

## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Celebration of Success
- Year 12 Valediction
- Year 10 Photography
- VISTA Sports

Pictured: Planetarium and UniSA Visit; Year 10 Photography

## DIARY DATES

5/12	Primary Disco 12.30pm-2.30pm
6/12	STAR Group End of Year Dinner
7/12	ASSA Public Viewing Night (Observatory)
10/12	Celebration in the Courtyard Round Table Preparation Day (Years 8-9) <b>NO SCHEDULED CLASSES- YEARS 8-9</b> Year 7 Waterworld Excursion
11/12	<b>NO SCHEDULED CLASSES- YEARS 7-9</b> Round Table Presentations- Years 7-9 Goldenfields Excursion (E2, E3 & E4)
12/12	Primary Assembly & Year 6 Handover Ceremony
13/12	Last Day Term 4 (12.45pm Dismissal)
2020:	
28/1	First Day of School Year

[Click here](#) to view our  
online calendar

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Celebrations

The Year 12 Valediction and Celebration of Success Assembly recognised and showcased student achievement in 2019. Acknowledging SACE completion of our graduating students supported by family and friends and witnessed by staff and special guests is always special. Well done to the completing class of 2019. Your Formal on Friday 29th November was the last scheduled school event and didn't you all look good! Well done to the completing class of 2019. Fingers crossed you achieve the results you are hoping for.

The Celebration of Success Assembly continued this theme for students in Year 6 and above. Once again it was a pleasure to see high levels of achievement and effort in front of invited guests, parents, staff and a large cohort of the student body. Well done to you all.

These events plus many more will feature in our 2019 Yearbook.

To complete the school year the community is welcome to join us for our final event, **Celebration in the Courtyard on Tuesday 10th December from 5.45pm**. There will be a range of performances featuring our Junior School.

### National Final Re-engineering Australia's Subs in Schools Challenge

David Eglington Coordinator Ignite and STEM Industry Skills with staff members Jake Holt and Alison Ryan are currently looking after a small group of senior students at the Subs in Schools National Final held this year in Adelaide at St Peters College.

This is three years in a row The Heights students have made the National Finals!

Well done and it great to see the learning and collaborative problem solving involved when Maths, Science and Technologies are brought together.



Nigel Gill  
Principal

### Congratulations Connor Whyte

Connor has been selected to perform in the Australian Music Examination Board's 2019 Showcase and Awards Ceremony.

Connor's selection was as a result of his Licentiate Guitar exam due to his outstanding achievement. Well done Connor.

### Ritsumeikan Junior High School Visit

Students from Ritsumeikan Junior High School in Japan have been with us from the 21st November to the 4th December. They are here to immerse themselves in the English language, experience our school and learn about our city and culture. Whilst here they buddy with our students and stay with volunteering homestay families. This provides opportunities for learning to be shared and the making of friendships that can continue after they return.

Thank you to our families and students who support and make this program possible.

### End of School Year and Farewelling Staff

At the end of the year we always have staff to farewell. Leaving at the end of the year this year is Mr Lauriniatis to retirement. Mr Osborne and Ms Sullivan retired earlier in the year.

Mr Cadd is taking on a different role in new locations next year, at John Pirie High School.

Thank you and all the best to these people.

We also have many staff to thank who are completing contracts and this will occur at staff farewell.

Finally I'd like to thank all staff for the valuable contribution you make to the education and care for our students. To our Governing Council and all parents, thank you for the support of The Heights P-12 School.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

We look forward to a successful year in 2020.

Students return to school on Tuesday 28th January.



Last Day of School 2019

Friday 13 December 2019

School Bus & OSHC  
organised for 12.45pm finish

First Day of School 2020

Tuesday 28 January 2020

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### LAST DAY ARRANGEMENTS- 13 DECEMBER 2019

Letters have now gone home to all students regarding the last day of school on **Friday, 13 December 2019** with permission slips to return to allow for your child(ren) to finish at **12.45pm**. Students that are not given permission to be dismissed at this time will be involved in supervised clean-up activities until 2.05pm.

Please be advised that OSHC will be open to accept the students booked in at 12.45pm and the school buses will depart at 1.00pm.

Please see your child's teacher R-6 or student services 7-9 if you need a copy of the early dismissal consent slip.



The Heights School 2019

## Primary Years Disco!!

### THEME: CELEBRITIES!

**Dress up as your favourite celebrity:**

Superheroes, actors, singers, sports people, cartoon characters...



**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (Week 8)**

Entry fee: \$2.00 per child

(to be paid on the day of the disco only!)

R-2 Disco: 12-12:45pm

Year 3-6 Disco: 1:30-2:30pm



From the Student Leadership Team

## UNIFORM SHOP

### BEAT THE RUSH - TO OUR UNIFORM SHOP

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.

**Monday 16 December 2019 9.00am-1.00pm**

**Tuesday 17 December 2019 12.00pm-3.00pm**

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.

### ADVANCE NOTICE – ADMINISTRATION / FEE PAYING DAYS

Families of our enrolled students will receive Materials & Services Charges with other helpful school information via mail early in January 2020. To provide convenience for families with payment of these charges, the school administration opens during the below times the week prior to the school term commencing:-

**Wednesday 22 January 2020 1:00pm-6:00pm**

**Thursday 23 January 2020 9:00am-1:00pm**

During these times the school also opens its Uniform Shop, offers payment plan services, school card application and provides customer service to assist parents with queries relating to administrative forms and general information. It is also a great opportunity to verify and update any family information we have recorded to assist with correspondence and your child/ren's wellbeing (for example postal address, email, emergency contacts, medical plans).

### ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR OUR UNIFORM SHOP TO BEGIN 2020

To further support our families as they prepare their child/ren for a successful start to 2020, we are offering additional times and extended opening times to our Uniform Shop the week before school starts and the first week of the school term.

Please note the following times:-

**Tuesday 21 January 9:00am-1:00pm**

**Wednesday 22 January 1:00pm-6:00pm \*Fee Paying Day**

**Thursday 23 January 9:00am-1:00pm \*Fee Paying Day**

**Tuesday 28 January 8:30am-10:30am & 2:00pm-4:00pm**

**Thursday 30 January 8:30am-10:30am & 2:00pm-4:00pm**

**Friday 31 January 8:30am-10:30am**

## IGNITE TESTING

The Ignite Program Test is scheduled for 22 February 2020 for entry into the 2021 Year 8 Ignite Program.

Applications are available online at [www.theheights.sa.edu.au](http://www.theheights.sa.edu.au)

Payment to be made online no later than Thursday 20 February 2020 or in person at The Heights School Finance Office no later than Friday 21 February 2020.

If your child is currently in Year 6 at The Heights School and you would like them to be a part of the Ignite Program, they will need to sit the test in February to be eligible for entry into the Ignite Program for 2021.

*Michelle Crush, Student Services*





## SAKG PROGRAM

Term 4 has literally flown past and we have had a great year in the SAKG Program.

Both the Kitchen and Garden classes have been fun, busy and full of learning experiences for our Year 2 to 6 classes.

We hope that the life skills gained this year, will continue to grow for the years that our students are part of this program; and then in the years beyond that.

Gen, Eva and I would sincerely like to thank all of the people who contribute so much to our school Kitchen Garden Program... the students and teachers; our amazing volunteers who give us so much of their time, energy and knowledge; our Line Managers and the Finance Department; and the Grounds Staff, particularly for their extra help in the garden.

Please come and visit us next week on Tuesday, December 10th at the Celebration in the Courtyard, where we will be holding our annual Summer Market Stall! Don't forget to speak to us if you are interested in volunteering in the SAKG Program in 2020.

Amanda, Gen and Eva (SAKG Kitchen Garden team)



*Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden*

# SUMMER MARKET

stall



Tuesday 10th December 2019, from 4.30pm - 7.30pm  
Celebration in the Courtyard at The Heights School

BAKED GOODIES • FRESH PRODUCE • HERBS • PLANTS  
SEEDLINGS • FLOWER POSIES & more

## 2019 CELEBRATION IN THE COURTYARD

### CELEBRATION IN THE COURTYARD

The Heights School staff and students are excited to invite you to our end of year Celebration in the Courtyard.

**Date:** Tuesday, 10 December 2019

**Time:** 4.30pm – 7.30pm

(Formal proceedings commence at 5.45pm)

**Place:** The Heights School

Brunel Drive, Modbury Heights

Festivities held in the central courtyard

The theme this year is 'The Wizard of Oz' and staff and students have been busy rehearsing to provide entertainment for the evening.

If you wish to take advantage of food trucks that will be on offer, EFT and cash purchases will be available from 4.30pm.

It would be great to see parents, caregivers and extended families.

**THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL**  
Preschool – Year 12

**All families welcome to join us for our  
Celebration in the Courtyard 2019!**

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**Celebration in the Courtyard 2019!**  
Please save the date for our end of year concert  
**Tuesday 10th December 2019**  
Performed by students from Preschool – Year 6 and Year 9 students  
Performance starts 5:45pm  
Food trucks available from 4:30pm

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ignite  
inspiration for gifted and talented children





## WELLBEING

Firstly, a big thank you from the Wellbeing Team, Daniel Brzezinski, Suzanne Ierace, Robin Parsons and Noelle Wallis to all staff, students and families for a successful 2019.



This year we have achieved many important wellbeing outcomes for our school. We have had a particular focus on improving the collaboration between Primary and Secondary and further empowering our biggest resource; our wonderful students.

The Primary and Secondary Student Leadership Teams have collaborated on a number of successful whole school events this year including Harmony Day, R U OK? Day and fundraising events. We have been so thrilled to see how actively our school embraces whole school events and thus create many unforgettable moments.

This year has also seen our students beginning to influence the curriculum that is taught in Health, with guidance by the Wellbeing staff, to fine-tune our wellbeing strategies, which includes bullying and assertiveness strategies. Our students have viewed the most current research on bullying and used this to plan for school improvement. We have also utilised the brand new "Voice It" toolkit to help us to plan and run our very successful and celebrated R U OK? Day. Students from all ages were empowered to share their knowledge on strategies that enhance wellbeing, friendliness and courage to seek help when life's ups and downs occur. A real highlight for our school was witnessing our students take charge to plan and/or run these lessons for their peers. We certainly have a few budding teachers on our hands!

As a whole school, our staff have accessed professional development in a range of wellbeing topics including 'Be You' which aims to heighten the importance of building a mentally healthy learning community at The Heights. Term 4 has also seen staff wellbeing activities be offered once a week after school. This included team sports, woodwork, staff walks and art activities. The School Wellbeing Team has also been working to develop our P-12 Wellbeing Improvement Plan which will be shared with our community early in 2020.

In 2020 our goal is to empower our students even further, with a new and improved Student Representative structure and nomination process. If you think your child may be interested in being a student representative, please discuss this topic with them and encourage them to pursue this in 2020! Information will be given to students early in Term 1 next year.

We would like to thank all of the students, staff, volunteers and families for your support in 2019 and we look forward to an even more inspiring and exciting year in 2020!

*Suzanne Ierace & Daniel Brzezinski, Student Wellbeing Leaders*

## SAMMY D FOUNDATION PRESENTATION


On Monday the 25th November the Year 10 Cohort was joined by the Sammy D Foundation for a presentation on violence prevention. The foundation was established in 2008 in response to the tragic death of 17 Year old Sammy 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 also learnt about ways to stay safe and look out for their mates.


*Daniel Brzezinski*

*Student Wellbeing Leader (7-12)*



**98%** 

OF PARTICIPANTS WERE MADE MORE  
AWARE OF THE IMPACT OF ONE PUNCH

**89%** 

OF PARTICIPANTS DID NOT GET INVOLVED  
IN A VIOLENT SITUATION BECAUSE OF THE  
INFORMATION THEY WERE GIVEN

**1 in 4 teenagers aged between 15-18 reported they had engaged in a violent altercation**  
Adolescent's Intentions to Engage in Criminal Activity, Dr Skrzypiec (2016-17)

## YEAR 10 VISUAL ART AND DESIGN

This term, the Year 10 Visual Art and Design classes of Petra Dolezalova and Catherine Bourn merged their interest in painting. The theme was, 'Who Am I?'

This assessment is based on the students' reflection of themselves: their character and personality. What do I want to reveal to the public? What do I want to keep hidden? Do I wear a mask?

Through this assessment, students researched the movements of Cubism and Fauvism.

They then chose one of the movements and used their knowledge (style, colours, etc) to create a portrait to reflect what they had learnt.

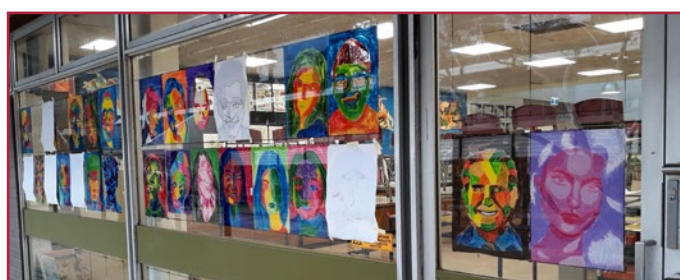
Students established their painting on a 'selfie', or an anonymous face from the Internet.

It was encouraging that the students were engaged to such a degree that they gave up their lunchtime to complete their artwork.

As can be seen in these photographs, the results were outstanding.

*Petra Dolezalova and Catherine Bourn*

*Art Teachers*



## THE HEIGHTS PLAYERS - DVD FOR PURCHASE

### 'The Dream' DVD

Choose from two different cast groups (as described below) \$20 each.

Hurry, stocks are limited! Must be paid for by 13th December at the Finance Office.

#### Casts:

##### **Friday night cast**

Harveen Saini (Titania)  
Sivani Santhi Krishnakumar (Puck)  
Daniel Mather (Theseus)  
Aastha Shah (Hermia)  
Lily Cotton (Helena)  
Tarquin Green (Thisbe)  
Maddison Sanders (Lion)

##### **Saturday night cast**

Kimberlyn Selvan (Titania)  
Qezia Baiq (Puck)  
Michael Holmes (Theseus)  
Shanna Yin (Hermia)  
Grainne O'Connell (Helena)  
Gabbi Colloff (Thisbe)  
Elizabeth Gow (Lion)





## YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAPHY

The final assignment in Year 10 Photography was a 'Photo Challenge' where students had to create at least ten photographs from a list of different techniques. Here are some of the beauties!

*Mrs Sztekel*



*Jirah's 'Bee'*



*Jakeisha's 'Flying Donut'*



*Lucy's 'Isabeau with confetti'*



*Alisha's 'Rosemary'*

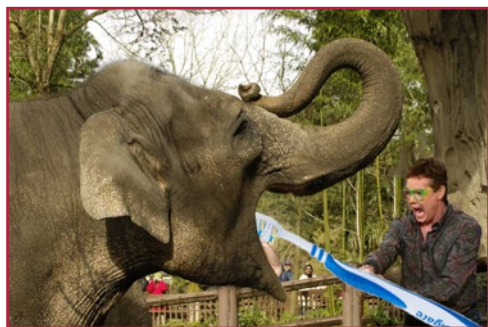


*Stuti's 'Marble'*



## ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE - YEAR 9 SCIENCE WITH MR ROUBANIS

30% hydrogen peroxide was added to a flask containing a concentrated aqueous mixture of potassium iodide and dishwashing soap. The iodide ion catalyzed the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide, generating oxygen gas which caused the soap to foam up and shoot up out of the cylinder. Some photos from the very exciting student demonstration are included below.



*Elephant Toothpaste Reaction*



*Jamie, Alysha, Jessica and Jaydon with Elephant Toothpaste*



*Tara, Michaela, Asees and Brayden add the chemicals and then wait*



## THE ADELAIDE PLANETARIUM AND UNIVERSITY SA VISIT

On Thursday, 28th November my SS02 class accompanied the SS07 and SS06 classes to the Planetarium and University of SA.

Students were given an extensive tour of the University, including the Engineering, Science, Technology and Mathematics Faculties.

Students also got to see the world's longest bicycle, which was 41.9 metres long. It was built by the University of SA and energy company SANTOS and was a project for 2nd year mechanical engineering students. The bike, before being permanently stationed at the University was successfully ridden 100 metres by 20 riders.

Students also had the opportunity to visit The Adelaide Planetarium. The

Planetarium is a room with a dome-shaped ceiling on which the night sky is displayed through a star projector. An Astronomy Educator gave a live presentation about the solar system, stars and constellations and other interesting objects found in the night sky.

We have many ex students who have moved on to the University to complete a multitude of degrees ranging from Civil Engineering to Electrical Engineering and Science and Mathematics degrees and hope this next generation has been equally inspired to strive for great things in the next few years.

Thank you to Mr Eglinton and Ms van Hoof for their support throughout the day.

*Mr Roubanis, Science Faculty*



## CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

The 'Celebration of Success' assembly was held on Tuesday 26 November 2019. This event was attended by over 125 parents and caregivers, local dignitaries and in excess of 400 Year 7-10 students. The MCs, Evan Johnson and Olivia Portmann were incredibly polished in their hosting duties.

Students were acknowledged for their academic achievements, sporting achievements and service to others. All of these recipients clearly embody our shared school values in a multitude of ways.

The behavior of all students in the audience was extremely positive and the way they acknowledged the success of their peers reflected our school value of 'We Go Together'.

Congratulations to all award winners.



### SPECIAL AWARDS

#### Isambard Brunel STEM

##### Achievement Awards

##### Middle Years

Sarah Norton

##### Senior Years

Onesimus Hewett

#### Florey Music Awards

##### Middle Years

Jackson Li

##### Senior Years

Connor Whyte

#### Modbury Lions Club VET Awards

Madeleine Botterill

Matthew Boyce

#### Long Tan Year 10 Award

Gráinne O'Connell

#### Governing Council Equity & Respect Awards

##### Middle Years

Gabrielle Colloff

##### Senior Years

Dylan Mudge

#### City of Tea Tree Gully Councillors' Keane Award

Malachi Ashby

### SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received school awards in 2019

#### Academic Excellence Award Year 7

Ashlynn	Bunt
Natasha	Dodd
Gleb	Dubinin
Miguel	Tolentino
Estelle	Williams
Arlo	Yip

#### Academic Excellence Award Year 8

Jeevas	Andrews
Deborah	Baker
Tryphena	Hewett
Han	Ong
Kaili	Peng

#### Academic Excellence Award Year 9

Macey	Biggs
Gabrielle	Colloff
Jacinta	Dolman
Aida	Hazirah Norishaam
David	Maslov
Zoe	McDowall
Aimee	Wilson

#### Academic Excellence Award Year 10

Samara	Fenn
Urvi	Ghosh
Manish	Mahala
Alisha	Mohamad Nizam
Gráinne	O'Connell
Lijo	Santhosh

#### Academic Excellence Award Year 11

Grace	Fisken
Evan	Johnson
Linh	Mai
Jasmine	Obordo
Ashley	Tan

#### Significant Academic Improvement Award Year 7

Jack	Campisi
Menuka	Jayarathne
Om	Patel
Liam	Phung
Ryan	Ritter
Jiya	Sargun
Keaton	Schulze
Ryan	Thomas

#### Significant Academic Improvement Award Year 8

Mohammad	Bazari
Sasha	Gicasvili
Swati	Kashyap
Dativa	Muhitira
Aidan	Rouse
Vatsal	Thakkar

#### Significant Academic Improvement Award Year 9

Lachlan	Blake
Sophie	De Vries
Harneet	Dhaliwal
Saxon	McDermott
Axel	Smith
Ilhan	Sohairudin
Domenic	Sullivan-Chisari
Declan	Tomney

#### Significant Academic Improvement Award Year 10

Benjamin	Appleton
Zeynep	Celik
Chloe	Hodgson
Ethan	James-Beinke
Ethan	Kerin
Joshua	McWhinnie
Nicholas	Morrell
William	Skeens
Abbie	Stribling
Soaul	Tapscott

#### Significant Academic Improvement Award Year 11

Brittany	Berry
Bethany	Brookes
Dylan	Gorse
Hannah	Holland
Haydn	Jaynes



## CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

### SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS

One of our school values is “Community, Continuity and Respectful Relationships, which means that we ‘go together’ in our work towards providing continuity of care, values and relationships from Preschool to Year 12. It also means our culture is family friendly, has a sense of community and engenders the qualities of trust, belonging, identity and pride in the school.

The following School Service Awards acknowledge those students who volunteer, in their own time, to support a range of activities within our school.

### SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS

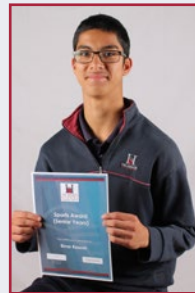
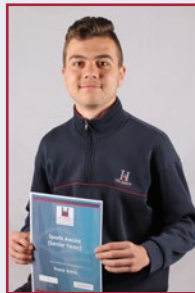
#### Pedal Prix Awards

Deborah	Baker	807
Jirah	Baker	SS06
Gemma	Blake	907
Madeline	Blake	SS11
Evan	Johnson	SS13



#### Sports Awards

Lucas	Fenn	SS11
Skyla	Howell	SS16
Frank	Krinis	SS16
Binar	Rasool	SS11



#### Secondary School Student Leadership Awards

Olivia	Portmann	SS16
Katelyn	Martin	803



#### Internationalism Award

Malachi	Ashby	SS07
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## CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

### City of Tea Tree Gully Councillors Keane Award:

Sponsored by Cr Bernie Keane-Pedare Ward and Cr Sandy Keane-Hillcott Ward.

**Award Winner: Malachi Ashby – Year 10**

As a member of STAR Group Malachi has ably been an enthusiastic ambassador for extracurricular Science. He has co-hosted visiting primary secondary schools and facilitates activities and tours. Malachi has also taken tours for our Open Events. This also occurs for Japanese student exchanges where he also has played the bagpipes. He is a positive leader with in STAR Group. He is currently providing support across the school in a work experience capacity.



### Florey Music Awards:

Sponsored by Frances Beford MP, Member for Florey.

**Middle Years Award Winner: Jackson Li - Year 9**

Jackson started at the Heights School last year as part of the Ignite Program. He was no stranger to instrumental music as he was learning classical guitar. He was already very proficient on the piano which he had only started learning two years ago. He is a committed member of the Guitar Ensemble which is taken by his guitar teacher. The Ensemble performs regularly at school events. He is an enthusiastic member in class activities and always willing to share his music with others. Jackson is being presented the Florey Award for his contribution to the schools music programme.



**Senior Years Award Winner: Connor Whyte - Year 12**

Connor is a committed, passionate and reliable musician. He plays the classical guitar to a very high standard. He has always been supportive of all the activities made available through the Music programme including Workshops, masterclasses and concerts including Showcase concerts. Recently he offered his services to the opening of the SALA Art Exhibition. He is always willing to help other students with their performances and is a positive role model for music and students of music at our school. Unfortunately, Connor was absent on this day.

### Long Tan Year 10 Award:

The Long Tan Award is presented annually to a student who demonstrates leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values such as doing one's best, respect for others and 'mateship', characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

The awards are named after the Battle of Long Tan, during the Vietnam War and are a fitting tribute to the Long Tan veterans, as the very traits they demonstrated such as determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity, compassion and leadership.

This award was presented to CPL Mark Tunley from the Australian Defence Force.

**Award Winner: Grainne O'Connell- Year 10**

Grainne O'Connell is a deserving recipient of this award. She has consistently demonstrated effective leadership and teamwork based on a foundation of strong values over a long period of time. Grainne exemplifies the qualities embedded in the Long Tan Award as she goes about her normal school activities and studies across all subjects as well as engaging in a range of projects and activities in addition to her studies within and outside the school.

Her demeanour, personal presentation and relationships with people at all levels in the school make her a role model for students of all ages. She is highly motivated to work for the good of the community and takes pride in consistently producing outcomes of the highest standard. She does all of this in a completely selfless manner. She always puts the welfare and interests of others before her own.

Grainne adopts a very mature approach to problems and considers a range of options in conjunction with others before seeking consensus on the most appropriate outcome. She is keen to learn from others, regardless of age or position, to gather relevant information and combine it with her own creativity to produce a carefully thought out response. She values the talents and perspectives of those she works with while demonstrating inclusivity and respect.

Grainne makes an immediate positive impression on everyone with whom she has contact and leaves them feeling better for having known or worked with her.



## CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

**The Isambard Brunel STEM Achievement Awards** are sponsored by Blair Boyer MP, Member for Wright and acknowledge one middle and one senior years students' outstanding commitment to and achievement in the study of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

As well as having his name on the street our school is situated upon, the famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, played a key role in Britain's industrial revolution, designing and constructing railway lines, bridges, tunnels and docks around the country, as well as providing massive advances in naval architecture. It is fitting that our STEM award is named after him also.

### **Middle Years Award Winner : Sarah Norton- Year 8**

Sarah has been an avid and enthusiastic member of the Year 8 Solar Vehicle Challenge team. She has excelled in her studies in Science and Mathematics and represented the school at a RAAF Astro STEM Day, recently. She has combined her many skills in Science, Mathematics, and Technical Studies and has learnt new skills and knowledge to proficiently contribute to many STEM challenges undertaken this year. She was a student mentor for a recent Year 6 Ignite Enrichment Day. Sarah is also an active member of the STAR group our school's astronomy club.

### **Senior Years Award Winner: Onesimus Hewett- Year 10**

Onesimus is an outstanding and exceptional student in the field of STEM, having completed 2 semesters each of Stage 1 Chemistry and Physics (as well as Stage 1 English) whilst in Year 10 this year. During the last three terms, he has participated in the National Subs in Schools competition through his studies in Cutting Edge Science where he has committed recess and lunchtimes to the project. Onesimus is always challenging himself, always questioning to explore new information, and is involved in many extra-curricula activities. He has been a previous member of STAR Group.



### **The Lions Club of Modbury VET Awards:**

The Heights School wishes to thank the Lions Club of Modbury for their sponsorship of the Vocational Education and Training Awards that they present to two students on an annual basis. This award recognises their efforts and encourages them on their chosen path. Congratulations to Matthew Boyce and Madeleine Botterill who received the awards for 2019. Thank you to President Mr Alan Zwar and Mr Robert Gregory who attended the Celebration of Success. The Lions Club of Modbury presented each award winner with a certificate and a \$250 cheque.



### **Award Winners:**

#### **Matthew Boyce - Year 12**

Matthew Boyce has successfully completed his Certificate 2 in Electro Technology. He started his certificate course in 2018 during his Stage 1 studies and has just completed his second year of his certificate as well as a full load of year 12 subjects. Scoring in the highest percentile for aptitude testing in the electrician field, Matthew has now secured an apprenticeship for 2020. We would like to congratulate Matthew for his commitment, diligence and persistence in achieving his SACE as well as his career goals.

#### **Madeleine Botterill -Year 11**

Madeleine Botterill has completed her Certificate III in Early Childhood Education as well as a full year of Stage 1 SACE subjects. Madeleine has attended all sessions of her course after school hours as well as using her study lessons to keep up to date with her subjects and course work. Through her dedication and high work ethic during her work placement Madeleine was also offered an opportunity to continue with a traineeship. Madeleine is to be commended for her consistent approach to her students and the time she puts in over and above to achieve her personal best, she has decided to continue with her Stage 2 SACE in 2020. Madeleine was unable to be with us on the day as she continues to do her placement for her certificate course.



### **Governing Council Equity and Respect Awards:**

#### **Award Winner: Gabrielle Colloff – Year 9**

Gabrielle is consistently kind and patient. As a student who always strives to do her very best she has made herself a mentor and leader to other students many of whom look up to her. She is always polite and helpful. She demonstrates empathy and understanding in situations. In her cheerful ways she consistently models school pride.

#### **Award Winner: Dylan Mudge- Year 12**

Dylan is a respectful young man who is kind and caring and warm to everyone he sees. He has always presented himself as a friendly, caring and respectful member of The Heights school community. He takes on interest in all facets of the school even though he may find it difficult to join in; he always supports all activities and events. One thing which we will miss about Dylan, as he graduates from Year 12 this year is that he always arrived at school early every morning and proceeded to preparing all the classrooms in Senior School for the day. No-one asks him to do this, but everyone is thankful with how he neatened the rooms. Dylan has always displayed himself as a hard worker across all of his studies fulfilling other of our school values of "Go Hard".



## YEAR 12 VALEDICTION

Following the trials and tribulation of exams and for the unknown of what lies beyond them, the Year 12 Valediction held at Sfera's on the Park marks rite of passage for the Graduating class of 2019. The event celebrated their success in front of a beaming audience of staff, students, family, friends and invited guests.

Special guests included; Tony Zappia MP, Frances Bedford MP, Blair Boyer MP, Jim Rouse and Greg Johnston. Our Valedictory guest speaker Zac Olsen McGahey, a 2015 Heights School graduate, gave sound and calming words of advice to our Graduating class of 2019.

It must be stated that without Julie Williams, our running force behind Valediction who would never actually ask for the acknowledgement, Valediction would not have the sense of occasion, humour or, in fact run at all.

Valediction always offers a mixed bag of emotions, a sense of accomplishment, joy, sadness and apprehension. The students, however, took this all in turn and showed their maturity and high regard for the event. It has been my privilege in the last two years to lead the class of 2019 through their Senior Years of schooling and I am beyond proud at the achievements represented at Valediction.

Congratulations class of 2019.

*Ian Benjafield, Year 12/SACE Coordinator*



Dux Chemistry -  
Prashansa Singh



Dux Community  
Studies -  
Liam Lyons



Dux English as an  
Additional Language -  
Soubin Kim



Dux Fitness & Physical  
Activity, Workplace  
Practices, General  
Mathematics -  
Jaimee Lake



Dux General English,  
Biology, Mathematics  
Methods -  
Eliyar Kurban



Dux Legal Studies -  
Paige Duthy



Dux Material  
Products - Furniture  
Construction -  
Adam Collings



Dux Modern History  
- Hamish Poynter



Dux Music  
Performance Solo -  
Juhi Aiden



Dux Physics -  
Denis Vasilyev



Dux Psychology,  
Essential Mathematics,  
Food and Hospitality -  
Keaton Bond



Dux Society and  
Culture, Essential  
English  
- Dylan Mudge



Dux Specialist  
Mathematics,  
Research Project -  
Aadam Jawad



Dux Visual Art -  
Sophie Launer



Initiative,  
Perseverance &  
Determination Award  
- Nicola Gentle



Long Tan Award -  
Daniel Hor with CPL  
Mark Tunley



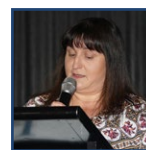
Makin Humanitarian  
Award -  
Tiahne Marriott



School Dux - Eliyar  
Kurban with Jim Rouse



VET Achievement  
Award -  
Matthew Boyce



Meg Fay, Assistant  
Principal - Opening



Nigel Gill -  
Principal's Speech



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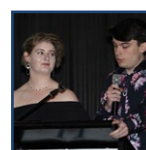
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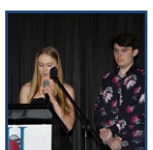
Music by Josh  
Orbordo



Zac McGahey-Olsen  
- Guest Speaker



Shannon Blyth  
& Keaton Bond  
- Emcees



Valedictory  
Speakers - Naomi  
Blackmore &  
Keaton Bond



## SPORTS NEWS

**VISTA Year 8/9 Boys Beach Soccer Carnival**

On Thursday the 21st of November our Year 8/9 Boys participated in the Year 8/9 Boys VISTA Beach Soccer Carnival, held at Mawson Lakes Volleyball Centre. The boys had a great day and both teams worked very well together. The red team had a competitive day, with 2 wins, 4 draws and 2 losses. They finished 4th overall. The blue team were also successful with many close matches, although finished 6th overall. Some highlights from the boys:

*'Dean made some great dodges around the opposition.'*

*'Thumith provided some great encouragement throughout the day.'*

*'Barzi and Will were great coaches, they did a good job.'*

*'Jonas had a great work rate throughout the day.'*

**VISTA Year 8/9 Mixed Badminton**

On Thursday the 14th of November our Year 8/9 Boys and Girls Badminton teams competed against other schools at Cedar College. For the first year in a while we were able to enter 4 girls' teams, 3 boy's teams and still have students on the wait list. All students should be commended for their sportsmanship, resilience and effort that was displayed across the day. There were many close games and finishes for both the girls and boys teams and although most students play badminton regularly there was improvement throughout the day.

**VISTA Year 8/9 Girls Beach Soccer Carnival**

On Friday the 22nd of November, our Year 8/9 Girls Beach Soccer Team participated in the VISTA Beach Soccer Carnival at Mawson Lakes Volleyball Centre. The team scored a total of 8 goals across the day and continued to develop their team work as the day progressed. The girls were happy with the achievement of scoring 8 goals, especially considering most had no prior experience with beach soccer. The girls finished 6th overall. All in all the team had a great day and hope to go again next year.

**VISTA Year 9/10 Boys European Handball**

On Wednesday 20th November, our Year 9/10 Boys European Handball Team participated in a North East VISTA Carnival at Parafield Gardens Recreation Centre. The boys developed well as a team throughout the day, learning how to play together and despite the horrible weather improved as the day progressed. A highlight for many of the boys was the extraordinary goal keeping skills displayed by Jason throughout the day. He was responsible for multiple saves and continued to lift their spirits. The boys finished 3rd overall.

From the boys themselves:

*'Jason was MVP. His goal keeping was elite, he blocked many shots and saved us a lot.'*

*'Ali was great because he euro stepped everyone which resulted in us getting goals.'*

*'Our hardest game was against Salisbury East, we didn't play as well but their passes and positioning was better than us. It was still great to see us keep fighting until the end.'*

*'Considering the day was really hot (42) we all tried our best and you win some, you lose some.'*

Eulaly Allen, Sports Coordinator





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## GIRLS COME AND TRY DAY

WED 18 DECEMBER

6.30 PM

@ HOPE VALLEY OVAL

ALL AGES WELCOME



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC

*Join us for a fun and interactive session of skills and drills*

DATE: Saturday 18 January 2020

VENUE: Priceline Stadium, Mile End

TIME: 10.00am - 12 noon (8-13 years of age)

COST: Free

To register or for more details  
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email: [headcoach@cheerionetball.com](mailto:headcoach@cheerionetball.com)  
phone: 0452 387 003



## WINTER SEASON TRIALS

All players welcome!

SUNDAY 2, WEDNESDAY 5 AND SUNDAY 9  
FEBRUARY 2020

Intermediates and Juniors (ages 8-17)  
Seniors (ages 18 and above)

Priceline Stadium, Mile End

REGISTRATIONS OPEN  
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Registrations are now OPEN

\*Transferring players are welcome with a completed S113 Transferring Player Form.

\*\*Age eligibility rules apply to all grades. For further information please see the SANFL Junior website.

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*Clorrie Carols*

Sunday December 8

6:00 - 7:30pm

### Family Fun Zone

Kicks off at 4pm and continues  
after Carols!

Quench Cafe + Sausage Sizzle  
Petting Zoo + Inflatables + More!

*Christmas*

Christmas Eve

December 24, 6pm

Christmas Day

December 25, 9am

Clovercrest Baptist Church  
2 Famechon Crescent, Modbury North

