity.

Across our Preschool to Year 12 Campus, new furniture & equipment has been deployed to every newly designed space. Every space has been designed with young learners in mind. Our students have come first with every aspect and decision made.

It would be near impossible to list the benefits this Building Work has given to our students and for us lucky enough to be here to experience working in such an exciting atmosphere.

It has been a privilege to be involved in this project that has spanned over two years.

I can't wait for our current families and their children to fill these spaces and look forward to sharing it with our community during upcoming Principal Tours and our Open Event early in Term I next year.

As this amazing project comes to an end... another begins as we welcome the Building Better Schools funding which will give our school an additional \$10 Million to develop new state of the art buildings and further facilities.

I'd like to thank our wonderful staff and community for their patience as we've experienced the sometimes unpredictable journey that only renovating can give!

Kindest Regards,

Vicki Cook, Business Manager



To this... Four completely refurbished laboratories



Out with the old... In with the new... Central STEM space with modern facilities to engage collaboration, challenge inspiring minds and provide the highest quality environment specially designed for positive student outcomes









STEM WORKS

\$3.5 MILLION STEM WORKS (Continued)

From this...



To this... Sleek architecture and interior design open up our Design Technology & Creativity Hub. Catering for flexible learning spaces and project based learning.



🗸 Gone!



Brand new STEM Computer Suite, plus a quiet nook for creative minds to problem solve and design



Out with the old





In with the new Modern spaces that encourage innovation and appeals to young enthusiastic learners. Cutting edge facilities that provide for individual study together with smaller learning hubs.





AROUND OUR SCHOOL

SCHOOL TOUR TERM 4



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School Tour



You're Invited

Principal, Nigel Gill, for refreshments and a conversation about your child's education in a relaxed atmosphere on

Wednesday 7th November 2018 from 9:00am to 10:15am

Are you looking for a leading school for your child as they enter Year 8 schooling?

The Heights School would love to share it with you

Bookings are essential. Please book online at http://theheights.sa.edu.au/tour or contact Dani Camillo 8263 6244

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Our annual Appreciation Morning Tea was held in the last week of Term 3, in honour of our many wonderful

volunteers. Our Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students, under the guiding hand of Mrs Sarah Rogers, provided a culinary delight for over 50 guests.



At this event each year, a small number

of volunteers who are nominated by staff, receive certificates from our Principal to acknowledge their outstanding commitments to our school and to the education of our students. This year's winners are;

- · Meg Holland for her dedication to the Wakakirri program.
- Jason Habbershaw for his dedication to the Pedal Prix program.
- Michelle Beck for her dedication to Literacy.
- Christian Huang for her dedication to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.
- Lynda Harris for her dedication to individual students.
- Meagan Marriott for her dedication to the Resource Centre.
- Stephen Dowding for his dedication to the Pedal Prix program.

Honourable mentions went to Eva Rose, Joy Heading, Liz & Robin Dowding, Tara-lea Mather, Stephen & Alison Blake, Jodie Warner, Shaun & Christie Mulick and Arty Van Ryswyk who have been nominated by staff for two or more consecutive years.

Congratulations to all of our award winners and nominees and thank you to all of the volunteers who attended this event, we were thrilled to be able to spend this time doing something special for those who do so much for our students. We value and appreciate your time, skills and energy that you freely give.

Kellye Rowe, Community Liaison Officer

Pictured below: I. SVP Appreciation Morning Tea; 2. Year 12 Hospitality students; 3. (left to right) Old Scholar Joshua Weidenbach, Principal Nigel Gill, Award Winner Megan Marriott and Community Liasion Officer Kellye Rowe.





UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Year 12 in 2019 Seniors Polo

Year 11 students can now place orders for a 2019 'Seniors' polo (these Commemorative Seniors shirts are an optional item and not an essential uniform item. Year 12 students may wear them at any time in place of the regular uniform shirts). It is expected that the polo shirts will be available for collection from the Front Office during Week 9 of Term 4 2018. Please complete and return an order form to the Finance Office by Friday 2/11/18, payment will only be required once an invoice is issued. Order forms were sent home at the end of Term 3, additional order forms are available from the Finance Office and the Uniform Shop.

Last day to return form: 2/11/2018

Last day to pay at Finance Office: 20/11/2018 Last day to pay Online: 16/11/2018.

<u>ANY UNPAID ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.</u> Orders submitted and paid for by 20/11/18 will be available for collection at the end of Term 4 2018. Orders submitted and paid for after 20/11/18, will not be available for collection until Term 1 2019.

Year 12 Polo Shirts are supplied in the following styles and sizes. The shirt will display our school logo and the words "Seniors 2019" underneath.

<u>Please Note:</u> Polo Shirts are not able to be exchanged once embroidered so please ensure you try on a sample shirt at the Uniform Shop before ordering to ensure you choose the correct size.*Normal Uniform Shop opening hours apply*



MENS STYLE



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SIZE	8	S	
	10	М	
	12	L	
	14	XL	
	16	2XL	
	18	3XL	
	20	4XL	
	22	5XL	

Year 12 in 2019 Commemorative Jacket

2019 Year 12 Commemorative Jackets are being designed at the moment. The style will be the same as in previous years (see below), and will be delivered for collection at the beginning of Term 2 2019. The cost will be approximately \$115.00, more information and order forms will be sent home later this term. Payment is not required until early Term 1 2019.



AROUND OUR SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL EXCURSION



Uniting together to create equity and to fight against discrimination was a theme of the breakfast event organised by Plan International that 4 of our Senior School students attended. Jia Shin, Alexandra Wilson, Sam Wallis and Tasmia Haque were a part of the 660 corporate members and students listened to the key speakers Melinda Tankard Reist, a recognised Australian author, media commentator and advocate for women and girls, and Saul A. Zavarce, a Venezuelan born human rights advocate and member of the Plan International Australia Campaigns team. Following the speakers were a Q&A Panel discussion with Melinda, Saul, Lisa Gascoigne (as the Young Women's Leadership Coordinator for YWCA Adelaide) and Kevin Tutt (Principal at Seymour College-previous Director for Education for Sunrise Cambodia). This event was an excellent opportunity to be involved in a major educational and fundraising event and example where strong leadership and unity can make a difference. These students were excellent ambassadors for the school through their interaction with the panel during the Q&A as well as once the event had closed.

BACKPACKS 4 SA KIDS – Donated Goods Required

As a community service focus for The Heights School in Term 4, Mrs Lempens and student volunteers will be working alongside with the charity organisation Backpacks 4 SA Kids to make backpacks for children and young adults during periods of dislocation from home and routine care. This organisation works in conjunction with child welfare, child protection, family violence and homelessness agencies to provide as many displaced children as possible with a backpack. The backpacks contain age appropriate emergency clothing, toiletries and other necessary supplies for children aged 0-16 years.

Our aim is to provide backpacks full of useful items that these children and young adults, can call their own, providing reassurance and comfort from their changing worlds. To support us with making these backpacks, we need your help. Please read through the list of donation items we require to make the backpacks. If you would like to donate goods from the list that you may have at home or if you would like to contribute money to purchase the backpacks, we would love to receive your donations. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference.

What we need...

- Baby and children's clothing (new or near new condition) grow suits (size 0000-1); jumpers, long pants, short pants and tops (size 2-9).
- Young adult clothing (new condition) jumpers, long pants, short pants and tops (size 10-18).
- Pyjamas, underwear, singlets, socks, bibs, face washer (new condition) size 2 to 18.
- Baby blanket/wrap and baby rattle (new or near new condition).
- Toys and soft toys (new or near new condition) birth to 16 years.
- Books, storybooks, DVD's, torch (new or near new condition) birth to 16 years.
- Notebooks, pencil case, colouring books (new condition) ages 3 to 16 years.
- Nappies, Pull-Ups, Dry Nights, nappy wipes (new condition)
- Dummy, baby bottle, sippy cup (new condition)
- Toiletry Bag for children and young adults (new condition) shampoo and conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush or comb, hair ties, sanitary pads (girls).

Drop-Off Locations

If you are donating any items, you can drop these off at the school front office, junior school office, and the Home Economics department (DGI). If you would like to donate money, please see staff in the finance office. We will be collecting donations until week 6, term 4. If you have any questions, please contact Gen Lempens.

If you would like to learn more about Backpacks 4 SA Kids, you can visit their website at http://backpacks4sakids.org



SENIOR SCHOOL & SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 12 2018 EXAM TIMETABLE

Below is a copy of the exam timetable which includes each exam date, time and room allocation.

Year 12 Students will continue to be required to wear school uniform when attending school after 31 October for exams, private study or classes.

Students will be admitted to the exam room 10 minutes before the time fixed for the examination to begin.

There will be a 10 minute reading time. SACE Board changes dictate that students may now write in their script books or question booklets and use a calculator during this time.

Students cannot enter the exam room more than 40 minutes after the starting time of the exam.

Students CANNOT LEAVE the exam room during the first 40 minutes (which includes the 10 minute reading time) or last 10 minutes of each exam.

Students will be allowed the full period scheduled for the examination after the reading time.

Date	Exam	Start Time	Finish time	Place
Mon 5 Nov	Biology	1:30 pm	3:40 pm	Meeting Room 2
Tues 6 Nov	Vietnamese	9:00 am	12:10pm	Meeting Room 2
Tues 6 Nov	Modern History	1.30 pm	3.40 pm	S/S Drama Space
Wed 7 Nov	English as an Additional Language	9.00 am	11.40 am	S/S Drama Space
Thurs 8 Nov	General Mathematics	9.00 am	11.10 am	S/S Drama Space
Thurs 8 Nov	Mathematical Methods	1.30 pm	4.40 pm	S/S Drama Space
Fri 9 Nov	Legal Studies	9.00 am	12.10 am	S/S Drama Space
Mon 12 Nov	Physics	1.30 pm	3.40 pm	S/S Drama Space
Tues 13 Nov	Chemistry	1.30 pm	3.40 pm	S/S Drama Space
Wed 14 Nov	Japanese	9:00 am	12:10 pm	Meeting Room 2
Wed 14 Nov	Psychology	1.30 pm	3.40 pm	S/S Drama Space
Fri 16 Nov	Essential Mathematics	9.00 am	11.10 am	S/S Drama Space
Fri 16 Nov	Specialist Mathematics	9.00 am	12.10 pm	S/S Drama Space

All students should read carefully the Examination Rules for Students located on their Examination Attendance Slip which they would have been given by their Home Group teachers in Week 10 of Term 3.

JUBILEE WAY PARKRUN - OCTOBER 2018

The number of Heights P-12 School students and staff walking or running the Jubilee Way parkrun has been steadily increasing ... and why not considering the event is free, open to all ages and a whole lot of fun! The audience over the last few weeks consists of a multitude of ducks with quite a number of ducklings, a mother koala with her baby, four owls and the local horses.

Students who have taken part include: Tait and Zoe Hatchard, Ryan Ritter, Sam Parry, Matthew Boyce, Sophie De Vries, Ashlynn and Isla Bunt, Emily, Abbie and Jake Stribling, Cole Hewitt, Bryn and Vale Follett (both about to reach their 10th parkrun!!), Natasha and Owen Dodd, Miguel, Lance and Domenic Tolentino, Jorja and Aiden Jennings.

Staff who have taken part include: Anabel Pascoe, Grace Jolly, Colleen Goerner, Gemma Eastley, Kirsty Hatchard, Maria Parry, Cherie Rothery.

Note: If there are any other students or staff who take part that I am not aware of, please let me know.

Congratulations to Ms Hatchard and Ryan Ritter, who both achieved PBs (personal bests) this week, and to Vale and Bryn Follett who achieved PBs the previous week.

Jubilee Way parkrun is held every Saturday morning at 8am (arrive at 7.50am). Participants can run or walk the 5km course. The course is pram friendly and dogs on short leads are more than welcome. If anyone would like any information about this event, please visit the Jubilee Way parkrun website

http://www.parkrun.com.au/jubileeway/ or email me direct at cherie.rothery898@schools.sa.edu.au







Pictured above: Local duckling and koala; Students: Aiden, Zoe and Jorja

Mrs Rothery

SPORTS NEWS / **COMMUNITY** NOTICES

VISTA YEAR 9/10 BOYS TAG RUGBY LEAGUE

On Friday the 19th of October our Year 9/10 Boys Tag Rugby League team competed in the North Eastern VISTA Zone Lightening Carnival. The boys were quite competitive though out the day despite finishing 5th overall. In their words... 'We got off to a shaky start but once we found our team equilibrium, we really got going. It was a great effort today from all of the boys. Playing with no substitutions was challenging but it was a really fun day. Overall we had a great time and we would do it again for sure!'

Eulaly Allen Sports Coordinator



COME AND TRY ORIENTEERING

Come and Try Orienteering at The Heights School - Sunday, 28th October 2018

Orienteering is a sport where competitors visit a number of points (called controls) marked on the ground in the shortest possible time, aided by a map and compass.

This new orienteering map of The Heights School and surrounding streets has been made by Year 9 student Jack Marschall and together with another orienteer, has set 3 courses for this event.

Two courses (6.6km and 4.2km in length) will involve navigating around the surrounding streets down to Dry Creek and then back to the school before finding more controls around the school grounds. The shorter course is only 1.6km and will have controls only within the school grounds. This course is more suited to beginners and children.

Courses are also available for groups so you can go with someone if you prefer.

Compasses are available for loan if you need them and someone will be available to help newcomers.

Non-members: Children \$10, Adults >21 \$15, Group \$30, Family \$40

Parking will be in the carpark off Augusta Street or along Brunel Drive. Come and find the registration tent outside MG3 at the front of the school and you can start any time between 10am and 12pm.

Catering on the day will be provided by The Heights School Pedal Prix Club as a fundraiser so show your support and leave your lunch at home. For more information: <u>https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/6658</u> or email Kate Marschall on <u>akjebm@gmail.com</u>

Can you work out which part of the school these bits of the map belong to?







