

The Heights School NEWSLETTER

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> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future

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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:

- Heights Got Talent Junior
- Wakakirri Performance
- The Arts
- The Right Choice Community Service
- ABC Excursion Year 10 Digital Media

Pictured: Wakakirri Performance

DIARY DATES

3-27/9	PAT Testing (Yr 3-10)				
12/9	ICAS Spelling (Yr 2-7)				
	RUOK Day				
13/9	VISTA Year 8/9 Girls & Boys				
	Volleyball				
16-18/9	Year 7 Aquatics Camp #I				
17/9	ICAS English (Yr 2-12)				
18-20/9	Year 7 Aquatics Camp #2				
18/9	Festival Choir Rehearsal				
	VISTA Year 8-10 Girls Tag				
	Rugby				
19/9	ICAS Mathematics (Yr 2-12)				
	NON UNIFORM DAY				
	(Whole School)				
	Primary Years Assembly				
	9.00am (CF3 & CG6)				
20/9	STAR Group Meeting Night				
23/9	ATSI Excursion-				
	Secondary Students				
26/9	VISTA Year 9/10 Boys				
	Basketball				
27/9	Year 6 Aquatics- West Lakes				
	(5.20pm finish)				
	Last Day Term 3				
	(2.05pm Dismissal)				
14/10	First Day Term 4				
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

SALA – Winner

The Heights School's Art Exhibition is a winner in the South Australian Living Arts Festival!

The Heights has held an Arts Exhibition for 11 years, and this year our Art teacher Catherine Bourn entered our exhibition in the SALA Festival.

We won the Credit Union SA Schools Award and \$2500.

Well done Catherine and the many students across our school who contributed artwork.

Re-Engineering Australia's Subs in Schools Challenge

Our Year 10 Cutting Edge Science students have been designing remotely operated underwater vehicles (submarines) supported by engineers from Saab who have worked alongside students in classrooms. This work has culminated in state trials at St Peters College and the Royal Adelaide Show. Obviously we are hoping to hear our student teams do well. Thank you to our Ignite and STEM Industry Skills Coordinator David Eglinton.

Wakakirri – State Award

We are excited to share our school's Wakakirri performance day at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre won a State Award for the 'Best Blockbuster Story'.

The judge commended the school, describing the item as "a terrific feat by a huge ensemble with colour and vibrance". We also won Best Costume Design and Best T-Shirt Design on the night.

Great work Penny Phillips and your ensemble of performers.

Subject Counselling – SACE Course Confirmation Day

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 are in the midst of subject selection processes for 2020. Last week Year 10 and 11 students and parents attended subject selection and course confirmation meetings with home group teachers and subject counselling staff.

PAT Testing

Progressive Assessment Testing is taking place over the next three weeks. Students in Years I to 10 are taking progress tests in reading and maths to determine how they are travelling in their learning programs and what areas need further attention.

Staff Professional Learning Program

On Friday 30th August staff were involved in collaborative moderation. This was a common day for secondary schools across the north eastern area resulting in many teachers working in subject areas to ensure our marking is at the standards outlined in the Australian Curriculum. This year secondary teachers carried this out within their own school settings. Our primary teachers worked with other primary teachers from the Golden Way Partnership on learning design assessment and moderation strategies.

Later in the afternoon staff were involved in Work Health and Safety mandatory training.





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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

LIBRARY MATTERS

CURRENT LIBRARY DISPLAY

Students in BG2 and BG3 have completed a unit of work on "Australia's First People". Many thanks to Ms Plaisted, Ms Knight and their Year 3 students who made some wonderful models reflecting their learnings (see *photos below*).

Please have a close look at their display in the Library. A lot of thought and effort went into producing the Aboriginal Life "Mini Worlds".

OVERDUE BOOKS

Can everyone please have a thorough search for any books that need to be returned to the Library. This will enable everyone to maximise their holiday borrowing in Week 10.

BOOK WEEK 2020

The theme for Book Week 2020 has been announced:

"CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS"

The artwork is currently being created by Gwyn Perkins who last year won the CBCA Picture Book of the Year for "A Walk in the Bush".

The dates for CBCA Book Week 2020 are 22-28 August.

Enjoy your reading!

The Library Staff - Mr Powell, Ms Potts and Ms Simpson



AROUND OUR SCHOOL

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: <u>www.entbook.com.au/1619k82</u>

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

PRESCHOOL 2020

Enrolling in Preschool 2020 LET YOUR CHILD GROW WITH US

The Heights Preschool is an integral part of The Heights P-12 School. We provide an engaging and stimulating learning environment for children. Our philosophy revolves around

play as a tool for learning. We encourage children to be curious and empowered, to seek answers through learning, underpinned by a partnership with family and the community.

If you would like your child to attend The Heights Preschool in 2020 please contact Dani Camillo on the details below.

Email: Dani.Camillo890@schools.sa.edu.au Website: https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/preschool.html





HEIGHTS GOT TALENT JUNIOR

This year we had 39 acts with 50 students performing in at the heats for the Junior Heights Got Talent. Scoring was very high and our finals show proved to be very entertaining. Well done to all participants.

Final results

Tahlia Miller (Dance) - Ist place

Daanveer Randhawa (Bangrah Dance) and Alex Holland (Magic Act) - Equal 2nd place

Kara Mortlock & Sienna Madigan (Duo Dance) - 3rd place

Ridhima Narayan (Ballet) - Honorable Mention

Samiha Rimjhimn (Cultural Dance) - Honorable Mention

Penny Phillips





WAKAKIRRI

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On August 21st, 95 happy students left school at 10am for the Adelaide Entertainment Centre to perform their Wakakirri item, Ready, Set, Slow! The dress rehearsal went very well and we received many positive comments from the stage crew and judges about how vibrant it looked. A very busy day followed preparing for the evening's performance. We spent the whole afternoon on makeup and hair. Students were able to take turns watching other schools rehearse their items. At 6pm several students attended the Red Carpet event where our costumes were judged.

It had been a very long day and there were some tired students, teachers and volunteer helpers. However, there was great excitement as we waited for our turn to perform on stage. The performance went very well and there was a wonderful reaction from the audience. The following judges comments and awards were very rewarding after all the hard work over the year.

Some Panel Comments

A terrific feat by a huge ensemble with colour and vibrance! Elaborate set and costumes with excellent attention to detail and original ideas. A really colourful and vibrant production, epic staging and very well rehearsed.

SHOW AWARDS

Best public speaking Best t-shirt design Best individual costume design

PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTION AWARDS

Excellent Ensemble Well-Rehearsed Performance **Excellent Set Movement & Staging Excellent Overall Costume Design Excellent Overall Set Design**

STATE STORY AWARD **Best Blockbuster Story**



Performers with the judging panel

The cast performed for the school in Week 6 and each Wakakirri student received a certificate and trophy. I was very proud of everyone and whenever I think of this year's item, a big smile comes to my face! Thank you very much to all the volunteers who helped this year and made 'Ready, Set, Slow!' so special.

People's Choice voting is now open. To view a snippet of our item, visit the Wakakirri website and search for The Heights.

Penny Phillips











THE ARTS

ARTS NEWS





Credit Union SA Schools Award - Winner

Awarded to

The Heights School The Heights School Art Exhibition Competition



WE ARE WINNERS!

Congratulations to Catherine Bourn, students and staff involved in this year's Art Exhibition Competition. After eleven years of running this annual event, this year, our exhibition was included in the SALA (South Australian Living Artists) Festival. On Tuesday evening (3rd September), a small number of students and staff attended the special school's presentation ceremony at the Radford Auditorium, Art Gallery of SA.



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We were over the moon to be announced as a winner in the Credit Union SA School Awards - for South Australian Primary Schools and Secondary Schools. The prize includes \$2,500 for the Art Department to use for equipment and resources. Well done all!

SESSION WITH LUKE THURGATE

Luke Thurgate is an artist and lecturer at Adelaide Central School of Art. Previously he was the Coordinator of Exhibitions and Public Programs at The Art Gallery of South Australia. We were very fortunate to spend an afternoon with Luke during Arts Week when he visited The Heights School as part of the SALA Exhibitions judging team.

He spoke to our senior Visual Art students about neural plasticity and lateral thinking and career pathways for students interested in The Arts.

Catherine Bourn



Luke speaking with students in The Heights School Gallery

DIGITAL MEDIA

ABC EXCURSION – YEAR 10 DIGITAL MEDIA

A forecast of gale force winds and threats of thunder and hailstorms did not dampen eleven eager Year 10 Digital Media students' enthusiasm as we headed off to the ABC building in Collinswood on Friday 6th September. A last minute call to Des' Minibuses gave parents peace of mind to know we would get there and back dry and safe.

Our pre-tour session included information about the ABC being 'Our ABC', explaining how the broadcasting corporation is a tax payer, federal government funded corporation. The ABC started in 1932 with the radio station 5CL, and in 1956, television broadcasting the Melbourne Olympics. Adelaide finally gained access in 1960 when the first Adelaide Festival of The Arts was televised. We learnt about the evolution of technology that saw a large shift in the way things were done from the 1990s onwards. The emergence of digital technology and the internet seeing websites and digital editing overtake analogue methods.

We also learnt about different careers that exist within the ABC, from production based fields such as directors, editors, graphic artists, publicists and audio engineers to corporate fields such as managers, human resources, public relations, legal and financial.

We met Matt and Olivia, two of the journalists from 'Behind the News' who spoke of the challenges and rewards of writing, presenting and editing age appropriate news stories for primary aged students.

In the radio suite we met David Bevan who presents 'Mornings' from 9-11 am who spoke about keeping within the confines of legal and ethical boundaries. He explained how the delay from recording, to broadcasting allows for a quick 'dump' of any offensive material to safeguard against issues.

The control room for the daily news was particularly interesting with only one person controlling the whole setup (teleprompter, remote controlled cameras and queuing) of information that gets delivered to us at 7pm on the dot.

We saw the huge studio space set up with BTN scenes and the \$250,000 piano used for live-audience shows and the Police Band concerts and the former home of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

After we were finished, we waved goodbye to the Bananas and headed off through the wind to McDonald's for lunch. Following an ice-cream from Mrs Sztekel, we boarded the bus and came back to school, all media'd out.



Mrs Beth Sztekel

"I learnt about possible careers that I could pursue in the Media Industry." - Tristan

"I learnt that working at a news/radio place is a lot more complex than I once thought." – Mitchell

"I learnt a lot about the process of making a radio show and how to produce and create a news broadcast. I also learnt that the ABC is funded by the government and gets its money from tax payers. I also learnt a lot about how the news set worked as we went to the set." – Joshua

"I learnt how the process of 'dumping' works on live radio shows, a process in which you press a button to purge the last ten seconds on air in case of someone saying something they shouldn't have." – Francesco

"I learnt about the radio and how it functions. It looks super-duper hard." - Thea

"I learnt the struggles and issues that may happen, as well as the time frame to be able to do their job daily." – Jay

"I discovered how the radio stations operate, as well as the schedule that each job operates on. The organisation they put in place throughout the building as well as the network itself is astounding." – Nicholas













THE RIGHT CHOICE PROGRAM

THE RIGHT CHOICE COMMUNITY SERVICE



On the 27th of August, the Year 9 boys involved in The Right Choice program volunteered their time towards helping those in need. The boys spent the day at the Pathway Community Centre sorting and delivering food and essential supplies to those undergoing financial hardship. This experience allowed the boys within the program to appreciate their own upbringing and understand the importance of volunteer work for those in need. The boys were also able to assist the local Member of State Parliament, Blair Boyer, and other volunteers in the Pathway Community Centre is a community service that provides support for families that are struggling to make ends meet and are operated entirely on the contribution of volunteers. From the experience, the boys intend to return and volunteer more time in order to help those within the community.

Christopher Peters

Health & Physical Education and Year 9 Coordinator



HPE & VISTA SPORT

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CROSS YEAR LEVEL COLLABORATION

As a part of Year 9 Sexual Health and Relationships Education students have been learning effective ways to communicate with their peers. Miss Allen's Year 9 classes have combined with Mr Seymour's Year 3 classes to support his Year 3 students to develop their cricket skills. Year 9's used this opportunity to focus on their communication skills, sportsmanship and collaboration with students of a younger year level. Whereas, Year 3's have been focusing on developing fundamental movement skills related to cricket. Both



teachers were impressed with the enthusiasm displayed from all students involved and their approach to this fantastic learning opportunity.

From the students...

What we learnt...

'Working with younger children wasn't as hard as we expected.'

'In Year 9 Physical Education students tends to focus on learning and competition, whereas, in Year 3 there was a real focus on learning. It was about the learning journey rather than being afraid to 'mess up' or make mistakes.'

'When students were reluctant to participate, sometimes modifying the task slightly or adding in an additional challenge for specific students engaged them more.'

'We talked about what we did at the Adelaide Show and got to know the Year 9's. I learnt they are nice.'

'The Year 9's were faster than me when I run out of breath, otherwise I was faster than them.'

Our Highlights...

'As Year 9's our focus was on sportsmanship and effort and it was rewarding to see Year 3's also demonstrate this. We saw a Year 3 student give up their turn to bat for another as they realised that person hadn't had a turn yet.'

'Working with younger children was a great opportunity to be a positive role model.'

'Seeing students who were struggling with one station, for example batting, do well at another station, for example throwing.'

'The Year 9's were very encouraging and helpful. Now that I have got to know the Year 9's, if I saw them in the yard I would say hello to them.'

'When we were doing the running activity, the Year 9's ran with us which really helped the people in class that weren't as confident.'

Mr Seymour and Miss Allen

TERM 4 - VISTA EVENTS

Week I:	Thursday	17th October:	Year 8/9,	10 Boys –	Tag Rugby
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- Week 3: Monday 28th October: Year 10 Boys T20 Cricket Blast Wednesday 30th October: Year 8/9, 10 Boys and Girls – Ultimate Frisbee
- Week 5: Monday I I th November: Year 8-10 Girls T20 Cricket Blast Thursday I4th November: Year 8/9 Boys – Beach Soccer Friday I5th November: Year 8/9 Girls – Beach Soccer
- Week 6: Wednesday 20th November: Year 10 Boys and Girls European Handball Thursday 21st November: Year 8/9 Boys and Girls – Badminton Friday 22nd November: Year 8/9 Boys – Indoor Cricket
- Week 7: Thursday 28th November: Year 8/9 Girls Indoor Cricket







COMMUNITY NOTICES



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