

## **The Heights School** NEWSLETTER

### ISSUE 17 | 8 November 2018

> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future



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:

- Last day of Year 12
- Year 8 Indonesian
- Pedal Prix
- VISTA Ultimate Frisbee

Pictured: Last day of Year 12 (SS26) - See more on page 4

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### **DIARY** DATES

8/11	VISTA Year 8/9 Boys Beach Soccer	
9/11	VISTA Year 8/9 Girls Beach Soccer	
4/	Year 8 Immunisations 2nd V (HPV 2)	
	VISTA Year 9/10 Boys/Girls European Handball	
	School Crossing Training	
15/11	Stage I PE Excursion - Valley View Par 3 Golf	
16/11	ASSA Public Viewing Night (Observatory)	
	Last Teaching Day (Year 11)	
9/   -2 /	Year II Exams	
20/11	First Aid for Kids - Year 5	
	Year 7 to 8 Transition Day	
See more important Term 4 dates		

on the <u>next page</u>

Click here to view our online calendar

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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### The Heights School in 2019

Our School is growing in size as more and more families are expressing a desire to enrol their children with us.

Next year we will have a fourth Year 7 class compared to the three we have had over recent time. It appears families are wanting to be here to begin the high school program which is pleasing because we have worked hard to achieve over 20% A grades at Year 12 over the last two years, everything we do over many years contributes to this and it looks like people are starting to notice.

We are also going to add an extra Junior Primary class to ensure our class sizes are smaller in these areas as we want our Reception children to have the best possible start to school.

#### **Transition Visits for New Reception** Children

This week new parents of 2019 Reception children have been welcomed to our school by our Primary Leader Rebekah Goodall, Deputy Principal Robyn McLachlan and teachers. Exciting times and we are looking forward to working with our new families over the next 13 years.

#### Best of Luck to our Year 12 Students **Commencing Exams**

The general Year 12 population began their first exam, Biology on Monday 5th November. Exams conclude a couple of weeks later with Specialist Maths and Essential Maths on Friday 16th November



Year 12 Dress **Up Breakfast** 



Our Year 12 students finished regular scheduled school lessons last Wednesday with the dress up parade tradition followed by a huge breakfast. Many of our Junior School students who were involved in swimming last week were still able to be present before dashing to the pool as this is a highlight for them as well as our Year 12 students. I was very impressed and enjoyed witnessing the positive atmosphere and interactions by all.

Credit to you all, and well done to supporting staff who are very pleased for you.

Good luck over the coming weeks.

#### Indonesian Students Competition Success

Year 9 students learning Indonesian did really well in the Indofest Secondary School Speaking Competition. As a result of their successful video submissions they have taken out 2nd and 3rd place judged by a national panel. Their videos now go to a national competition.

Well done to our students and their Indonesian teacher Adrienne Niven.

#### **STEM Builds Complete**

With the \$3.5 million STEM build complete the school is getting back to normal. We no longer look like a site under part construction, for a short while anyway until the new \$10 million project commences. This school is going to be even more special.

The new learning areas look great and I'm sure you enjoyed the photos in the last newsletter. We are in the process of enjoying kitting them out with new furniture ready for use in 2019.



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## **IMPORTANT DATES** IN TERM 4

#### Across School Events

27/11.....Celebration of Success (Years 7-11) 11/12.....Celebration in the Courtyard (Whole School)

Year 12 Students 6/11-16/11......Year 12 Exams 22/11.....Year 12 Valediction 30/11....Year 12 Formal

Year 11 Students

16/11 ......Last Teaching Day for Year 11 Students 19/11-21/11 .....Year 11 Exams

Year 10 Students 30/11 ..... Last Teaching Day for Year 10 Students

#### Year 7-9 Students

14/11 ......Year 8 Immunisations (HPV2)
20/11 .....Year 7 to 8 Transition Day
7/12 .....Last Teaching Day for Year 7-9 Students
10/12 .....Year 6/7 Graduation
10/12 .....Round Table Preparation Day Year 8/9 - No scheduled classes
11/12 .....Round Table Presentation Day Years 7-9 - No scheduled classes
12/12-14/12 ....Year 7-9 Activity Days

### **Primary Years**

14/12.....Last Day of Term 4





## AROUND OUR SCHOOL

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### SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS PARTNERSHIP NEWS

#### Term 4 School Volunteer Partnership Meeting

Do not miss this term's SVP meeting!

All volunteers are invited to join us for a special SVP tour of the soon to be opened new STEM areas. This personal tour will be led by our Business Manager, Vicki Cook who will show you all three new areas. A celebration afternoon tea will be provided so please bring along anyone you know who may be interested in volunteering.

Date: Friday, the 28th of November Time: 2 - 3pm Location: Meet at the Middle School Multi-Purpose Room – tour begins at 2.15pm sharp Contact: kellye.rowe725@schools.sa.edu.au

#### Round Table Assessments - Volunteers needed

As part of their end of year assessment, all Year 8 and 9 students at The Heights School participate in their own 'Round Table' assessment. Round Table assessments give students the opportunity to plan and deliver a presentation demonstrating their learning to a small group of people. This small group could include their parent/s or caregivers, their teacher/s and one member of the community who may not be well known by the student.

Your role as the community member is to be present and to listen. That's it. You may offer feedback or ask questions at the end of their presentation if you wish, but there is no pressure to participate in that way.

Who can volunteer? Anyone can assist at this 'one off' opportunity, even if you are not a registered volunteer. How long will it take? That's up to you; each assessment takes 15mins. You could come for 1 or 10. Date: Tuesday, the 11th of December

Location: Volunteers selected will be personally notified of the room number prior to the day. Contact: <u>kellye.rowe725@schools.sa.edu.au</u> or call 8263 6244

#### 2018 Fundraising

The fundraising effort put in by the SVP team this year has been nothing short of outstanding, and their effort has been reflected by the fact that just shy of \$5000 was raised this! Vicki Cook, the Heights Schools Business Manager, wishes to pass on her heartfelt thanks for not only for raising such a useful sum of money, but for doing it with such a positive, community mindset. Our school is so fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers and your continued support has provided for the school in ways that would not be possible without your efforts.

If you helped in any way with the **Mother's Day** stall, the **Father's Day** stall, the **Sports Day** kiosk or the **Krispy Kreme** fundraiser then you have made it possible for our school to purchase outdoor benches for all three of our new outdoor STEM spaces! These benches were purchases from an Australian owned company who uses recycled plastic products and they do amazing things for the environment. The benches have been ordered and you should see them onsite soon. The remaining funds have been supplemented by school funds to upgrade student seating in the Science laboratories of the Middle Years building.

Want this info and other volunteering updates and opportunities sent straight to your inbox?

Just send you email address to <u>kellye.rowe725@schools.sa.edu.au</u> with 'Add me to the SVP emails' in the subject line.







## **AROUND OUR** SCHOOL

## THE LAST DAY FOR YEAR 12'S



The last official school day for Year 12's is an emotionally charged and wonderful time for students to celebrate and recollect their time spent at school. As a Heights tradition the students came in costume to entertain the junior school and give a sense of frivolity to their last school day. So much time and effort went in to these costumes, which demonstrated the sense of mirth, creativity, and joy that is representative of the class of 2018.

The Year 12's paraded in front of the wonderful Primary students and judge, Nigel Gill, happily announced the winners. The Junior School then presented the Year 12's with 'good luck' and 'well wishes' posters thoughtfully constructed by the students. Finally, the Year 12's were given a guard of honour formed by the Reception students. A wonderfully symbolic idea created by Junior School Leader, Rebekah Goodall, which links back to when the Year 12's welcomed and supported the Reception students at the beginning of the year.

This morning would not have happened without the support and commitment of all staff involved, in particular, all Year 12 Home Group teachers who cut fruit, prepared platters and cooked the BBQ, thank you. To Lyn Davis your guidance and clarity allowed this day to occur. To Noelle Wallis and Kellye Rowe for all their kindness and organisation, without them there would be no food and no true celebration. To Nigel Gill for judging the parade and running it on my rushed advice. To Beth Sztekel whose patience and photographic skills allowed the joy of the day to be captured. To Rebekah Goodall who rallied and raised the excitement of Junior School who were beyond organised and wonderfully vibrant, thank you!

To the graduating class of 2018, I can only express my deepest admiration and respect for your empathy, leadership and generosity on your last day. Best of luck for all exams.

Ian Benjafield Year 11 and 12 Year Level Team Mentor



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## **INDONESIAN** NEWS

### **YEAR 8 INDONESIAN**

Students in 803 and 804 have been exploring the ingredients, dishes and bustling market life of Indonesia. We began our learning with a "See Think Wonder" activity, during which students were presented with a range of common Indonesian ingredients including soya bean, star anise, ginger and rambutan. In pairs, they worked together to describe what they could see, how they thought each ingredient might be used and what they wondered about the ingredient. We then watched the documentary *Food Safari*, in which Indonesian chefs, including a Balinese prince, prepared dishes



using the ingredients. After learning the art of bargaining in Indonesian, students became buyers and sellers at their own class market. Our market resembled a real Indonesian market – it was quickly set up, was filled with noise and bustle and was packed up as though it had never been there!

Janette Bandjak, Indonesian teacher



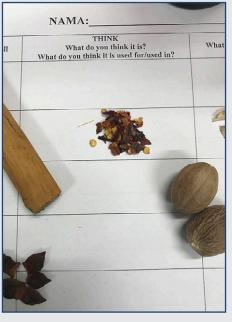


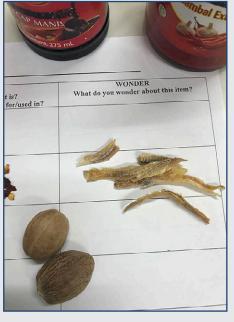












## **PRIMARY** YEARS

### **BEACHOUSE EXCURSION 601**









On Thursday the 1st of November, 601 went on a Science excursion with Miss Sulley-Beales and Mrs Rothery to the Beachouse Glenelg. Here are some excerpts from student recounts of the day.

"Our journey began at school where we applied sunscreen and as a class we left the school, heading to the bus stop. After a bus ride into the city, we headed to the trams. They were busy and there were no seats, so the class had to hold on to anything they could reach. As we were boarding the tram, before the whole class was on the tram the tram started to move without half the class! But quickly the tram stopped, making all the students on the tram fall over. The other half of the class then got on the tram and everyone spoke of how we nearly lost the other half of the class. We arrived at the Beachouse and everyone was excited."









#### Estelle Williams

"We went into the Beachouse where we were first greeted by two professors (I can't remember the names). We started by learning about friction and how fast certain objects go down water slides. Afterwards we came over to the dodgem cars, where we learnt about electrical energy. We also learnt how to power the cars; we had to use both positive and negative energy. We then got to go on two rides in the cars. After that we went downstairs and learnt about how to make a water filter for the waterslides."

#### Elijah Morgan

"When we went to the Beachouse, we all had a really good time. We had to catch buses and trams to get there and back. When we got there, we learnt about forces and how quickly people can go down the waterslides. Then we learnt about electric circuits and how the dodgem cars work. Then we got to go on the dodgem cars. Lastly, we learnt about water filtration and we talked about why filters are needed."

Jessica Craig

## PRIMARY YEARS & SPORTS NEWS

### YEAR 601 – GEOGRAPHY MODELS

Here are just three of the models on display in the Library. Students in 601 have been working presenting their research on different groups of First Nation North American Indians. They presented their findings and their models to the class last week. Each group found that how their particular tribe lived depended on the local conditions. The environment was the deciding factor for housing, clothing, diet and lifestyle. Thus the Mohave Indians developed hogans, picture 2, the Sioux used tipis which could be setup and dismantled easily and quickly as they followed the bison across the Great Plains, picture 3 and the Seminole tribe in the South Eastern area of the country, built homes that could deal with flooding and also provided ventilation and shade from the humidity and heat.

Sally Putnam



Mohave Indians - Bryn, Brodie and Miguel



Seminole Indians - Alisha, Estelle and Jess



Sioux Indians - Zoe and Ellajayne

### VISTA YEAR 8/9/10 BOYS AND GIRLS ULTIMATE FRISBEE

On Wednesday the 31st of October our Year 8/9/10 Boys and Girls Ultimate Frisbee Teams competed in the North Eastern VISTA Zone Lightening Carnival at The Heights School. All teams were quite competitive at periods throughout the carnival, with a mix of experienced and beginner players.



Year 8/9 Girls- Both of our 8/9 girls team had a great day with our friends. We also got to meet some new

people. Although it was hot we enjoyed spending time playing sport.

Year 8/9 Boys - Despite the hot weather we had a great day.We continued to work well together as a team and as the day progressed we continued to improve.We ended the day equal third in the Year 8/9 Boys competition.

Year 10 Boys - The scorching weather didn't interrupt the fun and enjoyment of the day at all! With having no subs and only losing one game the whole day, we just managed to miss out on first place by one! Extraordinary effort all day by everyone.

Thank you to our 4 coaches who supported and encourage our teams throughout the day.

Eulaly Allen, Sports Coordinator









### **PEDAL PRIX - THE MAIN EVENT**







The Australian HPV Super Series 24 hour event was held at Murray Bridge at the end of last term with The Heights School entering 4 vehicles once again in 2018. The weather was great for the whole 3 days from Friday to Sunday. Many students and parents attending their first 24 hour Pedal Prix enjoyed a camping out experience as well as the excitement of the 24 hour race.

Our thanks to team sponsor Formula Honda and Eugene Maslov for his support of the team.

## Formula Honda

Thanks also to Anthony lanella from Euride Cycles

Team Odyssey: (from left) Althea Partible, Saya Kikuchi, Gemma Blake, David Maslov, Jamie Habbershaw, Deborah Baker, and Troy Fortanier. Team "Odyssey" completed 330 laps (568 kms) in the 24 hours. Outstanding individual performances were from Jamie Habbershaw (72 laps) and Gemma Blake (63 laps).

Campbell town for his support.

Our vehicles look great as Maddy Blake pushes hard in "Pulsar" leading "Odyssey" down the main straight next to the Murray River.

#### Team Pulsar: (from left)

Maddy Blake, Minuka De Silva, Jirah Baker, Evan Johnson, Zayne Henderson, Jackson Li, Yaxuan Zhu and Lachlan Blake. Pulsar team completed 329 laps (566 kms) in the 24 hours. Although all riders pushed themselves to new personal limits, special mentions must go to 3 riders Yaxuan Zhu who completed 91 laps in his first 24 hour event







and Minuka DeSilva who completed 48 laps. Congratulations also to Evan Johnson who completed 46 Japs in his first Murray Bridge Pedal Prix.





Team Orion: (from left) Raumund Cotton, Matt Habbershaw, Amy Hodgetts, Alex Cox, Matt Boyce, Brett Boyce and Caleb Bond. Team Orion competing in the open category and consisting of a combination of old scholars, senior students and parents saw plenty of action with rollovers and



plenty of time of the track during the night to repair damage. hey completed 319 laps (549 kms) in 24 hours. A special mention to old scholar, Alex Cox who not only completed 72 laps individually but was the only rider for the school who kept his average speed over 30kms/hour for the event. Parent, Brett Boyce is also an integral part of the vehicle repair team at Wednesday night workshops.

Team THOR: (from left) Robert Baker, Brenton Bull, Peter Georgaras, Liam Mickan, Alison Blake, Anthony Ward-Colbert and Stephen Blake. Also in the open category Orion is a team of students, staff, parents and old scholars. They completed 344 laps (592 kms) in the 24 hours. An outstanding individual performance



should be noted by Alison Blake who completed 102 laps in the 24 hours (174 kms) and a special mention to Brenton Bull who completed 59 laps for his team. Alison and Stephen Blake are also part of the support crew who make Pedal Prix possible at The Heights, taking charge of logistics such as track marshals, uniforms, cycling shoes, drink bottles etc. Rob Baker is also an integral part of the vehicle repair team at Wednesday night workshops.

The Support Crew/Committee: (from left) Jason Habbershaw, (vehicle manager/mechanic) Roger Button (program manager), Renee Baker (catering support), Brett Fortanier (parent helper), Adrienne Niven (fitness coach), Robin Dowding (logistics/catering support), Liz Dowding (catering manager/logistics



support) Natalie Creer, catering helper), Dione Thompson (Fundraising/catering support), Stephen Dowding (Lap counting manager, vehicle electrics, logistics) This dynamic, hard-working team make Pedal Prix possible at The Heights School. They work tirelessly to raise funds, repair vehicles, plan events, catering and develop Pedal Prix infrastructure. Our sincere thanks to this vital team.

#### **Comments from Rider – Brenton Bull:**

Best part: "being on the track next to the other three bikes late at night" Thanks to: "Mr Button, the man who helped me set up the electrical lighting, the ladies who made breakfast, lunch and dinner, the other riders, my mother for taking me to the event and all the people that came along and cheered me on to continue forward. Also, Jason and the pit crew keeping the bikes going the whole time." Aim next year: "Do better than the last race."

Pedal Prix 2019: If you would like to be a part of this family friendly, exciting event next year, then please send Roger Button and email (Roger.Button955@schools.sa.edu.au) or enquire at the Front Office.

## **COMMUNITY** NOTICES

Hope Valley Junior Football Club presents:

# HVJFC SEASON 2019

We are currently seeking:

## **JUNIOR PLAYERS** U7 - U16.5

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEMON OR REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT TARYN HVJFCSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE FROM NOV 1ST, DETAILS TO FOLLOW





## OUR CLUB • Free come 'n' try lawn bowls for school aged students & families Coaching & equipment provided

• Fun atmosphere with no commitment

**HELD AT** 

Different games to play in

Multiple dates to get involved

Friday November 16: 5:30pm - 8:30pm Sunday November 18: 10am - 3pm

Coordinator: Jamie Thomas



FOOTBALL **UI6 PREMIERS 2018 UI8 PREMIERS 2018** 

HVJFC GIRLS

### **ALL AGES WELCOME IN 2019**

For more info email Taryn hvjfcsecretary@gmail.com ine registration from Nov 1st Details to follow







