

# The Heights School NEWSLETTER

**ISSUE 4** | 21 March 2019

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The Heights School has completed the \$3.5 Million upgrade to student facilities, providing vital new learning spaces and opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Additionally, The Heights School has received a \$10 Million grant to provide brand new buildings with state of the art furniture and equipment to enhance student learning. Planning has already commenced.



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

Go Together

# **ISSUE** HIGHLIGHTS:

- Primary Dance Drama Club
- ASEAN Youth Forum
- EAL Street Art
- P-12 Sports Day

Pictured: Sports Day medal recipients (see article on pages 7-8)

## **DIARY** DATES

- 25/3 Parent Teacher Interviews R-6
- -29/3 (by appointment)
- 25/3 703 Science Excursion -Adelaide Planetarium
- 26/3 702 Science Excursion -Adelaide Planetarium
- 27/3 Closing the Gap Day Excursion (ATSI students Yr 6-11)
  701 & 704 Science Excursion -Adelaide Planetarium
  VISTA Athletics Carnival

Open Event 6.00pm (no bookings required)

- 28/3 Open Event 9.15am (no bookings required)
- 29/3 Crows Cup Girls Football
- I/4 School Tour 9.00am
- 2/4 VISTA Year 8/9 T20 Blast Cricket
- 3/4 Year 11 RAA Street Smart Excursion SAPSASA Touch Football

See more upcoming dates on the <u>next page</u>

<u>Click here</u> to view our online calendar

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### 2019-2021 Improvement Plan

Governing Council and Education Director Anne Lamont have discussed and signed off on our school's Improvement Plan for the next 3 years. Although we have many priorities the new direction to support targeted improvement to contribute to the Department's quest to become world class within 10 years, is to identify three specific areas to be precise about. Ours are:

- Increase the Year 3 High Band Achievement in Reading
- Increase the Year 3 High Band Achievement in Numeracy
- Increase the percentage of A grades at Year 12

I will keep you updated on our progress from time to time.

Many exciting activities and events have occurred over the last couple of weeks. Our P-12 Sports Day was held on Friday 8th March. Congratulations to all involved. It was great see so many from our community come into the school for the event. Once again participation, support, encouragement and a great family support atmosphere was present.

We have also revisited our commitment against bullying and violence, through a pledge, *Bullying*. *No Way*! wrist bands and pocket information with steps to help.

Harassment, bullying and violence in all its forms have no place in The Heights School community. Our school affirms the right of all members of the school community to work, learn and play in a safe and secure environment.

#### **Open Day**

Looking further ahead next week we have Open Evening 6.00pm Wednesday 27th March and Open School 9.15am Thursday 28th March. We are looking forward to showcasing our school and providing evidence of the learning improvements being achieved by our students.

#### \$3.5 Million STEM Project

I am pleased to inform you our Official Opening of the \$3.5 million dollar STEM Program takes place at 4pm on Wednesday 27th March prior to and flowing into our Open Event. It will be an exciting afternoon, with many special guests invited including members of parliament, previous leaders and staff, Governing Council members and some current staff members too.







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## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### SCHOOL TOURS 2019

School tours are held from 9.00am-10.15am as listed below.				
Bookings are required via our website.				
Monday   AprilTerm  , Week  0				
Thursday 9 MayTerm 2, Week 2				
Thursday 23 MayTerm 2, Week 4				
Wednesday 31 JulyTerm 3, Week 2				
Wednesday 21 AugustTerm 3, Week 5				
Wednesday 6 NovemberTerm 4, Week 4				

#### **OPEN EVENTS**

Booking are not required. Wednesday, 27 March 6.00pm-7.30pm Thursday, 28 March 9.15am-10.30am

#### PUPIL FREE DAYS 2019

Monday 29 AprilTe	erm 2, \	Week I
Friday 24 MayTe	erm 2, <sup>v</sup>	Week 4
Friday 30 AugustTe	erm 3, <sup>v</sup>	Week 6

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday 2 September.....Term 3, Week 7

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# THE HEIGHTS СНООЦ Preschool - Year 12

# The Heights School Preschool to Year 12 > Educating young minds

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Building Schools.



# You are invited to our **OPEN EVENTS** Wednesday 27th March

6:00pm to 7:30pm

9:15am to 10:30am

Learn more about our Ignite Program, and our **\$3.5 Million** upgrade to student facililties, providing vital new learning spaces and opportunities in STEM



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a program for gifted and talented children

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# School Tour



# You're Invited

Please join our school tour followed by the opportunity to meet our Principal, Nigel Gill, for refreshments and a conversation about your child's education in a relaxed atmosphere on

Monday 1st April 2019 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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## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2019-2020**

#### The Heights School is raising funds. Here's how you can help...

We are working hard to support our fundraising and we need your help! Order your NEW 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Book now to be launched in April, date to be confirmed soon! You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

If you wish to pre-order a hard copy of the Entertainment Book for \$70 you can contact Sonja Hahn, Finance Officer on <u>sonia.hahn343@schools.sa.edu.au</u> or call 8263 6244.

PLUS, order now to receive bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly).

#### SUPPORT US NOW.

Purchases for hard copies can also be made on our website through BPOINT. If you would like a hard copy book, please order from the school, not the Entertainment Book website.

"The Entertainment Membership is great value. With lots of instant savings. It more than outweighs the price. There is something for everyone – casual and fine dining, adventure and family activities. I couldn't live without it. Plus, I get to support a good cause." – Zana B. Sydney

## PRIMARY DANCE DRAMA CLUB





During our Friday lunch club, students have been enjoying learning some Indian style dancing with Rekha, one of our school's parent volunteers. We are very grateful to her for sharing her dance skills. In Week 7, students learned a candle dance. We are looking forward to a fusion of Tamil, Chinese and Indonesian during Harmony Week.

Penny Phillips

## **EAL - STREET ART OR GRAFFITI?**

#### ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE - YEAR 10 AND 11

The Adelaide Fringe Street Art along Rundle Street and throughout the East End was the perfect finale to this term's work by our Year 10/11 EAL class. We were able to view numerous stunning examples of art on the walls of buildings within one square kilometre, as students grappled with the idea of "Street Art or Graffiti?" Students have considered perspectives from a range of stakeholders (local resident, street artist, Professor of Criminology, local councillor) as they explored this topic. Many were surprised at the high quality and number of examples of street art on display in Adelaide.



Janette Bandjak, EAL Coordinator



## SYMMETRICAL BUTTERFLIES

In E4, students re-created half of a butterfly using a picture of the other half. This involved students using measuring skills to ensure their butterflies were exactly symmetrical in terms of wing height and width. Students also took particular notice of the individual colours and patterns within the wings and tried to recreate this in their artwork.

Some outstanding pieces of work were produced.

#### Mrs Rothery

(Artwork below L-R: by Melrose, Palak, Riley and Charlotte)









## **ASEAN YOUTH FORUM**

You could not have attended a more authentic experience than that which 12 Year 9 and 10 students participated in at the ASEAN- Youth Forum last week.

The Australia-ASEAN Youth Forum brought together 66 students to discuss key issues facing Southeast Asia from the perspectives of Australia and the 10 ASEAN Member States, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Our students were allocated a country to represent at the forum in our case Malaysia and Laos to address the topics of trade around Migration, Digital Trade and Infrastructure.

Our students worked in these teams to present arguments from their country's perspective to develop a set of clauses that will be presented at the real ASEAN Convention in Thailand in the coming months.

This was an incredible opportunity as not only were they able to learn more about the region, but they worked with the real Ambassadors from these countries, the Minister for Trade Simon Birmingham and leading business ambassadors so that their arguments were based on the realities this region faces.

We received feedback from the Asian Education Foundation, Melbourne University and other schools on how impressed they were with the presentation and responses made by students from The Heights School. I can't wait to hear how voted upon clauses are approached in the real upcoming ASEAN Convention.

Have a look at the 2 countries with their Ambassadors.

Laos: Brennan Finch, Gabbi Colloff, Emily Hodgetts, Jason Ling, Onesimus Hewett and Macey Biggs.

Malaysia: Grainne O'Connell, Grace Hor, Thomas Norton, Beda Hwang, Will Siao and Jirah Baker.









# **SPORTS DAY**

### THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL P-12 SPORTS DAY



The Heights School Pre-school –Year 12 Sports Day was held on Friday 8th March.

It was a fierce contest with multiple Houses taking the lead throughout the day and only a few points separating Houses on our leader board at the end of the day! Our Drawing Competition results had a huge impact on starting scores this year and the initial points awarded for House cheers put certain Houses in prime position at the start of the day. It was wonderful to see so much parental and community support from Pre-school to Year 12. Congratulations to our Sports Day House Winner: <u>Hydra Sharks</u>.

The House Leader Board is as follows:

Hydra Sharks – 4, 494 points Draco Crocodiles – 4, 152 points Corvus Redbacks – 4, 124 points Aquila Dingoes – 4, 082 points

2019 was the first year our Pre-school students were integrated into our Reception-Year 5 rotation on Friday the 8th of March. It was fantastic to see all students at The Heights School participating in one of our biggest school events for the year. It was a huge success with a large number of Primary students being actively involved and participating throughout the day. Students thoroughly enjoyed numerous events with the Fireman's relay, the Obstacle course, Vortex and Sprints being extremely popular. It was terrific to see so many students from Years P-5 embrace being a part of their House and wearing their colours with pride.

Our Years 6-12 Students participated in a variety of athletic and team events on Sports Day with participation points allocated for all events. Certain Houses proved stronger in athletic events whereas others were tough competitors in the team events. It was pleasing to see such a huge number of student entries in events and a positive atmosphere of adhering to our school values of 'Going Together', 'Having a Go, Go Hard and Keep Going' and 'A Fair Go'.



**Pre-school Prep for Sports Day** 

On Tuesday the 5th of March and Thursday the 7th of March our Preschool students participated in several activities to prepare themselves



for Sports Day. Their preparation for Sports Day was a huge success. Students engaged well with our Middle Years House Leaders and tried their best in all activities. Students participated in the Fireman's Relay, Dress up Relay and the Accuracy Throw. Congratulations to our Middle Years House Leaders who did an exceptional job on running their first event with our Pre-school students. Thank you to Kirsty and Pierce for their support with the running of the Pre-school Prep sessions.

Eulaly Allen- Sports Coordinator



# **SPORTS DAY**

## THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL P-12 SPORTS DAY (continued)

#### Congratulations to our Year Level Champions and Runners Up for Years 6-12.

#### Year Level Champions

- Cooper Hamlyn and Jasmine Batara Year 6
- Liam Phung and Emily Stribling Year 7
- Year 8 Jonas and Tryphena Hewett
- Year 9 Daniel Mather and Aimee Wilson
- Year 10 Deakin Esposito and Grainne O'Connell
- Year II Lionnel Muhitira and Minuka De Silva
- Year 12 Awal Dut and Jaimee Lake

#### Year Level Runners Up

- Brandon Prcie-Johnson and Maddison Sanders Year 6
- Year 7 Arlo Yip and Jorja Jennings, Ajin Lee
- Jamie Habbershaw, Ari Van Broekhoven and Brianna Stewart Year 8
- Year 9 Zayne Henderson, Jackson Li and Emma Crawford
- Year 10 Soaul Tapscott, James Willis and Abbie Stribling
- Year 11 Cameron Trevaskis and Grace Finici
- Year 12 Lachlan Searle and Suva Permezel

Overall, Sports Day was a great day for students, parents/caregivers and teachers.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the following people:

- Pierce Seymour, Christopher Peters, Noelle Wallis, finance SSO's and the HPE facility
- School Volunteer Partnership
- The Grounds Staff who did the line marking and other behind the scene work
- Pre-school-Year 12 Staff Members Without the dedication and enthusiasm of all SSOs and teachers during the day, Sports Day would not have been such a success.
- To all the students who showed outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the day. Thank you!

#### Eulaly Allen, Sports Coordinator























# **SPORTS** NEWS

## **VISTA SENIOR BOYS INDOOR CRICKET**

On Tuesday 5th March, our Senior Boys Indoor Cricket Team participated in a North East VISTA Carnival at Action Indoor Sports Salisbury.With a variety of players ranging from highly accomplished, to those having their first experience, the team won I out of their 4 games. From the boys themselves;

'Got a day off school! Great fun with the boys' 'The best part was how close the final match was' 'My highlight was taking a 1 handed catch of my own bowling' 'I enjoyed taking wickets and having a good time' 'Great fun and a competitive day' **Eulaly Allen, Sports Coordinator** 



## VISTA MIXED SENIOR ULTIMATE FRISBEE

On Friday the I5th of March, the Heights School hosted and played in the North Eastern VISTA ultimate Frisbee tournament. The team demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship throughout the day, and was also successful to reach the grand final against Modbury High School. Unfortunately, The Heights lost by 3 points in the Grand Final, however all students enjoyed themselves throughout the day.

Christopher Peters Health and Physical Education Coordinator



# SPORTS

# **COMMUNITY** NOTICES

Relationstrips Australia





Massage for babies has been shown to reduce crying times,

The small group size provides a great opportunity to practice creating a special time with your baby and build your connection with them. Babies need to be under 10 months at the commencement of the program to attend.

The group starts on Friday, 15 February to 15 March 2019, each Friday from 9.30am

Where: Family Zone Hub 2 Belalie Road, Ingle Farm

Please call the Community Projects Team on 8255 3323 to register your interest.

There is no cost for this service.





# WHO'S in CHARGE?



Does your child hurt or intimidate you? Do you feel you are losing control?

Do you want to handle conflict better?

# Reclaim respect and calm in your family

The Who's in Charge? group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (8-18) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

#### This is a FREE program.

The group aims to:

- · Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame that parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Help in understanding power in relationships and coping with stress
  Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being

Next group: Mondays starting 6th May 2019 for 8 weeks, 9.30 to 12 noon.

At: Community Room 2, The Parks Library, 46-48 Trafford St, Angle Park



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Enquiries and Referrals: Trevor: 8405 6862 Kay: 8341 1334







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# **COMMUNITY** NOTICES



LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP FOR \$50 ONLY

# \$17.50 UNLIMITED PER WEEK TRAINING

NO LOCK IN CONTRACTS CLASSES AVAILABLE IN YOUR SCHOOL

For more information; www.gkrkarate.com or call Lana 0407 633 442



## Dance and Drama Lessons For ages 2-16 Affordable and fun!

Starr Kidz and Stage Ready Dance at Tolley Road Studios, St Agnes

Monday-Wednesday afternoons.

2 concerts per year.

**Optional Competition Team** 

Fun and stress free, friendships and fitness. No Sewing- all costumes are done for you!

Lots of styles to choose from

Jazz, Hip Hop, Acrobatics, Lyrical, Acting,

Contemporary, Cheer, and Ballet.

First class FREE and Special \$5 per class,

#### for the rest of term 1!\*

\*New students only, and you must mention this ad for this amazing deal.

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Communities for Children will be running the six week Bringing Up Great Kids program

Learn more about the origins of your own parenting style Identifying important messages and how to convey these Understand the messages of your child's behaviour Discover ways to take care of yourself and find support Develop strategies to manage your parenting approach, in your busy world

## Session details:

Tuesdays, 26 February – 2 April 2019 10.00am - 12.00pm Salisbury Primary School, 10 Compuda St, Salisbury **To book phone the Community Projects Team on 8255 3323** Developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation





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# ATTENTION ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-7 YEARS

Modbury Hawks Netball Club is seeking players for their NetSetGo Program

Come along, make some new friends, have some fun and learn the skills you'll need to play netball

## **REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**

To regsiter, visit www.modburyhawks.sa.netball.com.au or email modburyhawknetball@gmail.com

# COMMUNITY

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