

# The Heights School

# **NEWSLETTER**

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> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future



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.



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

#### **ISSUE** HIGHLIGHTS:

- NAIDOC Week
- The Arts
- The Heights Players 'The Dream'
- Pedal Prix

Pictured: NAIDOC Week celebrations (see article on page 3)

#### **DIARY** DATES

2/8	Science Alive Careers Day (SS06 & SS07)
5/8	Year 10 Immunisations
6/8	Governing Council Meeting 6.00pm
7/8	VISTA Senior Boys 5-A-Side Soccer MASA Quiz Night
8/8	Year 9 & 11 Visual Art

(Observatory) 12/8 Languages Day Out Workshop VISTA Year 8/9 Boys 9-A-Side **AFL** 

STAR Group Meeting Night

14/8 **SAPSASA Boys Football VISTA Senior Boys 9-A-Side** 

14-15/8 Father's Day Stall

See more upcoming dates on the next page

Click here to view our online calendar

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Department for Education

#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### Preparing for 2020

We are at the time of year where we review our curriculum and identify leadership and teaching positions for 2020. We have advertised leadership positions in The Arts, English and LOTE, and the Humanities subject areas. We will continue to arrange our organisational structure as Preschool - Year 6 and Year 7 - 12 within our P-12 School. Teaching positions are also being advertised to support this.

#### In the Media

We featured in The Advertiser a couple of times last week. Firstly, as one of the nine specialist schools in the state in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths areas with our Defence Industry Skills Program. Secondly, as one of the three special entry Ignite Program Schools purposely designed for academically gifted and talented students.

#### Science Championship - 2 Credits

Congratulations to Rosemary Joseph and Jack Marschall who achieved Credit Awards placing them in the top 20% of competitors from around the world. The Heights came 2nd out of 9 schools in the 51 -100 students category and 10th in Australia out of 90 schools.

#### Staff Service with the Department for Education

Each year the Department for Education recognises milestones of service contribution to public education. This year we have:

Julie Carter - 20 years

Nicholas Wildy - 20 years

Amanda Lamming - 10 years

Khara Rogers - 10 years.

#### Welcome Osaki Visitors

On Wednesday 25th July we welcomed a group of students from Osaki High School, a metropolitan school in Tokyo. They will be with us for a week until the 1st August immersing themselves in our school to improve their English and learn about our way of life. Thank you to our families who have supported this visit with homestay arrangements and of course our buddy students.

#### **Term 3 Staffing Changes**

We have a number of teachers taking short term leave at the beginning of this term. Consequently we welcome: Vanessa Burnett-Read (Ingrid Simmons' Reception class), Surangi Abeygunawardane (Deb Tilley's Year 7 class), Peter Seymour (Jo Cichinski's English classes), Mamta Khanna (Marilyn Middaugh Studies of Society classes), Gemma Eastley and Melissa Stephenson (Cherie Rothery's Year 6 class).



Nigel Gill Principal



# 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.

Wednesday 21 August .....Term 3, Week 5

Wednesday 6 November .....Term 4, Week 4

#### **PUPIL FREE DAYS 2019**

Friday 30 August.....Term 3, Week 6

#### **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

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



**AROUND OUR SCHOOL** 

#### YEAR 10 IMMUNISATIONS

As part of the free School Immunisation Program, our Year 10 students will receive their second round of Vaccinations on Monday the 5th of August. Please remind your Year 10 students to wear their short sleeve school uniform t-shirt under their jumpers to assist nurses.

Kellye Rowe, Treatment Room

### **School Volunteer Partnership**



Wednesday 14th August



and

Thursday 15th August

in MG3



Preschool and Primary students– your teacher will advise you of your class time

Secondary students– you can visit at recess and lunch

AIP students– you can visit any time with your teacher

Gifts for Dads, Grandpas and other special people, ranging in price from 50c to \$7

Gift tags and wrapping provided

All proceeds will go towards the improvement of student facilities



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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 Digital Entertainment Book. 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 order a digital copy of the Entertainment Book for \$70 you can order via the following link:

#### www.entbook.com.au/1619k82

Please be advised that hard copies of the entertainment book are now sold out.

#### SUPPORT US NOW.

"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



bonus offers

PREVIEW

#### PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY

#### Time is running out to purchase your tickets!

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

By purchasing a ticket, you will not only be supporting The Heights School but go in the draw to win 115 prizes worth more than \$360,000, including a 2019 Toyota RAV4 GXL and 2019 Toyota Corolla Ascent Sport thanks to CMI Toyota and an Ultimate Home Package worth \$20,263 from Harvey Norman!

\$2 tickets will be sold for the school online only via this link:

https://communitylottery.peopleschoicecu.com.au/public/community-groups/the-heights-school/

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

#### **NAIDOC WEEK**

NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islanders Observance Committee) is a celebration held in Australia in the first week of July. NAIDOC celebrates the history, culture, languages and achievements of Aboriginal people. At The Heights School an assembly was held for secondary school students to recognize this occasion. Aboriginal students Jack Mattecucci, Deacan Franey and student leaders hosted proceedings. Indigenous SSO Irini Foutolis conversed in her dialect to make the audience more aware of Aboriginal culture. Principal Mr Gill spoke about the importance of Aboriginal culture to all Australians. Guest performer Nathan May described his journey from struggling to finish school in the Northern Territory, to winning a Triple J Unearthed award for his musical ability. Nathan was also the feature of a documentary on NITV. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the assembly from the organisers to the well-behaved student audience.

Stephen Miles, Aboriginal Education Teacher





Prizes worth a total of \$200-00!

# The Heights Art Exhibition Competition

## 19th to the 23rd August 2019

# SALA

Special Guest Alana Preece

### Opening event 19th August 5pm - 7pm

The Visual Arts Department would like to invite entries for this prestigious Art Award, now in its 11th Year and included in the SALA Festival for the first time! The Middle School Multi Space will once again be transformed into an art gallery venue for the exhibition. This venue will be a focal point for other activities planned for the week so your work will gain maximum exposure. Awards and prizes will be announced in the morning on Monday 19th August and the official opening by acclaimed local artist, Alana Preece, will occur in the evening from 5pm to 7pm.

#### First Prize

A Gift Voucher to purchase Art Materials to the value of \$80 plus a certificate acknowledging your achievement.

#### People's Choice Award

A Gift Voucher to purchase Art Materials to the value of \$30 plus a certificate acknowledging your achievement.

**Karnkanthi Award** (meaning 'lifting up' in Kaurna language. Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students only).

A Gift Voucher to purchase Art Materials to the value of \$30 plus a certificate acknowledging your achievement.

**Book Week Prizes** (Book week entries must be A4 size)

Senior School Prize \$20 gift voucher for Art Materials

Middle School Prize \$20 gift voucher for Art Materials

Junior School Prize Art Materials to the value of \$20

**Diary Cover for 2020** - Your art work could be selected for the cover of next year's school diary. **Conditions of Entry** 

- 1. Art works can be of any medium i.e. acrylic, oil, watercolour, ink, pencil, pastel, charcoal, photography, digital imaging, multimedia.
- 2. Art works can be 2D or 3D, except Book Week Entries (A4 only).
- 3. Art works must be no larger than 1.5m x 1.5m including frame, except Book Week Entries (A4 only).
- 4. If works are framed they must include a wire or hook to hang them from.
- 5. You can offer your art works for sale but any work sold must remain on display until the exhibition closes.
- 6. The judging panel consists of Nigel Gill Principal, Vicki Cook Business Manager and Catherine Bourn Artist and Art Teacher.
- 7. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 8. The winning entry will be chosen according to the following criteria.
  - a. Creativity and originality
  - b. Sensitivity and skill in use of media
  - c. Presentation
- 9. Winners will be announced in the venue on Monday 19th August at 9.30am. Entry forms are available from the Art Department and the Library. Please use a separate entry form for each art work entered. Entries must be received by Monday 12th August and work must be delivered to the Art Department by Wednesday 14th August.

No late entries will be accepted.

Background Image by Shreya Mitra

#### **ARTS NEWS**

# The Heights Art Exhibition Competition Entry Form

Due date for entries Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August Due date for delivery of art works Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

SALA

Please tick one:

General Entry	Karnkanthi Priz	e	Book Week F	Prize
(All entries delivered to Art Sta	ff - No late entries v	will be accepted	d.)	
Name:				
Year Level:				
Home Group:				
Title of Art Work:			_	
Description (What's it about?):				a AFOLIO
Medium:				
Dimensions:				
Is your art work fo	or sale? Yes / No	Price: \$		

Please fill in a separate entry form for each individual art work.







#### THE HEIGHTS PLAYERS - 'THE DREAM' UPDATE

The Heights Players actors gathered together in the last part of Term 2 to pose for the camera in our successful costume-fitting and photo shoot session. During the holidays (yes, the holidays!) the props team, Mrs Sztekel and Ms Putnam eagerly travelled to the Golden Grove Arts Centre Theatre to view the facilities in preparation for our upcoming production. We now have a good idea of the space we'll be using and are planning our in-foyer entertainment and treats. We also got together in the second week and made great progress on our props, constructing fruit and vegetable bowls, hammock canopy and a wall costume.

Cast and crew were very excited to receive their official The Heights Players 'The Dream' t-shirts last week so we can all look like a team.

Advertising is in full swing with our A5 foldout brochure being letterbox dropped and coming home with students (Years 5-12).

Tickets are available now and are selling fast! Go to the school website to purchase or come in and visit Sonja in the Finance Office. Adults \$10, Child/ Concession \$5, Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$25.

Hope to see you there!

Beth Sztekel (Props and Marketing extraordinaire)





Golden Grove Arts Centre Theatre 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019













#### **PEDAL PRIX NEWS**

#### Victoria Park 6-Hour Event #2 - Saturday & Sunday June 27th/28th

Once again, this weekend of racing was 2 days of fun and fitness for our 4 pedal prix teams and their families. On Saturday our old scholars and parents in "Orion" and "THOR" competed against 72 other open class vehicles and on Sunday our 2 junior teams in vehicles, "Pulsar" and "Odyssey" competed against 174 other teams from Years 5-12.

Races went very smoothly for all 4 of our HPV's on both days with only Pulsar spending a short time in the pits on Sunday with braking problems. Team manager, Rob Baker and his helpers soon had the problem repaired and we were back in the race. There was teamwork everywhere with riders and support crew working together and encouraging each other. Our riders and their families have now experienced two events this year and are more prepared for the challenge of the upcoming 24 hour event in September. Our students' behaviour, cooperation and effort were always of the usual high standard that we expect and they were great representatives for our school.



SATURDAY: Orion finished 63rd with 177 laps and THOR finished 67th with 184 laps in a field of 70 vehicles (with plenty of inter-team rivalry between the parents and old-scholars!)

SUNDAY: All student riders did well with Pulsar finishing 158th and 88 laps and Odyssey finishing 164th, and 83 laps in a field of 172.

As always the riding teams were well supported by a dedicated support crew.... our sincere thanks to Rob Baker who has continued in the team/vehicle manager role in Jason Habbershaw's absence. Our special thanks again to Alison Blake who has managed many tasks, especially Tuesday night trainings for the riders and Stephen Blake who has managed track marshals and supported the event on both days. Thanks also to catering manager Liz Dowding and to Stephen Dowding, who continue to support the team with vehicle electrics, lap timing and logistics on both days. A big thank you to our old scholars Raumund Cotton, Matt Habbershaw, Anthony Ward-Colbert, Liam Mickan, Nikita Mickan and Alex Cox who support the teams and even attended both days, not only to race on Saturday, but also to support our junior students on Sunday.

Thanks also to the ongoing support from Renee Baker and our new pedal prix mums and dads for helping with catering, cooking the barbecue lunch, assisting with lap timing and vehicle repairs when needed. We now look forward to our final challenge, the 24-hour race in Murray Bridge on 21st and 22nd of September.

#### **Vehicle Workshops**

Pedal Prix students accompanied by a parent are most welcome to attend our workshops on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the school workshop off Brunel Drive. Assistance is needed with both technical and non-technical tasks to support the feam.



Article and photos by Pedal Prix coordinator, Roger Button and old scholar, Nikita Mickan







Dynamic dad, Stephen Blake racing in THOR on Saturday



Old scholars and parents racing in Orion on Saturday

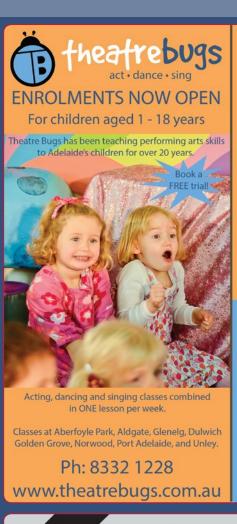


**Team Odyssey:** (from left) Deborah, Phoebe, Corbin, Zoe, Liam, Aiden, John, Thomas, Arlo, Wyatt, Sarah and Toby

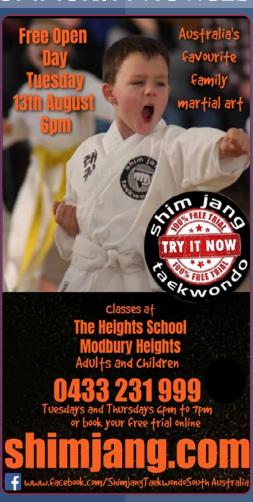


**Team Pulsar:** (from left) Emma, Lachlan, Evan, Zayne, Jirah, Malachi, Gemma, (with mascot, "Robbie") Cooper, Althea and Lovanya (absent)

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**









# ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**GEMINI NETBALL CLUB INC** 

GEMINI NETBALL CLUB's online registration now open The club is taking all registrations from interested participants for summer season 2019/20

Games commence start of 4th term but registrations closing August 8th 2019.

Check out website for club and follow 'get involved tab and player registration drop down box. Best done on PC.



#### **REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT**

www.gemini.sa.netball.com.au Margret 0414 641 063

**NO LOCK IN CONTRACTS** 

PER WEEK

UNLIMITED

TRAINING

www.gkrkarate.com or call Lana 0407 633 442

# **COMMUNITY** NOTICES





# WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

What's the Buzz?

At Clovercrest Baptist Church

**Modbury Nth** 

ON MONDAYS TERM3 & TERM4

SALVATION ARMY

What's the Buzz



Course Facilitators Michelle Harris, Ursula Nagel

What's the Buzz?

by Mark Le Messurier & Madhavi Nawana Parker

BOOK

For Info and Booking contact Ursula on 0419 188 716

Course Facilitators Michelle Harris, Ursula Nagel mob 0419 188 716 ursulanagel@outlook.com 5 - 9 YEARS GROUP: 3.45PM - 4.30PM 9-12 YEARS GROUP: 4.45PM - 5.30PM

16 week Program

#### WHO IS IT FOR?

All Children
High functioning autism
Specific learning difficulties
ADHD
Reactive behaviours
Anxiety
Shyness

#### WHAT IS IT?

What's The Buzz? Programme offers

- skills to fit in read social situations
- make lasting friendships

Qualified Counsellors
DCSI and Police Clearance
Trained What's The Buzz Coaches



