

The Heights School

NEWSLETTER

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> 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.



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

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- MASA Quiz Night
- Parliament House Tour
- Arts Week 2019
- Science Alive!

Pictured: The Heights School students meet Dr Richard Harris SC OAM 2019 Australian of the Year (see article on page 3)



DIARY DATES

16-18/8 School Production 'The Dream'

Year 5/6 Excursion 'The Dream'

Bio-nano & Beyond Workshop **UniSA**

SAPSASA Boys & Girls Table

Tennis Carnival

VISTA Year 9/10 Girls **Basketball Carnival**

19-23/8 Arts Week

Book Week

19/8 Art Exhibition Opening (SALA)

21/8 School Tour 9.00am

Wakakirri Performance -

Entertainment Centre

22/8 Music Showcase Winter

Concert 6.30pm

23/8

Book Week Parade 9.15am Festival Choir- Magic Millions

27/8 Year 9 Right Choice Excursion

- Pathway Community Centre

Year II MenB Immunisation

(2nd Visit)

SAPSASA Tennis Carnival

See more upcoming dates on the next page

Click here to view our online calendar

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Arts, Book and SSO Week are all scheduled for upcoming celebration!

SSO Week - Appreciation of our Support Staff

The week beginning Monday 19 August we recognise the work of our school support staff. We have a support staff team who work tirelessly, promoting a positive service culture and presenting a great connection to our school community and our teaching and learning programs. Thank you to you all. We feel very fortunate at The Heights to have you working with us.

Arts Week "Realising the Dream" 17 - 23 August

Get along and support the following Arts Week events:

- Friday 16 August 7.00pm The Heights School Players present the opening night of The Dream, followed by performances on Saturday 17 August and Sunday 18 August.
- Monday 19 August 5.00pm-7.00pm We are hosting the SALA (South Australian Living Artists) Opening. Student and staff work will be on display.
- Wednesday 21 August 6.30pm Wakakirri, our entry 'Ready Set Slow' will be at the Entertainment Centre.
- Thursday 22 August 6.30pm Our musical students are performing the Sounds of Winter Showcase. Contact the school if you are seeking more details!

Book Week

Book Week culminates in a parade on Friday 23 August. Students and staff have been invited to dress up in characters associated with this year's theme 'Reading is my Secret Power'.

MASA Maths Ouiz Night

Congratulations to our students who participated in the MASA Quiz night at Roma Mitchell Secondary College! One of our Year 10 teams won the overall and general knowledge categories and our Year 9 team won the Mathematics section (just beating our Year 10 team).

In total The Heights sent six teams, 3 from Year 8, 1 from Year 9, and 2 from Year 10.

Well done and thank you to Tim Trainor one of our Maths Teachers.

Ignite Students and Cutting Edge Science

Cutting Edge Science and senior school Ignite students recently attended the Adelaide Convention Centre to hear Dr Richard Harris SC OAM 2019 Australian of the Year. This event was designed to give young people an understanding about 'the power of science' and inspire students to consider pathways to engage, explore and understand science further.

Well done Madison Roderick - Year 6 student

Madison recently featured in her local newspaper for her netball achievements whilst battling a rare form of muscular dystrophy. Willaston Netball Club described her as inspirational for her positive attitude and determination to manage her condition.

School Closure

Reminder: Friday 30 August is a non school day for students as staff are involved in a professional learning program. Monday 2 September is the annual school closure day coinciding with the Adelaide Show.



Nigel Gill Principal



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AROUND OUR SCHOOL

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 6 NovemberTerm 4, Week 4

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2019

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

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

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



YEAR 11 IMMUNISATION

As part of the free School Immunisation Program, our Year 11 students will receive their second round of vaccinations on Wednesday 28 August. Please remind your Year 11 students to wear their short sleeve school uniform t-shirt under their jumpers to assist nurses.

Kellye Rowe, Treatment Room

UNIFORM SUPER SALE

UNIFORM



Heavily discounted uniform items on sale. 3 days only! Prices range from \$14.00 to \$22.00

Monday 26 August from 8.30am - 10.35am and 2.15pm - 3.30pm Tuesday 27 August from 8.30am - 10.35am and 2.15pm - 3.30pm Tuesday 3 September from 8.30am - 10.35am and 2.15pm - 3.30pm

Follow the signs from Reception.

Strictly no returns as these are discontinued items – change rooms will be available for students to try uniform on for sizing.

Selected styles as pictured below (limited sizes):



Boys Cargo





Fleecy Trackpant











OSAKI VISIT BUDDY STUDENT

This was my first time being involved in this and it was a fun learning experience. Meeting people from a different background and culture was very educational for all of us. I enjoyed showing my buddy around and telling her about Australia while getting to know her. Understanding both our cultures and lives as high school students gives you a wider perspective of the world. I will definitely be involved in this again and encourage it as the exchange student program gives us the opportunity to better understand people and improve social skills.

Hibah Mohamed, SSI6



THE HEIGHTS TEAMS IN PRIME FORM FOR MASA QUIZ NIGHT

Take 6 teams from the Heights, add some maths and general knowledge questions, factor in some snacks and what does that equal? Success! On Wednesday 7 August, 24 students, in 6 groups of four, attended the MASA (Mathematical Association of South Australia) Quiz Night at Roma Mitchell Secondary College. Competing against around 100 students from different schools our teams found the formula for success.

Our Year 10 team, comprising of Onesimus, Caleb, Chris and general knowledge master Sanjeev, took out both the overall prize and the general knowledge section for the junior section (Year 8-10). Our Year 9 team comprising of Harvey, Paul and Lachlan took out the mathematics prize for the junior section. Both teams won cold hard cash, which I can only assume went towards furthering their mathematical education. The Heights also took out second and third place overall.

To sum up, it was a great night, and we look forward to taking it on next year (if they'll have us back)!



Mr Trainor

(Pictured from top: Paul, Harvey and Lachlan; Onesimus, Caleb, Sanjeev and Chris)





THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL STUDENTS MEET DR RICHARD HARRIS

On a very cold Thursday night, (8th August), 12 Year 10 students and 3 teachers, (Mr Roubanis, Mr Eglinton and Ms Van Hoof), made their way to The Adelaide Convention Centre to see and hear Dr Richard Harris.

Adelaide anaesthetist Dr Richard Harris SC OAM was enjoying a holiday in Thailand in June last year when he heard the news that the boys'Wild Boars' football team was trapped deep in the Tham Luang cave.

His role in the rescue earned him joint Australian of the Year honours alongside fellow rescuer Dr Craig Challen.

(Pictured front page: Our students after the event with Dr Richard Harris)

PARLIAMENT HOUSE TOUR - THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST

A party of enthusiastic volunteers and myself gladly accepted an invitation from Blair Boyer, State Member for Wright and an avid supporter of The Heights school, to join him on a tour of Parliament House. In appreciation for the huge role volunteers play in our school and their tireless efforts that quite often go unseen Blair offered this personally guided tour as a thank you. A colleague of Blair's and former student of The Heights School, Joshua Weidenbach, also provided us with fascinating insight during our visit.

I can safely say that I learnt a lot of interesting facts about Parliament, and the building that houses it during our hour long tour and delicious morning tea. I have shared a couple of image examples (see *right*).

Set on North Terrace, Adelaide's Parliament House, which houses the state's two legislative chambers: the House of Assembly (lower house) and the Legislative Council (upper house), is one of the most impressive buildings around. The initial plans featured a Greek Revival theme, with ornate columns, huge towers, and a large central dome but this design was modified. It wasn't until 1889 that the first stage of Parliament House was opened. In 1936, money was provided for the development of the second stage, to replace the adjacent and overcrowded Parliament House, now referred to as "Old Parliament House", and was opened in June 1939. This stage included both the central and eastern sections, though money for the central dome that featured in the original plans ran out so this wasn't completed in time (see picture of architects design). It is a beautiful building, inside and out.

Throughout the evolution of Parliament, representatives with opposing views gathered with a wide divide separating them, much like they do now. However this divide was essential at times early on, as it was wide enough so a sword drawn in anger could not reach their adversary.

It was a brilliant morning and I really enjoyed spending time with our wonderful volunteers in a different capacity and learning more about them. Finding ourselves stuck in an elevator for 30 minutes presented a great opportunity to get to know each other! Thankfully the elevator was all glass so we were able to take in a view as we waited.

Our sincerest thanks to Blair for the opportunity, and donating his time to others.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about our volunteer program please contact me.

Kind Regards,

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Corridor of Parliament House

Volunteers - Anu Andrews and Danam Andrews



Architects sketch of proposed complete building



West wing completed 1889



Parliament House today



Speaker chair in House of Assembly

Volunteers left to right- (Top) Anu Andrews, Brett Boyce, Alex Rast, Tara Mather, Jodie Warner, Carol Woods, Blair Boyer MP (Bottom) Danam Andrews, Kathryn Woore, Yasmine Flinn

EARN AND LEARN REACHES NEW HEIGHTS!

A huge thank you to The Heights families, students and teachers for their amazing effort in collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. This year's competition has now ended. Over the last two months we have collected close to 50,000 stickers for our school. These will now be converted to a dollar amount for spending on a range of educational

resources, equating to close to \$1500 dollars' worth of resources for our school!

I am also extremely grateful for the endless hours of sticking, counting and collating of stickers by students from 703 and our other Year 7 classes. These students have volunteered their time over the last two months and without them, we could not make this competition possible.

Thank you to our amazing community for making this fundraiser a huge success!

Mr Kyriakos Markou, Year 7 Year Level Mentor





STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

Winter has finally set in, and the students and teachers in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden classes have been working hard to prepare the garden for spring time, as well as creating dishes that are nourishing and warming when it's cold outside. Some of the exciting recipes we have created with students include: cold rolls, stir-fries, fruit muffins, vegetable pizza scrolls, and healthy snack popcorn recipes. Students in Mrs Lempens' kitchen classes have explored the five taste sensations in the gustatory system and created posters that explore the basic tastes that stimulate our taste buds. Students in Mrs Rose's junior kitchen classes have been making fresh pasta noodles and will be using them to create some Italian pasta dishes. In the garden, Amanda and the students have been making compost, preparing garden beds for spring planting, weeding, pruning the fruit tress and grape vines. We would like to say a BIG thank you to our school grounds staff for installing a new fence around the citrus orchard so that our five chickens can spend some 'free range' time out there during the day.

The SAKG Winter Markets were held on Tuesday 2nd July. This was a wonderful opportunity for families in the school community to come and see what students have been making and preparing in the kitchen garden classes. Some of the goodies prepared include apricot jam, Chinese plum sauce, quince jelly, quince butter, quince paste, and Thai pumpkin soup with jungle scones. For our budding gardeners, we had potted plants, seedling punnets, seeds and fresh produce for purchase. The SAKG team would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for helping us to prepare and run the Winter Market. We truly appreciate the support we receive to help make these events possible for students and the school community to enjoy.

Preparations are underway for the Royal Adelaide Show Schools Kitchen Garden Competition. Student's will be preparing and creating several products and produce to showcase to the public including the Year 6 classes



making scarecrows and the Year 5 classes making garden hats. Other categories we are competing in include the Harvest Basket, Herb Bouquet, Salad of the Imagination, and Patch to Plate. Make sure to come and check out our exhibit at the Royal Adelaide Show for the Scarecrows on Wednesday 28th August and the Floral Craft and School Kitchen Garden competition on Saturday 7th September.









BOOK WEEK 2019

WEEK 5 TERM 3 IS NOW UPON US!

Please join us for the annual Book Week Parade on Friday 23 August at 9:15 am in the Courtyard. Come dressed as the character that helps you with your SECRET POWER.

In the meantime please go to https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2019 for the shortlisted books and be a judge yourself. Students are busy reading and choosing their favourite text from the 2019 entries.

Other activities include:

- Poetry Slam Treasure Hunt Book reviews
- Art activities connected with the shortlisted books
- An hour with a Graphic Designer (available to some Year 8 students)

Please contact any of the Library staff if you require any further information.

Mr Powell, Ms Potts, Ms Simpson and Ms Kellye



SCIENCE IS ALIVE AT THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL!

Science Alive! is the largest single interactive science exhibition in Australia, and on Friday, August 2nd a number of our Year 10 students travelled to the Adelaide Showgrounds and visited over 60 exhibitors that provided hands-on fun that was interactive and dynamic in nature. Students had the opportunity to view The Royal Australian Chemical Institute's fabulous Chemistry Show and full sized Daleks from The



All kinds of awesome.

Australian Dalek Builders' Union. Students saw what was on offer from Flinders University, UniSA, Adelaide Uni and TAFE SA and they explored all aspects of STEM with the Astronomical Society, Saab Australia, Nature Foundation SA, Forensic Science SA, Bugs n Slugs, Animals Anonymous, BAE Systems, the Young Scientists of Australia, Hackerspace, the SA Museum and many more!

Below is a small selection of photos taken on the day and a selection of comments from my SS07 Year 10 class after the event.

"There was a great variety of activities and resources for me to select from." Brooke Cocker

"It was fun to learn about and explore the different types of scientific careers. The excursion helped me gain more information on my future career." Neha Martin

"It was very helpful for getting information about different careers. I also enjoyed visiting some of the different stalls and seeing what they had on offer." Zoe De Waal

"Before going there I had not really thought about a Science Career. It was a useful opportunity to explore options." Takeru Kai

"The Science Alive Showcase was a fun and educational experience.

I benefitted from conversations with people who work in industries which I was interested in. I can now make more informed choices during my course counselling." Alisha Mohamad Nizam

I look forward to once again, organising and attending the 2020 event.

Mr Roubanis, Year 10 Science Teacher



Ms Robertson and Mr Eglinton at the KESAB stall investigating recycling options for 3D printer plastic



Zoe, Brooke, Rosemary, Neha and Shanna



Brennan, Onesimus and Caleb leap to the defence of the others!



On the way back to school after the event. Excited and exhausted at the same time.



The Heights School Thursday 12th September Week 8

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ARTS WEEK 2019 "REALISING THE DREAM"

This year's Arts Week theme is "Realising the Dream" and it's going to be bigger and better than ever!

- SALA Art Exhibition and Competition
- "The Dream" Production by The Heights Players
- "The Last Sounds of Winter" Showcase Concert
- Wakakirri
- The Heights Got Talent
- · Primary School Art Exhibition
- Book Week "Reading is my Secret Power"
- Poetry Slam
- "There's a Bear in There" Music production for Junior School
- · Voices to be Heard
- Cake decorating display
- · Wood and metal craft display
- · And more!





ARTS WEEK 2019: REALISING THE DREAM



Fri Aug 16	Sat Aug 17	Sun Aug 18	Mon Aug 19		Tues Aug 20		Wed Aug 21		Thurs Aug 22		Fri Aug 23		Lessons
THE DREAM Golden Grove Arts Centre			Easy Listening Music in The Rotunda Drip Cake Display in the Resource Centre Tech Display										
Tech Run/ Dress Rehearsal 9-11			9. 15 Art exhibi- tion/ compe- tition Judg- ing	Activity Room Primary Students and Parents	10am There's a Bear in There	Pre School, Recep- tion, Yr 1/ 2 Perf space			9.30 Voices to be Heard Festival Choir	Year 3/4 Perf Space	Book week Parade 9.30– 10.45	Court- yard Primary Students	1/2
11:30 – 2:00 Schools perfor- mance				Middle School Gallery					11.00 Sounds of Winter Showcase Concert Rehearsal and Sound Check				3/4
	Matinee 2-4.30	Matinee 2-4.30	Heights Got Talent Senior	Perf Space			POETRY SLAM	Drama Space					Lunch
					Heights Got Talent in the Middle	Yrs 6-9 Perf Space					Junior School Talent Finals	Perf Space R-5	5/6
Evening Performance 7:00 – 9:00 –	Evening Performance 7:00 – 9:00		Opening SALA Art Exhibition 5.00pm – 7.00pm	Middle School Gallery General Public			Wakakirri Performance	Entertain- ment Centre	Sounds of Winter Showcase Concert	Perf Space 6.30-8.00 General Public			

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE - THE DREAM

Don't miss out on this year's school performance.

The Dream - Golden Grove Arts Centre Theatre

Friday 16th - Sunday 18th August

Tickets available from the school Finance Office until Thursday 15th August.



WINTER SHOWCASE



VISUAL ART EXCURSION TO THE CEDARS AT HAHNDORF - 8TH AUGUST 2019

Year 9 and Year 11 Visual Art students braved the very cold and wintry weather last Thursday to visit The Cedars at Hahndorf. The Cedars is the historic home and studio of one of Australia's most iconic landscape artists, Sir Hans Heysen. Students were able to view original works by Heysen and his daughter Nora Heysen. We had planned to explore the rambling garden and surrounding landscape for sketching but the weather was so cold, wet and windy we decided to head back to school and continue our drawing in the warmth and protection of the Art room instead.

Students were inspired by what they saw and it was a fantastic experience.

Catherine Bourn

(Pictured: Heysen's Studio)



scan to contact us for more info

VISTA SENIOR BOYS 5A-SIDE SOCCER CARNIVAL

It was a cold, wet and windy day at Para Hills High School on Wednesday the 7th of August, where a team of Year 11 and 12 students participated in the VISTA 5-a-side Soccer Carnival. The boys came 7th out of 8 in division 1. They won their first game and the last game of the day. Their group highlight was everyone scored a goal at some stage during the day.

Eulaly Allen

Health and Physical Education Coordinator



COMMUNITY NOTICES



