

# The Heights School

# **NEWSLETTER**

**ISSUE 10** | 2 July 2020

> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future

Friday 3 July (2.05pm Dismissal)

First Day Term 3:

Monday 20 July
\*An amendment was made to a Pupil Free Day,

please check the diary dates and parent calendar for

an updated list of Pupil Free/School Closure Days.



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

# **ISSUE** HIGHLIGHTS:

- Year 9 Ignite HASS
- Visual Art News
- SACE Stage 2 Holiday Seminars and Trial Exam Timetables

(Pictured: Year 9 Ignite HASS)

#### **DIARY** DATES

PLEASE VISIT THE PARENT CALENDAR
VIA THE WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE
INFORMATION REGARDING THE
CANCELLATION OR POSTPONING OF
ALL SCHOOL EVENTS

3/7 Last Day Term 2 (2.05pm Dismissal)

20/7 First Day Term 3

24/7 Pupil Free Day

24-28/7 SACE Stage 2 Trial Exams (written & online)

#### **PUPIL FREE DAYS 2020**

Friday 24/7 Term 3, Week 1
Monday 7/9 Term 3, Week 8
Friday 4/12 Term 4, Week 8\*
\*Please note this date was amended

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY 2020

Friday 4/9 Term 3, Week 7

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

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# **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### **Farewell**

It is often mid-year when we farewell and wish staff well whether they are taking up other positions, completing a contract, taking leave or retiring.

With great admiration we acknowledge Brian Tape, who after near 35 years of service in grounds and maintenance is stepping away from the role, school and people he has loved. The Heights has been very fortunate to have someone care for the school as much as Brian has and we thank and wish him well.

We welcome back Shirley Robinson, Adrienne Niven, Deb Tilley and Anne Ryan from leave, and Hannah Darling to a contract. We thank David Gebert, Mike Stott, Victoria Esposito and Jamie Trezise for filling short term roles.

#### **External Review**

The school's External School Review postponed earlier in the year has been rescheduled to the first week of Term 3, Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd July. The External Review process occurs every four years and assesses the performance of the school with the view to commend successes and further support the school by identifying recommendations to help the school continue to improve. We are looking forward to getting this underway.

#### **Governing Council Recognition**

Although we are aware given restrictions many state teams have not been travelling and national competitions are on hold we still invite our school community members to let us know of individual successes when competitions resume.

To acknowledge student successes our Governing Council provides a small donation to contribute towards expenses involved with interstate travel and accommodation for state team selection and representation or its equivalent.

If you are interested in letting us know and would like to see if your child is eligible please email the Principal's Assistant on <a href="Dani.Dunne687@schools.sa.edu.au">Dani.Dunne687@schools.sa.edu.au</a>

#### Staff Professional Learning/Student Free Day

Staff are involved in a professional learning day on Friday 24th July. Val Westwall from the Department's Learning Improvement Unit will be working with us about providing feedback to students. We are interested in exploring how we can provide feedback to further extend student's thinking and learning. A reminder that this will be a Pupil Free Day.

### Preschool - Enrol now

We are currently accepting registrations for Preschool in 2020. If you are interested in enrolling a child in Preschool for 2020 please contact Daniella Dunne on <a href="mailto:Daniella Dunne687@schools.sa.edu.au">Dani.Dunne687@schools.sa.edu.au</a> or visit the Front Office to collect a Preschool Registration Form.

#### **End of Term**



I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable end of Term 2 school break. Thank you to the students and staff for their effort and hard work throughout a very busy term.

Students return to school on Monday 20th July.

Nigel Gill Principal





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# **NUMBER**

OSHC PHONE Please be advised the phone number for the Out of School House Care (OSHC) has now changed. From now on please call the main school number 8263 6244 for all OSHC enquiries.

# **VOLUNTEERING**

We are thrilled to be able to welcome back our valued volunteers from the commencement of Term 3, 2020.

If you are a current volunteer and keen to continue supporting us in any capacity, please contact Community Liaison Officer Gjuzide Apat before returning to school. We understand that it has been a lengthy



period of time since you were able to contribute and your circumstances may have changed. Gjuzide will revisit your availability and coordinate a suitable schedule with teachers involved and advise you if any changes will need to be made to previous arrangements before your first day back.

We look forward to the return of your dedication, enthusiasm and the positive effect it has on our students.

Gjuzide Apat, Community Liaison Officer

(Onsite each Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Phone: 8263 6244 Email: Gjuzide.Apat409@schools.sa.edu.au

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

#### Great News - Our Breakfast Program recommences in Term 3

Please join us every Friday morning from 8:00am - 8:40am in the courtyard outside of the Community Room for a delicious way to begin the day.







# **WAITING LIST FOR PRESCHOOL 2021**

# 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 to seek answers through learning, underpinned by a partnership with family and the community.

contact Daniella Dunne on the details below.



# **ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP**

#### The Heights School is raising funds. Here's how you can help...

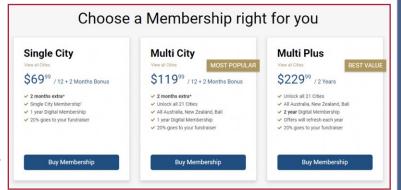
Support The Heights School! 20% of every Entertainment Membership sold goes towards fundraising.

There are no longer hard copies of the Entertainment Book. Digital membership is accessed by downloading the app and purchasing a 12 month membership at the following location:

#### www.entbook.com.au/1619k82

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The Entertainment Digital Membership can be shared with family members in your household on up to five different devices, but only one device can actively redeem offers at any one time.



You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

## **YEAR 9 IGNITE HASS**

Students in 906 and 907 have been studying World War I over the course of Term 2. They have recently presented their understanding of battles through creative means such as dioramas, videos, paintings and even a time capsule. Students then presented their creation to their classmates. All students have done exceptionally well thinking of new and interesting ways to demonstrate their knowledge.

#### Alexandra Harvey, Year 9 HASS Teacher



Amberlyn and Jaein



Manjot and Reem



Reannah, Caitlin, Jas and Mieke



Sai, Theja, Mukti and Kaksha



Naisvhi, Mithuni, Kaili and Aprilia

## THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION COMPETITION

# SALL#

"Wish you were here... With love."

Postcards Exhibition 3rd August to 7th August

As many of us have just spent a considerable amount of time at home and separated from our family and friends, the theme of this year's exhibition will be "Wish you were here... With love."

We are inviting all of our students and staff, from Preschool to Year 12, to submit an artwork and be eligible for various prizes totalling \$140.00! The only limitation will be the size; postcards must be 100mm x 150mm. Subject matter and medium will be open to individual choice. If you have larger works why not scan or photograph them and print them out at postcard size? Stuck for ideas? You could base your artwork on the theme of this year's Book Week "Curious Creatures - Wild Minds".

So it is time to start thinking about getting creative, practising your drawing and painting skills and working on ideas for this year's SALA exhibition.

For enquiries contact the Visual Art Department.

We look forward to seeing your contributions.

Catherine Bourn Visual Art Teacher

The Heights Art Exhibition Competition

Entry Form

Wish you were here... | Name:

Due date for entries Monday 27th July Due date for delivery of art works Wednesday 29th August (All entries delivered to Art Staff -No late entries will be accepted.)

Yr Level: Home Group:

Title of Art Work:

Description (What's it about?):

Medium:

Dimensions: 150mm x 100mm

Is your artwork for sale? Yes/No

Price: \$

Please fill in a separate entry form for each individual art work.







# YEAR 9 3D PAPIER-MÂCHÉ INSECTS

I am proud to show my Year 9 students work from Term 2. This has led on from the insect theme in Term I. My students have been working hard to create a 3D papier-mâché insect that relates to the Australian landscape. The recent bushfires emphasised the importance of insects to our ecosystem. Insects break-down and dispose of waste. Despite their critical importance, insects are often underappreciated and, consequently, the target of pest control. This, in turn, leads to devastating consequences for our ecosystem. As I said, I am very proud of the work my students have produced. Their work will be displayed in the school library for everyone to see.

Petra Dolezalova Art Teacher













## SACE STAGE 1 CHEMISTRY CELEBRATION

Students in my SACE Stage I Chemistry class celebrated the last day of Semester, with some pizza and tasty treats from *Taste of Bengal*. Their SACE grades were also released following their exam completed the day before so it was a double cause for celebration.

Shinghara (fat samosas with potatoes) and Chicken Rolls, Ham and Pineapple and Vegetarian Pizzas were the order of the day.

Pictured are the SACE Stage I Chemistry students after having devoured the food.

Taste of Bengal: https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Food---Beverage/Taste-of-Bengal-102433827942213/

Ph: 0451 155 607



# 2020 YEAR 12 TERM 2 HOLIDAY SEMINARS

Below is a copy of the holiday timetable, which includes room allocation.

Subject	Teacher	Date	Time	Place	Focus			
WEEK 1								
<b>Material Products -Wood</b>	Holt	Monday 6 July 2020	9:00am-12:00pm	Tech Wing	Major Product			
English	Bird	Monday 6 July 2020	9:00am-12:00pm	MF12	External Comparative			
Maths Methods	Fay	Tuesday 7 July 2020	9:00am-12:00pm	MF10	Integration Revision and Investigation			
English	Bird	Tuesday 7 July 2020	9:00am-12:00pm	MF12	External Comparative			
Biology	Eglinton	Tuesday 7 July 2020	1:00pm-3:00pm	SC	Trial Examination revision			
Physics (online)	Khurmi	Wednesday 8 July 2020	1:00pm-3:00pm	Online	Review sessions using 365 Teams			
Society and Culture	Powell	Wednesday 8 July 2020	10:00am-1:00pm	BF11	Investigation (30% external)			
General Maths	Roubanis	Thursday Week 9 July 2020	9:00am-12:00pm	Science	Investigation Report			
Creative Arts – Dig Media	Sztekel	Thursday Week 9 July 2020	1:00pm-3:00pm	Art Rooms	30% External (Skills Folio) and Inquiry.			
EAL	Bandjak	Friday Week 10 July 2020	9:00am-12:00pm	BF14	Examination preparation			
Physics (online)	Khurmi	Friday Week 10 July 2020	1:00pm-3:00pm	Online	Review sessions using 365 Teams			
WEEK 2								
Legal Studies	Utting	Tuesday 14 July 2020	10:00am-1:00pm	BF2	Exam Revision			
<b>English Literary Studies</b>	Christodoulou	Tuesday 14 July 2020	9:00am-12:00pm	MF6	Transformation task			
Psychology	Van Hoof	Tuesday 14 July 2020	1:00pm-3:00pm	BF3	Investigation			
Research Project	RP teachers	Wednesday 15 July 2020	9:00am-12:00pm	SC	Completion of Research Project			
Chemistry	Parsons	Friday 17 July 2020	9:00am-12:00pm	SC	SHE task and exam revision			

All students must enter and exit the senior building via the glass door by link stairs for security reasons.

All students must sign in and out in the visitor register located in front of Mr Benjafield's office, any messages about last minute classroom changes will be left with the visitor register.

## YEAR 12 PASTORAL CARE

Year 12s have been busy this week familiarising themselves with the SACE site. In particular, they have focussed on four areas: Study Tips, SACE and MENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING BEYOND SACE and EXAMS and PREPARATION. Please explore the links below as there is some very useful information for parents and students.



Mr Roubanis

Stage 2 Year Level Leader

#### **Exams - South Australian Certificate of Education**

https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/assessment/exams

In 2020, we've shortened three exams from 190 minutes to 130 minutes. Check out the new 130-minute format using the samples provided on each subject page.

#### Planning beyond SACE - South Australian Certificate of Education

https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/your-sace/planning-beyond-sace

Tertiary Admissions Subjects. A Tertiary Admissions Subject (TAS) is a SACE Stage 2 subject that has been approved by the universities and TAFE SA as providing suitable preparation for tertiary studies.. Almost all SACE subjects are recognised Tertiary Admissions Subjects, but there are some that aren't recognised, and so can't be used towards your ATAR.

#### Are you OK? - South Australian Certificate of Education

https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/support/are-you-ok

School isn't always smooth sailing. Don't suffer in silence. Sometimes all you need is a chat to get you headed in the right direction. Find out more about your options.

## Study tips - South Australian Certificate of Education

https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/support/study-tips

Study tips. While studying the SACE you'll gain a lot of knowledge, learn new skills, and apply them in various situations. To get the most from your time, it's important to think about how, when, and where you'll study.



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# 2020 SACE STAGE 2 TRIAL EXAMS 24<sup>th</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

Stage 2 trial exams are fast approaching. These provide your child with an opportunity to develop an understanding of, and familiarisation with, SACE exam policies and procedures in preparation for their final examinations at the end of the year.

To make the trial experience authentic for our students the trial exams occur in Term 3, allowing for concise usage of the holiday break, holiday seminars and a large number of course concepts will be completed. The trial exams will occur over **3 days** with a weekend in between. This timeframe allows for minimal impact on lesson time and provides a break between exams, with the weekend providing respite and additional revision time.

The Trial Exams will occur on Friday of Week 1 Term 3 (24<sup>th</sup> July) and the following Monday and Tuesday of Week 2 Term 3 (27 & 28<sup>th</sup> July).

Lessons as normal will occur in Term 3 Week 1 from Monday to Thursday for all Stage 2 subjects and students are required to attend school as normal. There will be no scheduled lessons during the three days of examinations, that being Friday of Week 1 Term 3 (24<sup>th</sup> July) and the following Monday and Tuesday of Week 2 Term 3 (27 & 28<sup>th</sup> July). Students of non-examinable subjects are expected to continue working on set tasks at home during the three day trial exam period.

**Stage 1 students** undertaking Stage 2 subjects will not be required to attend Stage 2 lessons during the Trial Exam Days. They can study in the **BF common** area during their usual Stage 2 scheduled lessons.

Please ensure your child is prepared and understands the crucial importance of these trial exams and follow the below guidelines:

- There are no formal Year 12 (Stage 2) lessons from 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> July.
- Students are to **arrive 10 minutes** before written exam time and **20 minutes before online exams**, attending with subject appropriate materials.
- Formal Year 12 (Stage 2) lessons resume on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Kind regards,

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lan Benjafield SACE Coordinator Meg Fay
Assistant Principal

Nigel Gill Principal



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# **2020 YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMS TIMETABLE**

# 2020 Year 12 Trial Exams (Written and online)

Below is a copy of the Trial Exam Timetable for Term 3 Weeks 1 and 2

Day	Subject	Date	Time	Room
	Physics	24 <sup>th</sup> July	8:50-11:00	Drama Space
FRIDAY	Biology (online)	24 <sup>th</sup> July	11:20-1:30	BF12
	Maths General	24 <sup>th</sup> July	1:50 - 4:00	Drama Space
MONDAY	English Literary Studies (online)	27 <sup>th</sup> July	8:50-11:00	BF12
	Psychology (online)	27 <sup>th</sup> July	11:10-1:20	BF12
	Maths Essential	27 <sup>th</sup> July	1:40-3:50	Drama Space
	Maths Methods	27 <sup>th</sup> July	1:40-3:50	Drama Space
TUESDAY	Legal Studies (online)	28 <sup>th</sup> July	8:50-11:00	BF12
	Chemistry	28 <sup>th</sup> July	11.20-1.30	Drama Space
	EAL	28 <sup>th</sup> July	1.50-4:40	Drama Space

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



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