

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Remembrance Day Commemoration Assembly
- Pedal Prix Presentation
- Stage 1 Golf Excursion

Pictured: Remembrance Day Poppy Field



DIARY DATES

21/11 - 4/12	Ritsumeikan Junior High School Visit
21/11	VISTA Year 8/9 Boys & Year 8/9 Girls Beach Soccer AIME Excursion - UniSA Year 12 Valediction Year 6 (E3) Civics & Citizenship Excursion - Parliament House
26/11	Celebration of Success
27/11	Primary Years Christmas Seminars
28/11	Primary Assembly (E4) 802 HASS Excursion - Morialta Conservation Park Year 10 Science Excursion - UniSA Planetarium
29/11	Year 10 Last Teaching Day Year 12 Formal
3/12	Governing Council Meeting 6.00pm
4/12	Year 3-5 Waterworld Excursion

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Year 12 Valediction and End of Year Celebration Assembly

This week and next we celebrate 2019 achievements of our students. On Thursday 21st November we have the Year 12 Valediction followed by the Celebration of Success Assembly on Tuesday 26th November. This is a great time of the year where our school community comes together to acknowledge outstanding academic achievement and a range of other awards recognising leadership, participation, contribution and character.

For our Year 12s Valediction is the final formal farewell and celebration of their achievement. It is the culmination of many years of schooling at The Heights P-12 School involving regular and genuine positive encouragement, challenge and support to best prepare our graduating students to work towards productive, happy and healthy futures.

Transition for New Reception and Year 8 Students

Over the last two weeks new Reception children and parents were welcomed to our school. There will be nearly 90 children in four classes beginning their schooling at The Heights in 2020. Assistant Principal Primary Rebekah Goodall welcomed families and provided information about our school.

We also had 180 Year 7 students spending the day investigating what our school and the Year 8 program looks like and we are pleased with how this day went too.

Remembrance Day Assembly

For the first time we held a whole of school Remembrance Day assembly on the 11th November instead of separate primary and secondary assemblies. This was held in the quadrangle under the shade structure and although it was busy it was effective and the message was appropriate to all ages. Well done to all for the respect displayed, values and traditions observed. The ceremony was marked at our school by the creation of a poppy field planted by each student on the entrance lawn to our school. It's quite a sight as I'm sure those of us who have been in school in the last week will agree.

External Review

In Term 1 next year The Heights P-12 School will go through an external review to support us to further raise student achievement and sustain high performance. The purpose is to carry out an evidence informed external evaluation of an individual school's capacity to improve student learning. Schools are reviewed every four years and we look forward to hearing what recommendations we might get to help us achieve our goals.

More on this next year as it gets a little closer.



Nigel Gill
Principal

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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)
Year 12 Students:	21/11	Year 12 Valediction
	29/11	Year 12 Formal
Year 10 Students:	29/11	Last Teaching Day for Year 10 Students
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
Primary Years:	4/12	Year 3-5 Waterworld Excursion
	5/12	Footsteps Primary Disco
	12/12	Primary Years Assembly & Year 6 Handover Ceremony

DEFENCE INDUSTRIES PATHWAYS PROGRAM 2020

Are you good at CAD? Do you have a desire to work in SA's growing defence industry? If so, you should consider enrolling in the Defence Industries Pathways Program in Semester 1 next year (DIPPI7). The program is taught at Regency TAFE and will earn you SACE credits.

Students use the Inventor CAD software and state of the art 3D printers to produce their scale models. Several students from The Heights have already completed this program successfully in previous years.

If you would also like to attend the graduation of the current class (DIPPI6) on **Tuesday 10th December**, 2-3 pm at Regency TAFE you can talk to DIPP students and see the amazing models they produce.

Enquiries and more information are available from Anthony Tonkin Ph: 8348 1979 anthony.tonkin@tafesa.edu.au or Leigh White Ph: 8348 4422.



Hobart Class Destroyer



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UNIFORM SHOP

2019 Additional Opening Hours

The beginning of a school year creates busy times and there is no busier place than our Uniform Shop. To help families we are offering additional opening times the week after school finishes.

ADDITIONAL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES:

Monday 16th December 2019	9.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday 17th December 2019	12.00pm - 3.00pm

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

Orders can now be placed for your child's 2020 Seniors jacket. Jackets will arrive for distribution by the beginning of Term 2, 2020.

The cost of the 2020 Seniors Jacket will be \$115 each (including GST). Please return order forms to the Finance Office by Friday 6 December 2019. An invoice will be posted to you in Week 9 of Term 4 2019. Payment will not be required until February 2020. Order forms can be collected from the Finance Office or Student Services.

Students' first name will be embroidered on the front of the jacket along with the school logo and their surname will be printed on the back of the jacket. (No nicknames allowed).



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

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 1 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.



LIBRARY INFORMATION

Next week (Week 7) is the last opportunity to borrow resources from the Library for 2019.

During Week 8 **ALL** books need to be returned. There is not any holiday borrowing over the Christmas break so we encourage all students/families to become members of their local Library. There are often excellent holiday programs available at no (or little) cost.

Many thanks!

Ms Simpson, Teacher Librarian



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019



Remembrance Day Commemoration Assembly

At the start of the day on November 11th, the whole school, from pre-schoolers to Year 11s, along with the whole staff came together in the courtyard to commemorate Remembrance Day. It was a very moving occasion that united the whole school community.

As expected, all students were attentive and appreciated the significance of this very important event.

Ms Goodall set the scene, particularly for the younger students, to explain the reason we were gathered at this time.

Mr Miles presented an enlightening address on the valuable and often overlooked contribution of indigenous men and women to the defence of our country for over a century. He also talked about Steven Warrior, a friend of the school, a proud indigenous pilot currently serving with the RAAF.

Mr Osborn then highlighted the qualities of service and sacrifice displayed by the men and women of our defence forces, either in theatres of war or in peace-keeping missions. He also reminded those present of the respect and honour we need to give them.

Finally, everyone stood silently and respectfully for The Ode, the Last Post, the minutes silence and the Rouse. All students observed this part of the commemoration impeccably.

The whole assembly was a fitting tribute to those who have served and died in the defence of our nation and to protect other freedom-loving people around the world for many decades.

Remembrance Day Poppy Field

Following the success of last year's poppy field as a way of recognizing and commemorating Remembrance Day, a new poppy field is blooming on the school's front lawn.

Each student was provided with two poppies on which they could write a message to service men and women. It was pleasing that most students took the opportunity to write a brief and heartfelt message to men and women they had never met. In some instances, students wrote highly personal tributes to loved ones who had served with our defence forces.

Then each class and Home Group planted their poppies in a row to create a wonderful tribute that brought the whole school community together.

This whole-school experience has enabled many and varied conversations and learning opportunities about service and sacrifice between teachers and students across all year levels.

Lest we forget.

David Osborn
HASS Co-ordinator



PEDAL PRIX PRESENTATION NIGHT

On Wednesday 6th November all of the Heights Pedal Prix families were invited to attend our annual presentation night in the Food and Fibre Technologies area.

This year we enjoyed a combination of a quiz night, trophy and certificate presentations and supper. Many thanks to Alison and Stephen Blake and family and to Liz and Stephen Dowding for their work in preparing for this evening. Thanks also to our quiz master and MC for the evening, Caleb Bond. We also thank local MP's, Frances Bedford and Blair Boyer for their attendance and support this year. A special mention to fellow Design and Tech teacher, Mark Damm who stepped in to support the team in Term 1.



From Our Coach, Alison Blake:

The enthusiasm and commitment shown by all the riders this year was a testament to their success at each event. With lots of laughter and fun at training, the feeling of being part of a team was evident in all of the races. In particular the 24 hr race at Murray Bridge where everyone helped out their team mates and were supportive and encouraging.

Frances Bedford, MP has been the Pedal Prix teams most devoted supporter over many years. To show our gratitude Mr Button and some of his woodwork students have spent many hours creating a magnificent parliamentary "mace" and carry box so that Frances can visit schools to teach students about parliamentary processes such as debating.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Students who are interested in joining the Pedal Prix team next year can complete and return an "Expression of Interest" form available on the school website, from the Front Office or from Mr Button.



Pulsar Riders: Zayne, Maddy, Jirah and Malachi.
(Absent): Gemma, Lachlan, Evan, Althea, Cooper, Tyler, Emma, Jackson and Lovanya.



Our parent and old scholar volunteers Trung, Jason, Anthony, Dione, Liz, Robert and Stephen... continued below... **THOR Riders:** Peter, Nikita, Liam, Anthony, Michael, Stephen and Alison.



Our fantastic, devoted Pedal Prix mums and dads and old scholars all worked to make our 15th consecutive Pedal Prix a success once again in 2019. Some of our committee are also riders in the open category.



Assistant Principal, Sharon Robertson, Junior Team Riders riding in "Odyssey" John, Deborah, Liam, Arlo, Aiden, Phoebe and our Principal, Nigel Gill. (Absent): Wyatt, Toby, Sarah, Zoe, Thomas and Jamie.



Orion Riders: Sophie, Matt, Brett, Alex, Matt, Raumund and Caleb.
(Absent): Mark Damm.

STAGE 1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION GOLF EXCURSION

On Wednesday 13th November, both Stage 1 Physical Education classes participated in a Golf Excursion to North Adelaide Par 3 Golf Course. As part of their studies this semester, students have completed a new multi-modal task in which they have recorded footage of their own performance and analysed a series of biomechanical principles within golf.

This excursion was the concluding component from the practical aspect of the unit. Most students were new to the game, had an enjoyable experience and represented the school in a positive manner on the day.

Andrew Costello & Eulaly Allen, Stage 1 Physical Education Teachers

