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Preschool - Year 12

The Heights School NEWSLETTER

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ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Year 7-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- SACE Art Show Excursion
- Year 10 Digital Photography
- Sports News

Pictured: Harmony Day celebrations (see article on page 7)

DIARY DATES

10/4	Year 8 Immunisations (HPV & Boostrix)
12/4	Last Day of Term 1 (2.05pm Dismissal)
29/4	PUPIL FREE DAY
30/4	First Day of Term 2
1/5	Year 7-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
1/5	Early Dismissal P-12 at 2.05pm
3/5	VISTA Year 9 Boys 5-A-Side Soccer
8/5	SAPSASA Girls Football
9/5	School Tour - 9.00am

See more upcoming dates on the next page

Click here to view our online calendar

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last Day Term 1:
Friday, 12 April 2019
- 2.05pm Dismissal

Pupil Free Day:
Monday, 29 April 2019

First Day Term 2:
Tuesday, 30 April 2019

Early Dismissal P-12:
Wednesday, 1 May 2019
- 2.05pm

Official Opening $3.5 Million STEM Project

Wednesday 27th March the Honourable Dennis Hood on behalf of Minister John Gardner officially opened our new STEM learning spaces. Local member for Wright Blair Boyer spoke about the importance of STEM for 21st century learning. It was great to have Susan Close Deputy Labour leader, Frances Bedford Independent Member for Florey and Tony Zappia local member for Makin part of this too. Department for Education representatives included Ross Treadwell Executive Director Infrastructure, Anne Lamont Education Director, Tracey Davies Director Primary Learning Improvement and Greg Johnston Principal Consultant. There were also Thomson and Rossi Architects, Mykra Builders and former Principal Helen Calvert, previous leaders and teachers of The Heights School and Governing Council members.

It was a formal yet exciting mix of relaxed interactions and excitement. Many thanks to our staff for organising and supporting this too.

Open Events

We were very pleased with this event which was well attended by many families. The school presented well and the families who were able to visit benefitted by seeing the school and meeting staff.

Many staff and students supported the event, proud of their school and they were very pleased to hear lots of positive comments from visiting families who shared their thoughts about The Heights P-12 School.

Harmony Day

On Thursday 21st March we celebrated Harmony Day. We held a colourful assembly with students dressing in cultural dress and taking part in a parade in the courtyard to celebrate our cultural diversity. Classroom activities and a disco followed later in the day.

2018 Annual Report

Our 2018 Annual Report was tabled and discussed at our Annual General Meeting earlier this term. It can be accessed from our school website if you would like to have a look through it.

End of Term

Being our last newsletter for the term I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable end of term break. Thank you to the staff for their effort and hard work throughout a very busy term. Many activities have taken place during the past eleven weeks and the settling of students into regular learning routines has been excellent.

Reminding you we have a staff professional learning day on Monday 29th April. Students return to school after the holidays on **Tuesday 30th April**.

Nigel Gill
Principal

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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.

Thursday 9 May ..... **Term 2, Week 2**
Thursday 23 May ..... **Term 2, Week 4**
Wednesday 31 July ..... **Term 3, Week 2**
Wednesday 21 August ..... **Term 3, Week 5**
Wednesday 6 November ..... **Term 4, Week 4**

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2019

Monday 29 April ..... **Term 2, Week 1**
Friday 24 May ..... **Term 2, Week 4**
Friday 30 August ..... **Term 3, Week 6**

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

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

YEAR 8 IMMUNISATIONS

As part of the free School Immunisation Program, our Year 8 students will receive their first round of vaccinations next **Wednesday the 10th of April**. Please remind your Year 8 students to wear their short sleeve Heights t-shirt to assist nurses.

Kellye Rowe
Treatment Room

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE - WELL DONE SHANNON!

On the 13th of March, Year 12 student Shannon Blyth, courageously had her head shaved in the courtyard for the World's Greatest Shave, a charity devoted to finding a cure for cancer. This not only demonstrated Shannon's fortitude for the shave itself but months of fundraising, raising awareness, organising the event with the assistance of family and friends. She raised $2500 to combat an insidious disease. This event is a tribute to Shannon's perseverance, determination, organisation and empathy. As a school we are privileged to see such an event directly organised by the student herself for such a noble cause.

Ian Benjafield, Year 12 Coordinator

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Years 7-12 Parent / Teacher Interview Night
Term 2, 2019

Parent / Teacher Interviews are an integral part of The Heights School's reporting procedures.

A Parent / Teacher Evening has been planned for Week 1 of Term 2.

It is important that an interview is held for **every** student.

Interviews will be conducted between **2.30 pm and 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1st May 2019.**

The Governing Council has approved an early dismissal on this day.

All students P-12 will be dismissed at 2:05pm.

This is a great opportunity for parents and students to meet with teachers; reflect on their achievements from Term 1, discuss improvements needed and any other matters relevant to the child's education.

Teachers of 7-10 make decisions on grading based on student work samples linked to the Achievement Standards of the Australian Curriculum. Teachers of 11-12 will make ongoing assessment judgements towards SACE against the SACE Performance Standards.

Interviews will be a maximum of ten minutes in length. **If more time is required, please arrange an interview time with the teacher for an alternate day.**

You will be able to book interviews at times that suit your family best.

Parent Teacher Interviews

BOOKINGS OPEN – Monday 8th April
BOOKINGS CLOSE – Tuesday 30th April

To coordinate interviews we have employed an online booking system to assist you in securing your preferred interview times. The procedure is as follows:

- Go to The Heights School website, www.theheights.sa.edu.au. The link to the online booking system is on the home page along with instructions. The page is called interview Rounds. You will have two options. Please choose the link that is applicable to your child's year level.
- If you do not have access to the internet please call the school directly on 8263 6244 or ask your child to speak to Student Services who will make the bookings for you. Office hours during school holidays are 8.30am to 3.30pm every day except for public holidays.
- If you wish to see any of your child's teachers, you need to secure an appointment time using this system.

Robyn McLachlan
Deputy Principal

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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 sonia.hahn343@schools.sa.edu.au or call 8263 6244.

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

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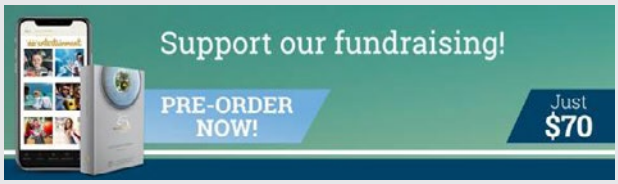
Purchases for hard copies can also be made on our website through BPOINT. If you would like a hard copy book, please order from the school, not the Entertainment Book website.

"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



COMING SOON! PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY FUNDRAISER

The Heights School will be participating in the People's Choice Community Lottery this year.

Over the last 30 years, the People's Choice Community Lottery has become a well-recognised initiative and vital fundraising tool for not-for-profit organisations in South Australia, Victoria, Northern Territory and the ACT. It has raised more than $17.5 million for community groups, with 100% of the proceeds from every $2 ticket sold returned to the group you choose to support.

people's choice COMMUNITY LOTTERY

$2 tickets will be sold for the school **online only** via this link https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/the-heights-school-

Early bird ticket sales commence 5th April and close 10th May. Early bird draw 29th May.

Close of ticket sales is 30th August. Final prize draw 9th October.

Further updates to come.

WAKAKIRRI 2019

We have been very busy casting this year's Wakakirri, with 170 students auditioning for 100 available places.

This year our setting is Rio, Brazil. We are looking for donations of plastic greenery (leaves), flowers and fruit, to decorate costumes and our rainforest.

If you have any of these items you no longer need it would be great if you could drop them off to me in the Primary Drama space (Activity room, CF 12).

Thank you,

Penny Phillips

THE HEIGHTS STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

Term 1 seems to have flown past and the new Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) team have enjoyed not only working together, but getting to know our 420 students and their teachers!
The addition of the Year 2 classes to the Kitchen Garden Program has been exciting and rewarding; with many new skills and experiences for all of our classes.

The Kitchen Specialists, Gen Lempens and Eva Rose, have had a busy and productive term with alternate weeks of theory and practical cooking for our students. Some of the amazing food that they have prepared has been Eggplant Pizzas; Bruschetta with either a tomato or zucchini topping; a delicious selection of dips including Baba Ghanoush (Eggplant), Roasted Capsicum dip and a Chickpea Hummus. The aromas coming out of the school kitchen have been very tempting! In Week 9, the classes prepared delicious "Salads of the Imagination" with a variety of dressings. We have been excited to hear that some kids have been preparing some of these recipes at home with their families.

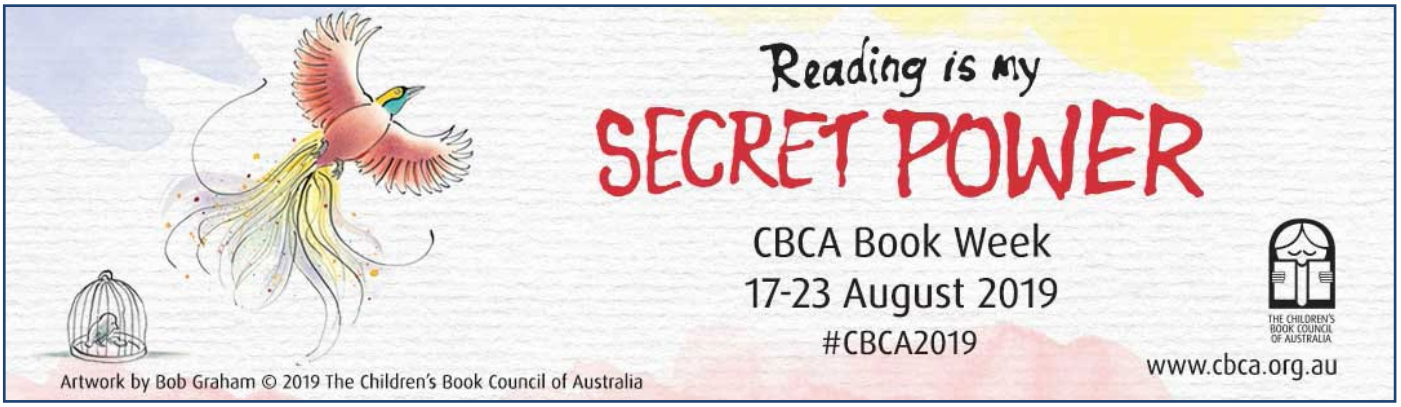
The garden has also had a great Term 1… we've been preparing garden beds by removing MANY weeds, cultivating and improving the soil, and planting new seeds and seedlings. We have learnt about making our own compost, our worm farm, the tools in our garden shed; and how to plant seed punnets and make seed spheres. Look out for whole new crop of Parsley and Coriander from the seed spheres (and thanks to all the good-spirited Year 2-3 teachers & volunteers who helped with this very messy muddy activity!!)

The Chook Shed has had a makeover and tidy-up…. a huge thanks to Raumund, one of our volunteers and an old scholar of The Heights who has helped on this project. In Week 8, we welcomed 5 new chickens. Their breed is Isa Brown, and the 5 girls are settling in well, thanks to A LOT of care and attention from all the students. We are hoping for egg laying to start in mid to late April. There will be a chicken naming competition in Week 11!!

Thanks also to our wonderful grounds staff….Brian, Nick, Geoff and Ryan for your help this term in the garden; and also to all of our Kitchen and Garden Volunteers; and school SSO's…..we couldn't run this program without your help and support.

Amanda, Gen and Eva
SAKG Team

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



BOOK WEEK

The theme for Book Week 2019 is ***"Reading is my Secret Power"*** and will be held from 17-23 August (Week 5, Term 3).

The shortlisted books were announced last week. Please have a look at www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2019

There was a record number of entries this year (488) which would have made the judges task quite challenging. It will be interesting to see what students think of the selection!

OVERDUE BOOKS/HOLIDAY BORROWING

Would you please check at home for any books that need to be returned. Next week students without overdue books will be given the opportunity to borrow for the holidays.

Holidays are a great time to visit other libraries and join in with special holiday activities. I highly recommend students join their local library if they are not already a member. This gives them access to a huge number of resources and activities.

VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to our past, present and future volunteers – your contribution is very much appreciated!

Julie Simpson
Teacher Librarian
(for Joan Sullivan)

YEAR 7 SCIENCE EXCURSIONS

Throughout Week 9, the 4 Year 7 classes all visited the UniSA Planetarium at the Mawson Lakes campus. This was a great way to extend our knowledge on Space, our current topic in Science.

We were treated to a tour of the night sky, where we learnt about constellations, planets and the Milky Way. It was interesting to be able to see what the night sky would look like without all of the light pollution we have in the city. So many stars!!!

We also watched the National Geographic film "Wild Weather in Space", which had been catered for the special dome ceiling at the planetarium. This allowed us to compare each planet in the Solar System and the different surfaces each planet has. The video was very realistic and left some us feeling a bit motion sick from zooming around space.

After our Planetarium visit, we had time to have lunch in the UniSA Courtyard, before catching the bus back to school.

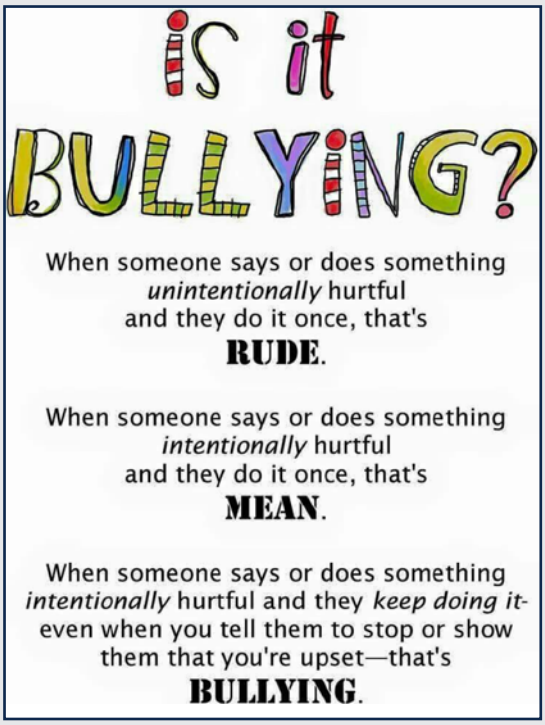
Overall, it was great to learn about Space outside of the classroom and in a very cool location!

Thanks to our Science teachers; Miss Sulley-Beales, Mr Schild and Ms Evans for organising!

HARMONY WEEK AND THE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

In Week 9 we celebrated "Harmony Week", which included the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (the NDA) on Monday 18th March and Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March. This year the theme of the NDA was "Bullying: Take Action Every Day". All students created a personal pledge to show how they will Take Action Every Day to either prevent or deal with bullying.

At The Heights School, we have a clear policy for dealing with bullying and we aim to restore positive peer relationships at all times. To support our students, however, we first worked together to build a clear understanding of what bullying is and what it isn't, as peer relationships can be intricate. Having a clear definition then helps everyone involved to deal with any issues in the most appropriate and empowering manner for ALL students involved. Classes and home groups have discussed the following poster *(pictured below)*.



Additionally, recent research into bullying by the Commissioner for Children and Young People has revealed a number of important findings that must now begin to form new responses to bullying and creation of a safe school environment. The research found that children and young people:

1. *Want to be taught how to have difficult conversations with their friends and understand how to support each other.*
2. *Want to be more involved in anti-bullying programs.*
3. *Know that having relationships with friends is an important part of bullying prevention.*
4. *Know that when bullying does happen there needs to be support available for everyone involved (including the person bullying).*

These findings fit perfectly with our Play is the Way Behaviour Education approach.

Our school provides many proactive strategies, in consultation with our students, to create a safe school environment at The Heights:

- Students developing a survey about friendship and bullying at The Heights.
- Daily Lunchtime Activities run by students and staff in the R-6 play areas.
- R-6 Peer Mediation program, with Year 5-6 students supporting positive friendship skills in the yard.
- Having a very clear P-12 focus on Respect, Friendliness and Kindness and continuing to build on our Play is the Way philosophy.
- Harmony Day and other important Assemblies
- Students wearing orange or their traditional cultural dress on Harmony Day

We used Harmony Week to launch many of these proactive programs for the 2019 school year!

Some useful tips to support parents/carers: *(see Bullying. No Way! image)*

If you have any questions about this article, or if you are concerned that your child is involved in bullying in any way, please email or contact the school.

The Heights School Student Wellbeing Team

ARTS NEWS

SACE Art Show Excursion

The SACE Art Show is held every year at the Light Square Gallery. This event showcases outstanding Year 12 student work from the previous year. The 2019 exhibition was no exception. Our Year 11 and 12 Visual Art students attended the show on Tuesday 19th March, accompanied by Visual Art Teachers, Catherine Bourn and Petra Dolezalova. Students were awed by the quality and scale of the works on display.

After lunch we went to the Ben Quilty Exhibition at the Art Gallery of SA. Quilty's work is mostly large scale canvases with very thick oil paint. The students were challenged by his techniques and subject matter.

A sample of work from the SACE Art Show

Ben Quilty's Portrait of Margaret Ollie – Winner of the Archibald Prize in 2011

ARTS NEWS

Year 10 Digital Photography

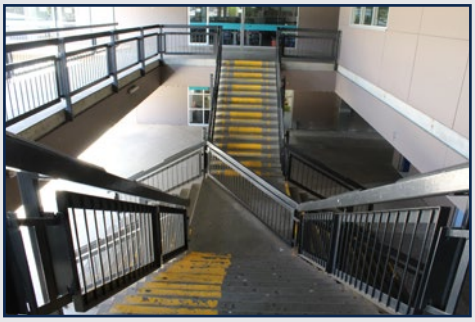
Students have recently been analysing the careers and work of famous photographers around the world and have been attempting to recreate the compositional techniques used in these masterful photographs, requiring them to think creatively with objects and infrastructure available to them around the school.

GREAT WORK!

Trinity Cameron looked at the work of Annie Leibowitz, recreating her 2017 'Jennifer Lawrence' example using perspective.

Regine Ilano looked at 'The Pearl' by Peter Lik and found her example of perspective under a bench!

Courtney Allan used Steve McCurry's 'Father and Daughter on Dal Lake, Sinagar Kashmir' as inspiration for her perspective photograph.



Zoe De Waal cleverly showed the rule of thirds in her recreation of Cindy Sherman's 'Untitled Film Still #23".

Beth Sztekel, Digital Photography Teacher

TERM 2 - VISTA EVENTS

Week 1	Friday 3rd May: Year 9 Boys – 5-a-side Soccer
Week 2	Tuesday 7th May: Year 8 Boys – 5-a-side Soccer
Week 4	Thursday 23rd May: Senior Girls – Basketball Friday 24th May: Year 8/9 Girls – 5-a-side Soccer
Week 5	Wednesday 29th May: All Year Levels Girls – Netball Thursday 30th May: Senior Boys – Basketball
Week 6	Friday 7th June: Senior Mixed – Badminton
Week 8	Friday 21st June: Year 8/9 Girls – 9a-side Australian Rules Football
Week 9	Thursday 27th June: Year 8/9 Mixed – Hockey

VISTA SENIOR BOYS EUROPEAN HANDBALL

On Wednesday 20th March, our Senior Boys European Handball Team participated in a North East Vista Carnival. The boys started off competitive, winning their first few games. As they day progressed and their opponents became tougher, the group worked together to develop set plays and a solid structured defence. They ended up finishing 4th overall. From the boys themselves:

"A competitive day against plenty of strong competitive teams. A big challenge for us!"

"We learnt new European Handball positions, it was a great help."

"We were competitive with the majority of teams and had fun playing with friends."

"Loved the energy from all teams and enjoyed the day despite some knocks."

"We had a good time and everyone tried their hardest."

Eulaly Allen, Sports Coordinator

STAFF VS STUDENTS BASKETBALL GAME

On Thursday the 21st of March the first Staff vs Students sporting game of the year took place. The Staff team consisted of Ms Allen, Mr Penna, Mr Schild, Mr Seymour, Mr Peters, Mr Elliot and Mr Brzezinski. The score at the end of regulation time was a draw, so an extra two minutes was added as overtime. Well done to the students for coming out winners after OT.

Building positive staff and student interactions at The Heights is an important part of the learning environment and building the learning community. Sport and games play a major role in developing these positive relationships. The Staff vs Students sporting competition will run once a term. Thanks to all the staff and students that came out to support the teams.

Daniel Brzezinski, Student Wellbeing Leader

2019 YEAR 8-12 VISTA NORTH AND NORTH EASTERN ZONE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Wednesday the 27th of March, 75 students from Years 8-12 represented The Heights School with resilience, determination and respect at the annual VISTA North/ North Eastern Zone Athletics Championships. Several students won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons and obtained personal bests in their individual events; jumps, sprints or throws.

Congratulations to our all students for your participation in the carnival. A huge congratulations to our Year 9 Girls for winning their Year Level Champion Trophy, to all of our Girls for finishing 3rd overall, our school for coming 2nd in the most improved category and to each year level for their overall placings:

Year 8 Girls- 3rd

Year 9 Girls- 1st

Year 10 Girls- 4th

Senior Girls- 5th

Girls Overall- 3rd

Year 8 Boys- 4th

Year 9 Boys- 6th

Year 10 Boys- 2nd

Senior Boys- 2nd

Boys Overall- 4th

As one of the supervising teachers, the most pleasing aspect of the day was the way our students showed the utmost respect for our school, for each other and towards other schools. Students were eager to participate in additional events and support their peers in their events. I am extremely grateful for our Year 10 and Year 11 helpers who attended the carnival to assist with our timing duty.

Congratulations to all students who represented The Heights School at the North/North Eastern Zone Athletics Carnival and a huge congratulations to our Year 9 Girls Team for winning the Champion Trophy for the second year in a row!

Eulaly Allen, Sports Coordinator

Year 9 girls team

Year 9 girls relay team

Lucus running

Senior girls relay team

Jessica running

Senior boys relay team

Lucas and Dylan

SAPSASA DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Wednesday of Week 8, 29 students from The Heights competed in the SAPSASA Tea Tree Gully District Athletics Carnival. Students were chosen from their results in our school sports day. Overall, the day was a great opportunity for our students to give their best against students from other schools and have a lot of fun.

Some students came away with ribbons, as seen below, and some of these students have been selected in the Tea Tree Gully District team to compete in State Carnival next term. Congratulations to all of our athletes!!! Thanks also to Abbie Stribling, Year 10, who attended as a volunteer official.

Hannah Chapman
Jessica Martin - 3rd in the 13y.o. Girls 100m
Jorja Jennings - 3rd in the 13 y.o. Girls 800m
Liam Phung - 3rd in the 13 y.o. Boys 100m, 1st in the 13 y.o. Boys Long Jump
Hayden Mortlock - 3rd in the 13 y.o. Boys 800m
Ivan Ling
Arlo Yip
Abby Bosworth-Schultz
Jasmine Batara
Denise Ascouth
Emily Stribling - 3rd in the 12 y.o. Girls Shot Put
Maddison Sanders
Cooper Hamlyn
Asif Haque
Josh Miller - 2nd in the 12 y.o. Boys 200m
Nhan Ngugyen
Cooper Seaton
Maddison Hartley
Tahlia Miller
Bonnie Carter
Chiek Manguat
Finn Kilkenny
Jack Schlein
Het Prajapati
Lachlan Rose
Lachlan Warner - 3rd in the 10 y.o. Boys 800m
Ben Marschall - 1st in the 10 y.o. Boys High Jump
Skye Jenkins
Gwyn Phung

GEMINI NETBALL CLUB INC

VACANCIES FOR GRADES –WINTER 2019

9&U, 11&U, 13&U, 15&U, SENIORS

9 & under

9 YEAR OLD & UNDER

AS OF 31/12/2019

NETTA (MODIFIED RULES)

1 vacancy

11, 13 & 15 Under

11 & 13 YEAR OLD & UNDER

AS OF 31/12/2019

11 & U - 2 vacancies

13 & U— 3 vacancies

15 & U—2 vacancies

Senior - 1 vacancy

Season commencing

Saturday 27th April

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SPELD SA is turning 50 this year!
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"Aladdin" the movie
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6:30 pm Wednesday 29th May 2019

Family tickets (2 Adults + 2 Children) $45
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Child tickets* $7

*children must be accompanied by an adult
Includes a drink on arrival and choice of popcorn or an ice-cream

Tickets available through Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrate-speld-sa-turning-50-with-aladdin-at-the-capri-tickets-58966406108?aff=affiliate1

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