

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:

- Redevelopment
- Book Week 2020
- The Heights School Art Exhibition Competition

(Pictured: The Heights School Art Exhibition Competition)

DIARY DATES

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

27/8 ICAS Digital Tech (Year 3-10) 28/8 Cert III Screen & Media Excursion (AIE)

31/8-2/9 Year 5 Camp - Adare

- 31/8 VISTA Senior Girls 9-A-Side AFL
- 2/9 VISTA Year 8/9 & Open Girls
- Netball
- 3/9 SAPSASA District Girls Football
- 4/9 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
- 7/9 PUPIL FREE DAY
- 8/9 Year II & 12 in 2021 Subject Selection (NO YEAR 10/11 CLASSES)
- 8/9 Governing Council Meeting 6.00pm
- 9/9 Year 9 & 10 in 2021 Subject Selections Due

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2020

Monday 7/9 Term 3, Week 8 Friday 4/12 Term 4, Week 8 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

New Build Started

A small section of land located in the corner of Brunel Drive and Augustus Street is under construction. You may notice the large blue fencing identifying the enclosed worksite. SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY Friday 4 September 2020 PUPIL FREE DAY Monday 7 September 2020

REMINDER

The old Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) building is no longer there and preparation is underway to build twelve new classrooms and a sheltered area. Our OSHC Service is operating out of the Middle Years building until the new OSHC building is complete.

Minister's Visit

The Minister for Education, John Gardner and the Education Director Anne Lamont visited the school last Thursday. We had a look at some of the new facilities and then viewed the site and looked at plans for our new build.

The Minister met the leadership team and he wanted to acknowledge our work and leadership, and the work of staff managing the implications of COVID-19 previously and in the future as required.

Festival Time - Book Week, Science Week and SSO Week

Celebrations for Book Week and Science Week took place last week.

Book Week displays were set up in the Library and everyone was encouraged to get involved with the *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds* theme.

Secondary science teachers put on a science experiment show for primary classes featuring the mad scientists, creating lots of interest and laughter!

SSO Week is this week. We are very fortunate to have a great support staff who are a pleasure to work with and provide a great service to our community. Thank you for the work our support staff does - I hope they enjoy the week and the small gestures made to acknowledge their contributions.

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds was the theme for this year's Book Week and dress up. This year we held a parade around our school and judging by our children's reactions this was a lot of fun. Students and many staff got into the spirit of 'curious creature' dress ups to promote reading and literacy. Well done to you all.

Well done and thank you Julie Simpson and our committee of supporters for promoting and putting this fun day together for our school.

School Closure

Reminder Friday 4th September is the annual school closure day. Monday 7th September is also a non school day for students as staff are involved in a professional learning program.



Nigel Gill Principal

AROUND OUR SCHOOL



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WAITING LIST FOR PRESCHOOL 2021

LET YOUK 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.

If you would like to request a Preschool Registration Form for 2021 please contact Daniella Dunne on the details below.

Email:Dani.Dunne687@schools.sa.edu.auWebsite:https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/preschool.html



SAKG PROGRAM

The Heights Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Term 3 seems to be flying past in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

This term we are continuing our "NUDE FOOD CHALLENGE" on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have been encouraging students to bring their recess and lunch without using any disposable packaging and to put all their food in reusable, washable containers.

In the garden, we have nearly finished harvesting hundreds of Jerusalem artichokes. Pictured are a couple of students who found the biggest one of the season!

Please call in to the garden and see Amanda if you would like some artichokes to try. Eva has some great recipes if you are unsure how to cook them.

Don't forget that we are always keen to have new volunteers in the kitchen and garden. Come and say hello and we can tell you all about the program. No experience is required!

Amanda and Eva SAKG Kitchen Garden team







THE HEIGHTS SCHOO REDEVELOPMENT

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Redevelopment plans are coming to life

Our school is buzzing with activity as Chappell Builders set up their compounds and begin preparations for construction of our redevelopment.

Our much loved Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) building has been demolished to make way for our new primary space. This building held many memories for students who accessed the service. It safely and happily provided care, snacks, education and entertainment to hundreds of students during its lifetime.

The Heights views OSHC as a vital service for our community and its current relocation is being welcomed by students and staff alike.

Our OSHC staff have made it such an inviting space, it looks like it's always been there!

I look forward to sharing plans and further news of the new OSHC building as it gets closer to confirmation.

While site preparations are at full steam for the primary build (off Augustus Street), on the other side of our campus (down Brunel Drive), site preparations have commenced for our new grounds shed. This shed will hold the majority of our school's machinery and equipment. We are expecting this shed to go up quite quickly as the builders need to demolish some of our older sheds to make way for our new Gymnasium.

As you can see, our school is bustling with excitement.

Preparations commence for our new grounds shed.

I thank everyone for their patience and support as different areas of our school experience minor interruptions to access while builders ensure construction areas remain safe for our community.

I look forward to continually sharing the progress with you all.

Kindest Regards,

Vicki Cook **Business Manager**





Department for Education

AROUND OUR SCHOOL

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

During the last 10 weeks a group of Year 8 students have taken part in the *What's the buzz?* Program. It is a social and emotional literacy approach compromised of a number of different lessons. It is a part of a global response stimulated by positive psychology and positive education movements. The program guides educators to teach young people new prosocial skills to develop emotional and social intelligence. Student learn how to:

- · optimistically interpret human differences
- improve social connections; greetings, exiting, social feedback and social referencing
- · begin and maintain relationships and friendships
- · identify and work with one's own emotions
- develop empathic 'mind-reading' capacities
- identify and constructively respond to behavioural dominance; put-downs, trash talk, bullying and cyberbullying and trolling
- self-regulate emotions more productively
- appreciate self-awareness and self-identity
- · navigate tricky social situations more positively and resiliently

The themes covered were:

- The ins and outs of friendships
- What is a friend?
- · Switching on positivity
- · Wellbeing and social media
- Empathy
- Resilience

What's the Buzz



I would like to thank the students who had some excellent discussion and learning throughout the sessions and felt like they took something away from it to improve their interactions with others. I would also like to thank SSOs Valor Thach, Sean Krauter,





Louise Chatfield and Leigh Gregurke Green for their tremendous efforts and genuine care for student wellbeing at The Heights.

What's the buzz? will continue to run at The Heights into the future with opportunities for students from other year levels to take part. Programs like this are a part of the school's wider P-12 Wellbeing plan to ensure all students are gaining the social and emotional knowledge and skills in order for them to manage their own mental health and be successful in the future.

Daniel Brzezinski Student Wellbeing Leader (7-12)



MINECRAFT WINNERS

Congratulations to Taylor and Rajvi from 703 on winning The Heights Inaugural Minecraft Competition for 2020. This competition will run every year with prizes on offer and

a winner's trophy to take home. Well done!!!





9/10 BOYS VISTA BASKETBALL

Our Year 9/10 Boys Basketball Team represented The Heights School at the Year 9/10 Boys Basketball Carnival on Monday 17th of August at brand new state of the art Lights Community and Sporting Centre. Although the day didn't pan out as we would have hoped, the boys improved significantly across the duration. They were all rather impressed at the live streaming of the games in the foyer.

Nick Schild, Sports Coordinator

BOOK WEEK 2020

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Book Week at The Heights!

Last week Book Week finally arrived! It is a week where we promote and celebrate the importance of books and our love of reading.

The official opening took place in the Library.

The guitar ensemble played as students were seated and then after a brief introduction our

compares Gabby and Amelia introduced Ms Potts, our Middle School Librarian who thanked everyone who assisted with the event and then shared her thoughts about Book Week.

Ms McLachlan had the official duty of cutting the ribbon to officially open the week.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and contributed to the morning. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Our *"Curious Character Dress-up Day"* on Thursday was quite spectacular. Staff and students were encouraged to come dressed as a favourite "curious" book character. These characters later made a "curious trail" around the school.

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Class CF9





Class CF11



Class CF10



Class CG6



Class F2





Class BG I



Class BG3

BOOK WEEK 2020

BOOK WEEK 2020 (CONTINUED)

Special thanks to Mr Spalding, the guitar ensemble and acoustic singers who entertained us at various times through the week along with Mr Asbanu who played the digeridoo which marked the end of our special event on Friday.

Displays will stay in the Library for the next few weeks. Please visit and have a look at all the class contributions.

Another big "THANK YOU" to all staff, students and families who helped make the event a success.

Enjoy your reading... today, tomorrow and beyond.

Ms Simpson Teacher Librarian

Mr Asbanu





Class F1

Curious Creatures Competition

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All students were invited to take part in our whole school 'Curious Creatures or Fantastic Fakes?' online competition. Thank you to the 180 students, and a few brave staff, who participated.

Congratulations to our winners with perfect scores:
Elizabeth Gow
Aimee Wilson
Emma Beck
Jacinta Dolman
Mackenzie Gow
Om Patel
Honourable mention of our students that achieved
near perfect scores:
near perfect scores:
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If you would like to see the correct answers, just scan the QR code below.



Kellye Rowe, Resource Centre SSO





Mr Powell

ARTS NEWS

THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION COMPETITION

Wish you were here...with love.

Displaying the exhibition in the windows of our gallery has proven to be a great success! Students and visitors have been able to interact with the artworks without any restrictions. This was the twelfth consecutive year we have run the exhibition. Planning began in March when severe restrictions were being imposed to control Covid-19, so we changed the format to ensure we could go ahead no matter what August would bring. SALA Festival organisers also adjusted to the restrictions to ensure artists could still exhibit their work during August, albeit in different ways. This year saw a record number of entries submitted, over three hundred and fifty!

A big thank you to our judges, Mr Gill, Ms Cook and Ms Bourn. Choosing the winners this year was particularly difficult, owing to the number and quality of works on display. Thank you and congratulations to all the artists that entered their work this year.

Congratulations to the following students who won a prize in the Art Exhibition Competition for 2020.

Winner:



Hridita Majumder, Yr 9



People's Choice:



Zoe de Bue,Yr 8

Highly commended:



Jirah Baker, Yr I I





Minuka de Silva, Yr 12



Madison Roderick, Yr 7

Success Postcard:



Liana Cherian, Yr 6



Liana Cherian, Yr 6

ARTS NEWS

THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION COMPETITION

Diary Images - Cover:

Diary Images - Inside Pages:



Minuka de Silva, Yr 12

Principal's Choice P-2:



Gurreet Kaur, Yr I



Caitlin Bull,Yr 9

Milani Newman,Yr I



Hridita Majumder, Yr 9

Principal's Choice 3-6:



Sam Biji Scaria,Yr 3



Liana Cherian, Yr 6

Han Ong,Yr 9



Angeleen Kaur, Yr 3

Principal's Choice 7-9:



Abby Angely, Yr 7

Principal's Choice 10-12:



Jaein Jung,Yr 9



Phoebe Pugatschew, Yr 8



Minuka de Silva, Yr 12



Minuka de Silva, Yr 12





Madeline Blake, Yr 12

POWER TO BE POSITIVE | YEAR 9 TEXTILES

POWER TO BE POSITIVE

Power to be Positive Defence Program

On Thursday 13 August, Port Power Football Club came to the school to run a wellbeing program for our Defence students called Power to Be Positive. Defence students from Mawson Lakes Primary School also joined us for the day. Students had the opportunity to kick the footy and learn skills with some legends from the club, Russell Ebert and Alipate Carlile. They also participated in an engaging program run by Will Northeast the Youth Programs Coordinator from the club. Throughout the day the following topics were covered:

- · Identifying and using character strengths
- Gratitude/Mindfulness
- Growing from challenges
- Goal setting
- · Changing the way we think to have a purposeful action

The day was a great success and we appreciated the support of two of our fantastic staff members, Nick Schild and Valor Thach. We are thankful to the Port Power Football Club for their generosity and investment into the lives of young people.

Noelle Wallis Defence School Mentor







YEAR 9 TEXTILES

This semester the Year 9 Textiles class began by learning about different types of weaves and the impact of fashion on our environment. Did you know that globally the fashion industry uses more energy than both aviation and shipping combined?

We then went on to create a sustainable mesh bag using all reused items that would have otherwise ended up in landfill. Our fabric was from curtains that were no longer used, the tie and toggle was from hats that the Uniform Shop have to remove and our embellishments

were left over felt scraps form other projects. Our little draw string bags have many uses only limited by the imagination. Many of the students chose an embellishment to fit the theme of produce bags, further reducing the need to shop using plastic bags.

Ms Coleman Food and Fibres Technology Teacher





STAGE 1 FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

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Café Investigations

For the past 5 weeks the Stage I Food and Hospitality classes have been researching current trends in café menus in Adelaide. After gaining some specialised skills in making Danish pastries from scratch it was then up to students to create their own café brunch. Students discovered that both trending items and foods from other cultures appeared regularly on local café menus. Dishes that students created included a falafel salad, a fresh tomato bruschetta, a vegetarian burger, eggs benedict and waffles served with fresh berries. At the end of the practical all students had created a brunch item that any local café would be happy to serve.













Sarah Rogers Food and Hospitality Teacher



COMMUNITY NOTICES



egister at: www.revolutionise.com.au/ndbc/registration from 1st Sept NDBC - Walkleys Park, Fairfax Road, Ingle Farm

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PARENT FORUM WEBINAR INTEROCEPTION PARENT BOOKLET STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Participate in a webinar for parents and carers of children and young people with a disability.

- Email in questions prior to the day
- Login by yourself or with a group on the day and join the chat line
- What three things do you want to learn to support your child/s learning?

Topic 1 Interoception

Find out about the Parent and Caregiver Interoception Booklet of activities to help your child deal with big emotions. Talk with Caitlin Lean, Senior Advisor Interoception

Topic 2 Student Support Services

What services do they provide, how do you connect with them? Introduction to a brochure for parents with Kylie Cooley and Jen Bratovic, Team Managers SSS

Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum on

Tuesday 8 September | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm via online webinar Visit: <u>web.seru.sa.edu.au</u> for instructions to link in Email: <u>Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au</u>





PARENT FORUM SOCIAL SKILLS

A workshop presented by Libby Brown, Manager, SERU for parents and carers of children and young people with a disability covering:

- understanding social skills
- areas of concern
- strategies to enhance social skills in your child

What are three specific points you would like to learn to support your child's development of their social skills?

This workshop is for a limited number of parents and carers and will be held maintaining current strict COVID -19 guidelines.

Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum to be held at Special Education Resource Unit (SERU) 72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach SA 5022. Ph: 8235 2871 Tuesday 22 September 2020 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Register Eventarc

Visit: web.seru.sa.edu.au for instructions to register Email: Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au



PARENT FORUM POST SCHOOL OPTIONS

A workshop for parents and carers of young people with a disability in a secondary setting in a mainstream school, Disability Unit or Special Class.

Is your young person looking at pathways and options post school?

What information would you like to know to support their future planning?

Come and discuss with a parent, a Principal of the Transition Centres and an NDIA Assistant Director about their experiences and the range of options.

This workshop is for a limited number of parents and carers and will be held maintaining current strict COVID -19 guidelines

Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum to be held at Special Education Resource Unit (SERU) 72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach SA 5022. Ph: 8235 2871 Wednesday 16 September 2020 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Register Eventarc

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DID YOU KNOW? We're running a JUNIOR CRICKET BLASTERS Program at our club?



- Fecommended for kids aged 5-7 of all skills & abilities
- 4 60 minutes of fun each session
- Participate in skill development activities and modified games
- Make new friends and learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- All kids get their own Blasters Pack and wear the colours of their favourite Big Bash heroes
- All equipment supplied Parents join in the fun!

WHEN: Starting SATURDAY Oct 17th 10AM WHERE: Modbury Cricket Club

Register now at www.playcricket.com.au

Need more details? Call Kel 0417 614 749 or Ben 0418 819 728



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