

## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Reconciliation at The Heights School
- The Simpson Prize
- Design and Technology
- Pedal Prix

Pictured: Pedal Prix Loxton Event (see article on page 8)



## DIARY DATES

14-24/5	NAPLAN Years 3, 5, 7 & 9
23/5	School Tour 9.00am VISTA Senior Girls Basketball Year 7-12 ATSI Excursion 'Reconciliation in the North morning tea'
24/5	PUPIL FREE DAY
26/5	National Sorry Day
27/5-3/6	Reconciliation Week
27-28/5	ATSI STEM Conference
28-29/5	First Aid for Kids-Years 5 & 6
28/5	Year 8 & 12 EALD Excursion 'DreamBIG Festival'
28/5- 5/6	Jit Sin High School visiting from Penang
29/5	VISTA Year 8/9 Girls & Senior Girls Netball Stage 2 Food & Hospitality Excursion 'Community Soup Kitchen'

See more upcoming dates on the [next page](#)

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### University of Adelaide Principals' Scholarship 2019

Congratulations to our 2018 Year 12 Graduate Nathanael Botten who has been selected to receive the University of Adelaide Principals' Scholarship from our school.

Nathanael achieved at ATAR of 98.35 in Year 12 last year and is studying Advanced Science.

He received this award at the Presentation Ceremony on Monday 13th May.

### Academic Awards Assembly

Academic Awards Assemblies have also been held. It is very pleasing to see many students receive awards. Well done and we encourage all students to keep working hard.

### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Community Liaison Officer Yasmine Flinn and Communications and Marketing Officer Felicity Barty attended an event hosted by Member for Florey Frances Bedford on Wednesday 22nd May to raise money for cancer.

Thanks for hosting and your continued support of our school Frances.

### NAPLAN

For students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN testing has taken place over the last two weeks. This year the process has moved to being completely online. Generally this has worked well other than one afternoon where technical difficulties were experienced across the NAPLAN platform. The students who experienced these technical difficulties have been provided additional time to compensate.

We are looking forward to the results of the testing program to see how our students are travelling and how we can plan for future learning growth in literacy and numeracy.

### Principal's Tours

We continue to hold 'Meet the Principal and School Tour' events. It was enjoyable to welcome and chat with many families about our school and the educational needs of their children. The families genuinely enjoyed a relaxed meet and greet, and tour of the school. We hold this event each term with dates advertised on our website.

### Reminder and Advanced Notice

Our next Staff Professional Development / Student Free Day is **Friday 24th May**. The final student free days for the year will be **Friday 30th August** and **Monday 2nd September**. Monday 2nd September will be a School Closure and this is during Show Week.



Nigel Gill  
Principal

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Friday 24 May 2019**  
**(Term 2, Week 4)**

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### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

#### DIARY DATES *(Continued from front page)*

- 30/5 VISTA Senior Boys Basketball  
P-6 Reconciliation Assembly 9.00am  
Year 7 Science Excursion 'Adelaide Zoo'
- 31/5 SAPSASA Netball Carnival  
Year 10 Incursion 'Luka Lesson Poetry'  
R-6 Incursion 'Pass the Poetry Please'
- 3-5/6 Year 5 Camp 'Adare'
- 4/6 Year 11 Biology Excursion- Botanic Gardens
- 5/6 SAPSASA Touch Football  
Senior Boys Basketball Competition



#### SCHOOL TOURS 2019

School tours are held from 9.00am-10.15am as listed below.  
Bookings are required via our website.

- 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

- Friday 24 May ..... Term 2, Week 4  
Friday 30 August ..... Term 3, Week 6

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

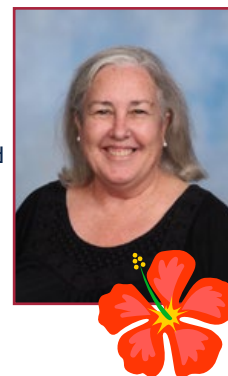
- Monday 2 September ..... Term 3, Week 7

### FAREWELL JOAN

After 44 years of teaching, including nine years at The Heights School, our Teacher Librarian Joan Sullivan has decided to retire. For the past nine years, Ms Sullivan has managed the Resource Centre as a popular and safe learning environment for the entire school, contributing to the teaching and learning of all staff and students. Her teaching in the Primary Years, in ICT, Literacy and Information Literacy, as well as special events such as Book Week, Quiz Day and the Premier's Reading Challenge, will be sorely missed.

We wish Ms Sullivan all the best and a happy retirement!

Bob Powell, Julie Simpson, Sandra Potts, Kellye Rowe



#### Thank you

*After 44 years of teaching I have decided to retire. I couldn't just leave though without taking this opportunity to thank the volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the Resource Centre functioning at a high level. In particular I do want to acknowledge the never ending support, pure hard work and commitment of 3 volunteers, Michelle Beck, Tara Mather and Meagan Marriott. I would like all of the volunteers to know how much their work and effort is valued and appreciated. It doesn't matter whether you come in occasionally or you are there every day, every little bit of help goes a long way to supporting the teaching and learning needs of the staff and students.*

*It has been a privilege and pleasure working at The Heights School and being part of the learning journey of the students. Thank you for your support over the last 9 years.*

Joan Sullivan, Teacher Librarian

## 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](mailto:sonia.hahn343@schools.sa.edu.au) or call 8263 6244.

### 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

## WAKAKIRRI TICKETS

We will perform our Wakakirri item *Ready, Set, Slow!* on **Wednesday 21st August**. The show starts at 7pm at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. Tickets are \$37 each and can be ordered through our Finance Office. The last day to order tickets through the school is Friday 7th June. Tickets go on public sale on July 5th through Ticketek.

Thank you to Steve Lehmann who has once again designed a great t-shirt for us. Thanks also to the volunteers who have been assisting with our production.

Penny Phillips

**WAKAKIRRI**  
Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools

## HELP WARM A HEART THIS WINTER

At The Heights School providing a caring P-12 community has always been something we are proud of. 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 this relationship continues to grow and with their help aim to provide further assistance to families in current need.

We are asking for donations of food and/or basic household items to assist families during the current and coming colder months. We have large boxes placed in our Front Office and Primary Years Office for items to be placed. These items will be collected by the Pathways Community Centre and made into vital hampers for identified families.

Pasta, rice, heat & eat meals, muesli bars, soups, crackers, lunchbox snacks, toilet paper, soap, tissues, etc – all welcome.

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

Donation boxes are now available for your generosity and will remain until the end of Term. Please donate to spread the feeling of warmth.

Our biggest thanks,

Noelle Wallis, Pastoral Care Worker & Vicki Cook, Business Manager





## MOTHER'S DAY STALL 2019

On Wednesday 8th May and Thursday 9th May our volunteer-run Mother's Day stall was held in the Resource Centre. It was wonderful to see so many students at the stall having lots of fun selecting gifts for their mums, grandmas and loved ones. The volunteers and I enjoyed talking to the students as we were wrapping their gifts; it was great to see such wonderful manners. Thank you to the teachers for accompanying their classes and supporting all students where needed. A BIG THANK YOU to all the brilliant volunteers who assisted over the two days - Barbara Wright, Rekha Prabakaran, Karen Thompson, Olivia Lorraine, Karen Lynch, Mandy Leventis, Tracy Sumpter, Himaja Puttagunta and Danam Andrews. Special mention goes to Tara Mather and Jodie Warner who helped at the stall both days, but also, for the months of planning and preparation prior to the event.

All proceeds from this event will go towards improving the school.

*Yasmine Flinn*

*Community Liaison Officer*



## YEAR 12 SOCIETY & CULTURE: Donation Drives

Students in Year 12 Society & Culture are collecting donations for a range of charitable causes, as part of their Group Task, in which they need to collaborate on a social action benefiting our community. Boxes will be available in the Front Office, Library, Junior School Office and Senior School. Donations will be collected until Friday, Week 6.

Deklyn Hearn, Nik Roehrs and Jaxon Green are collecting for **Backpacks 4 SA Kids**, and are seeking donations of backpacks, stationery (no sharpeners), DVDs and colouring books.

Shae Taheny, Daniel Hor and Blake Mickan are collecting for **St Vincent de Pauls**, and are seeking donations of men's toiletries, shaving needs, toothbrushes/toothpaste, tissues, socks, beanies etc (new only please!)

Ainsley Arnold, Hend Ahmad, Monica Damiral and Dylan Mudge are collecting for **Foodbank**, and are seeking donations of jars and canned foods and dry, non-perishable foods (pasta, cereals etc).

All donations greatly appreciated!

*Bob Powell, Year 12 Society & Culture Teacher*



## RECONCILIATION AT THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL

*At The Heights School, we pay respect to past, present and future Traditional Custodians of the land in which we live. We are committed to reaching meaningful reconciliation and together will work toward a positive shared future where the rights, interests and wellbeing of all Australians are fostered and respected in our community.*

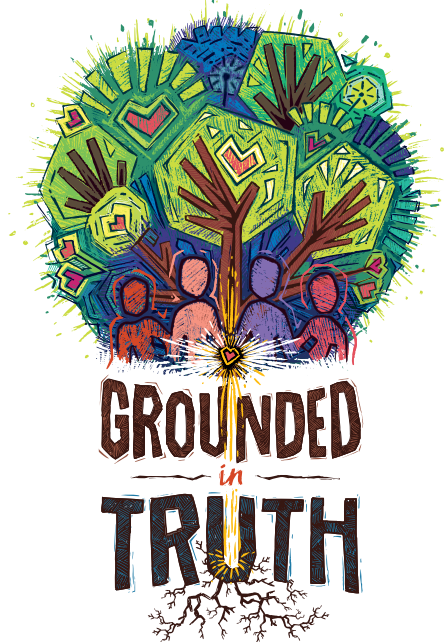
*Ngadlu tampinhi ngadlu Kurna yartangka tikanthi.*  
(Translation: We acknowledge we live on Kurna land)



### What's on this term?

Thurs 23rd May	Student representatives attending Reconciliation Week Breakfast hosted by TTG Council
Sun 26th May	National Sorry Day
27th May – 3rd June	National Reconciliation Week 2019 Theme: <i>Grounded in Truth. Walk Together with Courage.</i>
Mon 27th & Tues 28th May	Student representatives attending the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander STEM Student Congress at Adelaide Oval
Thurs 30th May	P-6 Reconciliation Assembly in the gym at 9:00am – parents/caregivers invited to attend
Thurs 6th June	P-6 Lucas Proudfoot Guest Performing Artist
Thurs 4th July	7-12 Reconciliation Assembly in the gym at 9:00am – parents/caregivers invited to attend - Including cultural presentation by Guest Speaker Nathan May
7th – 14th July	NAIDOC Week 2019 Theme: <i>Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future.</i>

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019  
27 MAY – 3 JUNE



WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE

To foster positive race relations, the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader community must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage.

Learn more at  
[reconciliation.org.au](http://reconciliation.org.au)  
#NRW2019



## SIMPSON PRIZE

Last year for the first time, the school entered the Simpson Prize, a national History essay competition. The first prize was a trip to Gallipoli on ANZAC Day 2019 for the state winner. The essay question was "To what extent was 1918 a year of victory for Australia and its people." While our students who were in Year 9 last year didn't win the major prize, their essays were of outstanding quality. Ms Mary Fisher, a member of the History Teachers Association and past judge of the competition was involved with the final selection of the entries and wanted all four of our students in her Stage 2 Modern History class "right now this year" as she so impressed by the sophistication of their essays. After a lengthy drafting and editing process, the following students' essays reached the final stage in the school's selection process and are receiving their certificates from the Federal Minister of Education. The recipients are Brennan Finch, Urvi Ghosh, Grainne O'Connell and Caleb Wallis.

**Marilyn Middaugh, HASS Teacher**



(Photo left to right: Grainne O'Connell, Urvi Ghosh, Brennan Finch, Caleb Wallis and Mr Gill)



## EXPLODING BOXES

In E4 (Year 6) students created Exploding Boxes. Most of the students created the boxes as a gift for Mother's Day and a few created them as a general gift for another member of their family.

When I mentioned we were making exploding boxes, some of the students thought they were going to give someone a box that blew up. Fortunately this was not the case. The boxes are called Exploding Boxes because when the lids are removed, the box explodes open and lots of beautiful things pop out from within.

This task challenged students as they faced numerous problems to solve. The task included a range of geometrical skills, and students also needed to be able to read and interpret instructions. The creativity shown by students was amazing.

At the completion of the task, students reflected on their efforts using a thinking tool called WWW/EBI (What Went Well/Even Better If).

I was extremely proud of what the students produced, as well as how well they solved problems together and support each other. E4 is a very collaborative and safe classroom where students are willing to take risks and try new things to build on their learning.

Mrs Rothery





## BRIDGE BUILDING

A Year 7 class recently had to have an alternative lesson in Technology to allow for NAPLAN. Mr Damm decided to deliver a Bridge Building challenge where students could use pop sticks, pipe cleaners, skewers, tape and hot glue guns. The aim was to have the bridge suspend across a gap of 400mm. In small groups, students had to sketch their ideas to full size, then they watched an educational Engineering video which covered the historical designs of bridges. After this they could tweak their designs and start building. I think the recent Lego Masters on TV helped as a lot of the groups started with some sound designs.

However, the SSO Sean Krauter, who works with Harley has skills in this area. So with some help from Sean the pair of students being Stacey Lymberopoulos and Harley George produced the winning design. Harley and Stacey were involved and attentive and enjoyed showing off their winning bridge.



## VISUAL ARTS

# SALA

We are very excited to announce that the **Heights Art Exhibition Competition** is going to be included in the SALA Festival this year! This is an opportunity for students and staff to display their work in an exhibition, which has become part of the fabric of our school and will now be available to the wider community to come and view.

If you have some ideas, now is the time to start creating your work. Artworks can be of any medium, including painting, drawing, photography, digital imaging, sculpture or multimedia. More details and entry forms will be available early in Term 3. The exhibition will run from the 19th to the 23rd of August. South Australian artist Alana Preece will officially open the show on the evening of Monday 19th August.

### Printmaking

Year 9 and 10 Visual Art students have been refining their printmaking skills this year with Petra Dolezalova. Petra is an accomplished printmaker and artist. The work the students have produced is outstanding. Here is a preview of some the lino prints destined for the art exhibition in August.



Caitlin Milanowski



Zoe McDowell



Emmanuel Antonas

## PEDAL PRIX NEWS

### Loxton Event – Sunday May 5th

Loxton was an enjoyable weekend for the 2 senior teams in their vehicles, Orion and Thor. We were asked to assist with the pre-race scrutineering where all vehicles are checked for compliance with vehicle design and construction and safety rules. This was certainly a new experience for us all.

The race went smoothly for both bikes with only minimal time spent in the pits for minor repairs.

Thor completed 96 laps coming in position 83 overall while Orion completed 95 laps coming in position 91 out of a field of 119 human-powered vehicles. As always the riding team was well supported by a dedicated support crew... our thanks to Jason Habbershaw, Liz and Stephen Dowding, Alison and Stephen Blake and our old scholars who support the riders with logistics on the day.

We now look forward to the first Victoria Park races on Sunday, June 15th/16th which will include all vehicles and riders who have been training hard this year.



Our Old Scholars and Parents in Orion and Thor at the Loxton Street circuit.

### Tuesday Training Sessions

Pedal Prix training has begun with pace and vigour with an influx of new riders ready to ride in this year's events. Each Tuesday after school approx. 25 riders are hitting the oval and moving through a series of games and drills to improve their teamwork, communication and fitness to qualify for a chance to compete in the upcoming events in Term 2 and 3. We are hoping to see a continual increase in fitness and endurance over the coming terms.

Our gratitude to Alison Blake for giving up her personal time on Tuesday afternoons to manage Pedal Prix training sessions. Her time and expertise in fitness and instruction are much appreciated.

Pedal prix teams for each event are selected based on Tuesday trainings. The following selection criteria are used:

- Participation/effort
- Cooperation/behaviour

### Vehicle Workshops

Jason Habbershaw and his team of parents and old scholars on Wednesday nights are making good progress with the repairs to our 4 vehicles which has been mainly repairs to fibreglass bodies at this stage. Parent/student teams are most welcome to attend our 7pm workshops on Wednesday nights at the school workshop off Brunel Drive where they can assist with both technical and non-technical tasks to support the team.



### Practice Days – Victoria Park Racecourse - Come and Try

There will be 2 pedal prix practice days at Victoria Park Racecourse later this term.

1. Sunday 2nd June 1.00 to 4.00pm
2. Sunday 7th July 1.00 to 4.00pm. (This one is in the first week of the school holidays)

All riders and interested students should attend one of these practice sessions which will provide valuable experience on the actual racetrack used for the next 2 events.

### Election Day Fundraiser – Democracy Sausages!

At the recent federal election polling booth at the school, the Pedal Prix held a very successful BBQ fundraiser.

Sausages were donated by Slape and Sons and promoted by Nova 919 FM. Many thanks to Alison Blake who organised the donated "democracy sausages" and spoke on Nova 919 FM early one morning to promote our fundraiser. Thanks also to all members of the committed fundraising committee, and their helpers pictured.

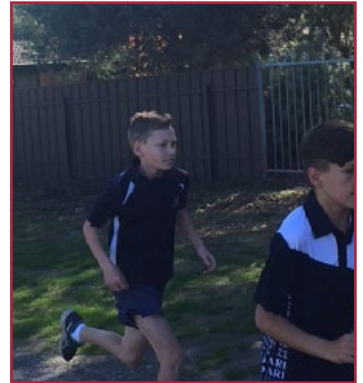
Volunteers from left: McKenzie Gow, Jirah Baker, Evan Johnson, Renee Baker, Alison Blake, Stephen Blake, Stephen Dowding, Liz Dowding, Zane Henderson, Dione Thompson and Thomas Baker.





## SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 17th of May The Heights School had 9 participants attend the Tea Tree Gully District Cross Country event. The day started off with an enthusiastic track walk and playground time. The main event soon got underway and there were some outstanding performances, with all participants extremely happy with their placings. A special mention went to Hayden Mortlock who ran a solid race and finished 5th in the 13 year old boys. Outstanding mentions also go to Joshua Miller (12 year old boys) and Taylah Lessue (11 year old girls) who both finished 3rd in their age groups respectively. These two students will go on to represent The Heights School and the Tea Tree Gully District at Oakbank in early June at the State Cross Country Carnival.



## VISTA YEAR 8 BOYS 5-A-SIDE SOCCER

The Year 8 5-a-side soccer team had a successful day at the VISTA 5-a-side soccer carnival on Tuesday the 7th of May. Coached expertly by Year 10 student Barzi, the team flew through the minor rounds with 3 wins and 2 draws, to finish on top of the ladder. A 6-0 win in the semi-final saw the team play Roma Mitchell in the grand final. A valiant effort saw the team go down by 2 goals. Overall, a great day for all involved. Also a special thank you to Cooper Green for coming along and being our designated referee.

*Miss Sulley-Beales*

*Physical Education Teacher*





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