

# 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.



## **ISSUE** HIGHLIGHTS:

- Primary Performances
- Year 12 Farewell
- SA All School Games, SAPSASA Cricket
   & VISTA Sports

Pictured: Year 12 Farewell Breakfast and Parade



#### **DIARY DATES**

7/11 New Reception Visit 1-Thurs/Fri Group Year 12 EAL Exam

8/11 STAR Group Excursion-ASTRO-STEM Day

Year 12 General Maths Exam

I I / I I VISTA Year 8-10 Girls T20 Blast Cricket

Year 12 Physics Exam

12/11 Year 8 Transition Day

Year 12 Legal Studies Exam

New Reception Visit 2-Tues/Wed Group

13/11 Stage 1 PE Excursion - Par 3 Golf

Year 9 Stagecraft Excursion-Festival Theatre

Year 12 Chemistry Exam

14/11 VISTA Year 8-9 Boys Beach Soccer

New Reception Visit 2-Thurs/Fri Group

Year 12 Psychology Exam

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<u>Click here</u> to view our online calendar

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

#### Transition visits for new Reception children

This week new parents of 2020 Reception children have been welcomed to our school by our Primary Assistant Principals Rebekah Goodall and Laura Tambe, Deputy Principal Robyn McLachlan and teachers. We are anticipating 90 Reception children next year. Exciting times and we are looking forward to working with our new families over the next 13 years.

#### Best of luck to our Year 12 students commencing exams

The general Year 12 population began their first exam, Biology on Monday 4th November. Exams conclude a couple of weeks later with Specialist Maths on Friday 15th November.

#### Year 12 dress up breakfast and Junior School swimming

Our Year 12 students finished regular scheduled school lessons last Wednesday with the dress up parade tradition followed by a huge breakfast. Many of our Junior School students who were involved in swimming last week were still able to be present before dashing to the pool as this is a highlight for them as well as our Year 12 students. I was very impressed and enjoyed witnessing the positive atmosphere and interactions by all.

Credit to you all, and well done to supporting staff who are very pleased for you.

Good luck over the coming weeks.

#### Ignite Enrichment Day

On Friday 1st November we held our Term 4 Ignite Enrichment Day. Twenty five Year 6 students from our school and surrounding schools participated in small teams in a range of open ended learning activities.

Thank you to Sharon Robertson, David Eglinton, David Osborn, Tegan Gilson, Arthur Roubanis and Tim Trainor who carried out various roles during the day supporting this important event.

#### World Teachers' Day

Thank you to Frances Bedford State Member for Florey who continued the tradition of donating buns for our staff's morning tea on Friday 25th October with a special acknowledgement and thank you for the work teachers do.

#### School of Languages Award recipients

Congratulations to two of students studying a language as well as their subject with us.

Gurnoor Singh Sibia for Year 10 Punjabi Vincent Trocio for Year 11 Italian

Gurnoor and Vincent have been invited to the School of Languages Celebration of Achievement to be held at Bonython Hall, University of Adelaide.



Nigel Gill Principal



# **AROUND OUR** SCHOOL

## **DIARY DATES** (CONTINUED)

15/11 STAR Group Meeting Night 7.30pm (Observatory)

Year 11 Last Teaching Day
VISTA Year 8-9 Girls Beach Soccer
Year 12 Specialist Maths Exam

18/11-20/11 Year II Exams

19/11 Tarnanthi Exhibition Excursion - Art Gallery (701)

20/11 Year 8 Immunisations (HPV 2nd Visit)

VISTA Year 9/10 Girls & Boys European Handball



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## **IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4**

Across School	26/11	Celebration of Success (Years 7–12)
Events:	10/12	Celebration in the Courtyard (Whole School)
	13/12	Last Day Term 4 (Early Dismissal)
	13/12	Last Day Term T (Larry Distinissar)
Year 12 Students:	4/11–15/11	Year 12 Exams
	21/11	Year 12 Valediction
	29/11	Year 12 Formal
Year II Students:	15/11	Last Teaching Day for Year 11 Students
	18–22/11	Year II Exams
Year 10 Students:	29/11	Last Teaching Day for Year 10 Students
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Year 7-9 Students:	10/12	Year 7 Waterworld Excursion
	10/12	Round Table Preparation Day Year 8/9 – No scheduled classes
	11/12	Round Table Presentation Day Years 7–9 – No scheduled classes
	12/11	Year 7 to 8 Transition Day
	20/11	Year 8 Immunisations (HPV2)
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Primary Years:	7/11	Transition to Reception Visit I (Thurs Group)
_	12/11	Transition to Reception Visit 2 (Tues Group)
	14/11	Transition to Reception Visit 2 (Thurs Group)
	5/12	Footsteps Primary Disco
	12/12	
	14/14	Primary Years Assembly & Year 6 Handover Ceremony
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## **YEAR 8 VACCINATIONS**



#### Wednesday 20th November (Week 6)

Parents /legal guardians are reminded that nurses from the TTG Immunisation Clinic will be attending the school on the above date to provide the scheduled Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Dose 2 vaccination to participating Year 8 students.

Students are encouraged to eat breakfast, drink water and wear a tshirt to school on immunisation day. Since it has been some time since the previous visit, please contact the TTG Immunisation Clinic on 8397 7444 there have been any changes to the details previously provided on the Consent Card.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

#### Beat the rush to our Uniform Shop

Term 4 is a busy time in our Uniform Shop. We welcome new students starting with us in 2020 and look forward to assisting you with your uniform requirements. To help families we are offering some additional opening times.

#### **ADDITIONAL OPENING TIMES**

Year 7 to Year 8 Transition Day	Tuesday 12th November 2019	8:30am – 9:30am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Pre-school to Reception Visit I	Thursday 7th November 2019	8:30am – 9:30am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Pre-school to Reception Visit 2	Tuesday 12th November 2019 Thursday 14th November 2019	8:30am - 9:30am 8:30am - 9:30am & 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Uniform Shop additional opening times in Term 4, Week 10	Monday 16th December 2019 Tuesday 17th December 2019	9:00am – 1:00pm 12:.00pm – 3:00pm

The Uniform Shop is normally very busy on Transition Days, but we would love to see our existing families as well and help you prepare for the new school year. Our normal opening hours are listed below if you would prefer to visit us at a more quiet time.

#### Trading Hours - DURING SCHOOL TERM ONLY

TUESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
8:30 – 9:30am	8:30 – 9:30am & 2:30 – 3:30pm	8:30 – 9:30am

Please be advised that applications for Uniform 30 day payment plans have now closed for 2019. 30 day payment plans will be available from January 2020. Please contact us for further information.

Please take advantage of these additional openings and avoid the possible queues at the beginning of 2020. Our Finance Office will also be open at these times, so if you'd like to settle your 2019 account it would be great to see you.

#### Year 12 in 2020 Seniors Jacket

Year 11 students are fine tuning a design for the 2020 Seniors Jacket. Students' first name will be embroidered on the front of the jacket along with the school logo, their surname will be printed on the back of the jacket.

The cost of the 2020 Seniors Jacket will be approximately \$115 each. Payment will not be required until mid-February 2020. Jackets will arrive for distribution by the beginning of Term 2, 2020.

The Seniors Jacket is an optional uniform item, Year 12 students are able to continue wearing the current school uniform.

Order forms will be given to Year 11 students at the end of Week 5.

There will also be an opportunity for students to try on sample jackets for sizing at this time.

Please note: As Seniors jackets are a custom made item they cannot be exchanged if the incorrect size has been ordered. Please ensure your child tries on a sample jacket for sizing before ordering. Sample jackets are held at the Uniform Shop, students are welcome to try them on during normal opening hours.

#### Year 12 in 2020 Seniors Polo Shirt

Orders can now be placed for your child's 2020 'Seniors' polo shirt. The shirts are white and will display our school logo and the words "Seniors 2020" underneath.

The cost of the polo shirts are \$22 each. The 'Senior's polo shirts are an optional uniform item, Year 12 students are able to continue wearing the current school uniform shirts.

Order forms can be collected from the Uniform Shop, Finance Office and Student Services. Please return forms with payment to the Finance Office.

Polo Shirt orders placed and paid for in full by Friday 22 November 2019 will be available for students to collect at the end of Term 4 2019.

Orders and payments will be accepted after Friday 22 November 2019 but shirts will not be available for collection until Term I 2020.

Please note: Polo shirts are not able to be exchanged once embroidered. Please ensure your child tries on a sample shirt for sizing before ordering. Sample shirts are held at the Uniform Shop, students are welcome to try them on during normal opening hours.

#### DRAFT 2020 JACKET DESIGN





#### PRIMARY PERFORMANCES

On Thursday in Week 2 we had performances of plays Michaela Arnold has been working on with two of her classes in Performing Arts. At Assembly, the Year 5's from F2 performed a play to celebrate the Diwali festival. They were joined by the Year 2's from CF6, who danced beautifully with candles. A big thank you to Rekha for her help with ideas, costuming and choreography for this item. We had some great feedback from many students about this performance.

In the afternoon, the Year 6 students from E4 presented *Martians Are Really Nice People*. They did a great job of their characterisation and learning the script. Audience members really enjoyed the humour in this play.

#### Penny Phillips













## **E4 CUSHIONS**

E4 have been busy hand sewing cushions as part of Design and Technology. Some were so good that they looked like they had just been purchased from the shop.

All students should be extremely proud of their efforts - I certainly am. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who came into the classroom to support students with trickier aspects of sewing. We all really appreciated it.

#### Mrs Rothery









Leon Wyatt

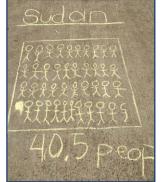
#### YEAR 8 HASS

802 HASS students have been learning about population density as part of the Urbanisation and Migration unit in Geography. Students had to visually represent population density of an assigned country. Using a basic maths formula, they took the land area of their country and calculated what

size they needed to draw a square, and drew I figure to represent each million of the population. Students were surprised at the countries that showed the greatest population density, and enjoyed a morning out in the sun.

Kim Crocker, HASS Teacher













#### 907 INGENUITY EXCURSION

#### 6 Ways the 907 Ingenuity Excursion was Sweeter Than Christmas Morning

- 1. There were 300 present(er)s; way more than you get at Christmas.
- 2. There were 5 themes: Transforming technologies, Securing our Future, Our Built and Natural Environments, Healthy Society, Future Energy and Resource. Christmas is only I theme.
- There was healthy, delicious and sustainable chocolate mousse available, for free, made from potato and soy.
   Typically, Christmas chocolate mousse is unhealthy, unsustainable and costs money.
- 4. There was a whole section focussing on getting girls into STEM careers. This is quite uncommon at most Christmas get togethers.
- 5. Students got to speak with university students at the cutting edge of STEM. This is almost unheard of on the 25th of December.
- The weather was hot, but we didn't have to have the oven on for the roast.

#### Mr Trainor

Pictured: Gemma, Jasmin and Jacinta check out the Women in STEM lounge



## **ARTS NEWS**

#### **SALA Update**

The Heights School Art Exhibition Competition, held during August, was part of the SALA (SA Living Artists) Festival this year for the first time. SALA is a state wide visual arts festival held in venues across the whole of South Australia. Our school won equal first prize of \$2,500, along with three other schools for our exhibition. The judges were impressed with the level of school and community engagement our exhibition and gallery space creates.

On Tuesday afternoon (Week 2), a number of our students, who had displayed their artworks in the exhibition were interviewed by Steph Fuller, the SALA Festival Schools' Coordinator. Steph recorded responses on camera; she asked questions like "How did it feel to see your work displayed in such a professional way?" and "What role does art play in your life?" The feedback Steph recorded will help SALA grow and improve opportunities for schools to be part of the SALA Festival in the future. Credit Union SA, SALA Festival Education Partner, are also keen to grow awareness of the opportunities for school participation and to share with their members the community benefits of sponsoring schools to enter SALA. (Credit Union SA pay the SALA entry fee for schools and provide the prize money.)

As a fly on the wall at these interviews, it was heart-warming to hear how significant art is in the lives of our students. For them to create something at home, that has personal significance, and then display it and see other people relate to it is very important to these young artists.

# SALA



Jovana Farago, Cosmic Chicken Nuggets, 2019 Copic Markers

Sophie Launer, Chaos, 2019 Acrylic and marker pen on canyas

#### **Art Acquisition**

Year 12 student Sophie Launer has something to celebrate this week. Not only did she win the \$80 first prize in the Art Exhibition Competition but she has also had her artwork acquired by the school. Mr Gill has selected Sophie's painting to add to the collection of artworks displayed in his office. Congratulations Sophie and all the best for your future.

#### Drawing Workshop - Session with Luke Thurgate

Luke Thurgate is Lecturer, Professional Studies & Drawing at Adelaide Central School of Art. He gave our Year II and I2 Visual Art students a taste of an art-school drawing lesson on Tuesday. Students were encouraged to be experimental and try some new techniques. Luke encouraged students to be kind to themselves and not judge their results too harshly. The outcomes of the session were outstanding. All students achieved results that surprised them. It was evident that everyone can learn to draw with the right guidance and encouragement. Thank you for your time and expertise Luke.

Catherine Bourn
Visual Art Teacher and Exhibition Curator











## YEAR 12 FAREWELL BREAKFAST AND PARADE

The last official school day for Year 12's is wonderfully daunting and tremendous time for 2019 graduates. As a Heights tradition the students came in costume to entertain the Junior school and give a sense of belonging and caring involvement to their last school day. So much time and effort went in to these costumes, which demonstrated the wonderful, vibrant and eclectic group of 2019. This morning is a result of the students, parents and teachers hard work, ambition and trying times to get the Graduates to this point.

To the graduating class of 2019, it has been an honour and a pleasure to guide you through your final years of schooling. I can only wish you the best for your exams and lives ahead. Take your time, and remember, to use a better man's phrase, 'Life is what happens when you are making other plans'.

Ian Benjafield, Year 12 Coordinator





#### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **SA All School Games**

Three students from the Heights school participated in the SA All Schools Games held on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th of October at SA Athletics Stadium. Mekhia competed in the 400m and 800m; Onesimus competed in the 100m, Long Jump, High Jump and Pole Vault; and Tryphena competed in the Long Jump, High Jump, Javelin and Triple Jump. Well done to all three students who performed very well in this competition. Tryphena (gold medalist in the high jump) and Onesimus (gold medalist in the pole vault) have been selected for the state team and will compete in December at the National All School Games in Perth.





Onesimus



Tryphena

Mekhia

**SAPSASA Cricket** 

The following students competed in the Tea Tree Gully SAPSASA T20 Cricket Carnival on Thursday of Week 2.

They played well, had fun and participated in the right spirit.

Hayden Mortlock 704 Josh Miller 703
Ethan McKay 701 Aditya Mehta 704

Ivan Ling 704 Deo Thazhathuveettil Suresh 701

Miguel Tolentino 701 Sai Puttagunta 701
Luke Schlein 701 Brayden Hutchinson 701

Jake Madigan 702 Kiran Pallayil E4
Het Prajapati E3 Rohit Joseph E3





#### VISTA T20 Year 10 Boys Cricket Blast

On Monday 28th October, our Year 10 Boys Cricket Team participated in the North East VISTA Carnival at The Heights School. The boys started off strongly, taking home the win by 7 runs for their initial game. We bowled and batted well and supported each other. We then lost a few games and drew a game with Golden Grove High School. The weather for the day was great, but the heat made us tired towards the end. Still a fun day to be out in the sun with friends.

#### VISTA Year 8-10 Girls and Boys Ultimate Frisbee

On Wednesday the 30th October, the Heights School hosted and played in the North Eastern VISTA Year 8-10 Ultimate Frisbee tournament. All teams demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship throughout the day, and were also successful to reach all 3 grand finals! Unfortunately, The Heights Year 10 Boys team and Year 8-10 Girls team lost by only a few points. However, our Year 8/9 Boys team was successful in winning the carnival. Huge congratulations to all involved but a special congratulations to our Year 8/9 Boys team for taking home the win.

From the students themselves;

'Our team did really well. We definitely approved from the beginning of the day. It was nice a group of girls from different year levels. It was fun being able to connect with other people.'

'Our communication and team work were great all day.'

'First 8/9 team to win Ultimate Frisbee and it feels good.'

'The whole day was awesome because we got along with each other, we got to play other schools and meet our friends from other schools.

'It was a great competitive challenge and we did well as a team.'

Sports Coordinator, Eulaly Allen









The Sammy D Foundation is delivering a violence prevention presentation this term. The Foundation was established in 2008 in response to the tragic death of 17 year old Sam Davis from a violent and unprovoked one-punch assault.

The Sammy D Foundation use Sam's story as a way of engaging with young people to talk about the impacts of bullying and violence, not only on the perpetrator and the victim, but their friends, families and the broader community. Students will also learn about ways to stay safe and look after their mates.

After the presentation we encourage parents to talk to their children about Sam's story and what they learnt. More information about the Foundation is available on our website and on Facebook:

www.sammdyfoundation.org.au

www.facebook.com/sammydfoundation



EPC Allstars is an accredited Level 2 Cheerleading Club and located in Golden Grove. The above team try outs are for all new & existing athletes wanting to be on a competition team in 2020. We also have just for fun classes too Check out our Facebook page & contact us for more information https://www.facebook.com/EPCAllstars/ eliteprecisioncheerleading@gmail.com



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