

## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Remembrance Day
- NAIDOC Week Celebrations
- Hans Heysen Excursion
- Year 4 Virtual Excursion

(Pictured: Remembrance Day)

## DIARY DATES

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

19/11	CANCELLED - VISTA Year 8/9 Badminton New Reception Visit 2 (Thurs Group) Year 12 Graduation
20/11	Last Day Year 10 Classes CANCELLED - VISTA Year 8/9 Boys Indoor Cricket
23-27/11	Year 10 Work Experience
23/11	Year 10 Cutting Edge Science Excursion - Subs in Schools
24/11	Celebration of Success 9.00am Year 6 Celebration 1.30pm
25/11	Year 8 Immunisations (Visit 2) CANCELLED - SAPSASA Year 6/7 Tennis
26/11	Year 7 to 8 Transition Day Year 11 Physics Excursion - UniSA Connect
27/11	Year 6 Aquatics - West Lakes Year 12 Formal - Stamford Grand
1/12	Governing Council Meeting 6.00pm Year 4 End of Year Cinema Excursion Stage 1 Outdoor Education Excursion - Rock Climbing
2/12	Year 8 Visual Art Excursion - Adelaide Zoo Year 5 End of Year Cinema Excursion
3/12	R-6 Disco EALD Years 6-8 Excursion - Aquatics Day

### UPCOMING PUPIL FREE DAY:

Friday 4/12 Term 4, Week 8

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

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Returning to Increased Restrictions

As you are aware, South Australia has returned to increased social distancing practices.

It is timely to remind you if your child is ill, they should not attend school. If they have cold and flu like symptoms they should be tested and return once they are clear and better. This is the same for all of our staff too.

There is no Government or Department position to provide a learning from home program. The education program is provided face-to-face at school.

We are reviewing our end of year events to manage them within current guidelines and at the time of writing, we are looking at how we can modify events. I emphasise at the time of writing because we know from last time changes to plans can happen quickly.

If there are any changes, we will inform you.

### Year 12 Graduation and End of Year Celebration Assembly

This week and next, we celebrate 2020 achievements of our students. On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, we have the Year 12 Graduation followed by the Celebration of Success Assembly on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. To permit these events to go ahead the formats of both shall be modified so we can acknowledge academic achievement and a range of other awards recognising leadership, participation, contribution and character.

The Year 12 Graduation 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 2021. Assistant Principal Primary Rebekah Goodall welcomed families and provided information about our school.

Next week we also have 175 Year 7 students spending the day learning about the Year 8 program at The Heights.

### Remembrance Day Assembly

For the first time we held a virtual online Remembrance Day assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup> instead of separate primary and secondary assemblies. This was held in learning areas throughout the school. 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 in the shape of a peace symbol by each student on the entrance lawn to our school. Keep an eye out for photos in the newsletter.

### Announcement regarding our Deputy Principal

Congratulations to our Deputy Principal Robyn McLachlan who will be the new Principal of Wandana Primary school from 2021. This is great news for Robyn who aspires to lead a primary school and I am pleased she has this opportunity, a great achievement. We look forward to acknowledging her work at The Heights and wish her well at the end of the year.



Nigel Gill  
Principal



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### IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4

#### Across School Events

24/11	Celebration of Success (Years 7-12)
4/12	Pupil Free Day
11/12	Last Day Term 4 (Early Dismissal)

#### Year 12 Students

19/11	Year 12 Graduation
27/11	Year 12 Formal

#### Year 10 Students

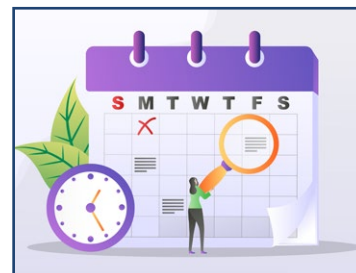
20/11	Last Teaching Day for Year 10 Students
23/11-27/11	Year 10 Work Experience Week

#### Year 7-9 Students

25/11	Year 8 Immunisations (2nd Visit)
26/11	Year 7 to 8 Transition Day
8/12-9/12	Round Table Assessments (Years 7-9)
10/12	Waterworld Excursion (Years 7-9)

#### Primary Years

19/11	New Reception Transition Visit 2 (Thursday Group)
24/11	Year 6 Celebration Assembly
27/11	Year 6 Aquatics
3/12	Footsteps Primary Disco (R-6)



### ENROLLING NOW 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.

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.au](mailto:Dani.Dunne687@schools.sa.edu.au)

Website: <https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/preschool.html>



## SCHOOL CANTEEN

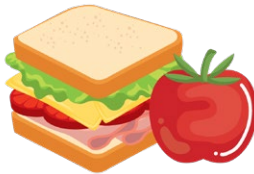
Have you heard?...

### Place your canteen lunch orders online (R-6)

Our canteen service has partnered with [Flexischools](#) to allow families of Primary years children (R-6) the option of placing lunch orders online at any time while easily monitoring your child's nutrition. Once registered you can start placing orders immediately and select from payment options - Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.

We hope this step forward will support families with a more convenient and efficient process for placing canteen orders. Offering this service reduces the worry of handling money, ensures lunch orders are delivered to classrooms and eliminates wait time in lines.

Instructions shown will guide you through setting up your account.

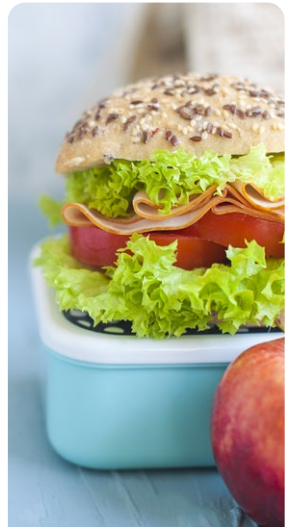


### Set up your account

- 1 **Download the Flexischools App**  
Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.
- 2 **Login/Register**
  - **Already a Flexischools user** – Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
  - **New Flexischools user** – Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for their school, enter student details and select their class.
- 3 **Top Up Your Account**  
To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your 'User Profile'.

### Order

- 1 **Place your Order**  
On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.
- 2 **Make your Selection**  
Find the service and press 'Order', then select the items you wish to order.
- 3 **Make Payment**  
Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.



## IMMUNISATION

### YEAR 8 VACCINATIONS – Wednesday 25th of November (Week 7)

Nurses from the Tea Tree Gully Immunisation Clinic will be attending the school on 25/11/2020, to provide the scheduled Year 8 vaccination, Human Papilloma Virus (HVP) dose 2, to participating students.

Since it has been some time since the previous visit, please contact the TTG Immunisation Clinic on 8397 7444 if there have been any changes to the details previously provided on the consent card.

Students are encouraged to eat breakfast and wear a short-sleeved top under their jumper to assist with the process.

Kellye Rowe  
First Aid Officer



## RESOURCE CENTRE

The Premier's Reading Challenge medals and certificates are being presented this week to SRC representatives by the State MP for Wright Blair Boyer MP.

It has been really encouraging to see students from Reception to Year 11 participate in this year's literacy-based program which encourages a love of reading whilst building literacy levels.

Thank you to all students, staff and families for their ongoing support of the program.

Julie Simpson  
Teacher Librarian





## REDEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

We have experienced quite a bit rain since I last wrote to you all.

There is no doubt rain is needed and I must admit, I have enjoyed not having to water my garden, however, rain has not been kind to our builders.

They have been desperately wanting to pour foundations and get the projects out of the ground, but no-one can control the weather so patience has had to be displayed.

Finally, they have been able to successfully pour foundations for our Primary Build. This was quite the job and not easy to do with a school in operation. But it has been accomplished and I thank everyone involved (both builders and our community) for the part they played in ensuring its safe completion.

Preparations are complete for the foundation pour for our new Gymnasium. It's such an exciting time!

Being this the last update for 2020, the transformation and progression of our project over December and January will see dramatic changes at the start of the 2021 school year.

I look forward to sharing these with you in one of our early newsletters next year.

Recently we were honoured with a visit from Blair Boyer MP, State Member for Wright, Shadow Minister for Education who toured the construction areas. Blair shows wonderful support and interest to our school and is always generous with his time. We thank him for his continued involvement.

Wishing you all a safe and joyful holiday break.

Kindest Regards,

**Vicki Cook**  
Business Manager



Primary footprint is down



Waiting for the foundation pour of our Gymnasium



We were happy to be visited by Blair Boyer MP, State Member for Wright Shadow Minister for Education, (with Vicki Cook Business Manager)





## REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year we tried a new approach to the Remembrance Day poppy field which has been so successful recently. To help bring the school community together, instead of planting poppies in class and home group rows, a peace sign was painted on the front lawn and students could plant their poppies wherever they wished within the sign. The end result was spectacular.

It was also pleasing to see the high proportion of students who took the time to write a personalised message on their poppies, many of them remembering a family member who had served or fallen. While planting their poppies, students respected the display by moving carefully within and around it.

This year's observance of Remembrance Day was quite different to previous years due to Covid-19 restrictions. Instead of a whole school assembly, students gathered in their usual classes with their teachers to view a presentation at 11am. The presentation featured contributions from RAAF Warrant Officer Dave Pyatt, based at Edinburgh base, Year 5 students Isla Bunt, Savannah Zwiép and Anais Williams and Year 8 student Hayden Tagg. They spoke from different perspectives on the themes of service, risk, sacrifice and impact. As in previous years, teachers reported an outstanding level of student respect during the presentation. One benefit of conducting the ceremony this way was that junior classes could prepare prior to the ceremony and ask questions within their classes that helped them understand the significance of the occasion and its features.

Other members of staff could also observe the presentation on screens around the school. This special occasion brought all members of the school community together even though we were separated.

Congratulations to all staff for their continued support of the poppy field and the work they did around the commemoration ceremony. Particular thanks go to Noelle Wallis for preparing the students who presented so thoughtfully and confidently, and Sarah Rogers for helping to arrange WO Pyatt's contribution.

Lest we forget.

*David Osborn*  
HASS Curriculum Leader





## NAIDOC WEEK

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week (National Aboriginal and Islanders Observance Committee) at The Heights School. Students explored the importance of this significant week, focussing on the history, culture, language and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Some of the activities included learning about art, language, traditional food, the 1967 referendum and achievements by Indigenous Australians in the sporting industry.

Here are some photos of the special kangaroo tasting we shared with our student group involved in the Rock and Water program. Most students enjoyed the flavour of the kangaroo sausages, some preferred to stick with the beef variety! All decided it was a great way of coming together as a group to share a yarn and enjoy some quality time together in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. A big thank you goes to Amanda for preparing the garden area, Jo for volunteering on the BBQ, Irini and Lauren for their support with running activities and Eva for coordinating our damper making lessons.

*Nakkota!*

*Aboriginal Education Team*





## DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

This year the Indian festival, Diwali, is celebrated on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

In CG6 we were lucky enough to have Rekha, a parent volunteer, come into our classroom to share some information and experiences with us about how some people celebrate Diwali.

Rekha taught us about the history of Diwali and some traditional food, including Murukku.

We then worked together as a class to create a traditional Diwali art piece.

*Zoe Skewes  
Year 4 Teacher*



## DRAMA PERFORMANCE

For the major production this semester the Senior Drama class presented the powerful and confronting play 'Stolen'. This performance was presented to a selection of secondary classes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October and to families in the evening on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. The play deals with telling stories from First Peoples affected by the White Australia policy known as the Stolen Generation. Our students worked hard to develop their understanding of these stories and presented the play in a mature and thoughtful manner. Well done to Sally Putnam and the Senior Drama class for an impactful performance that left the audiences with a lot to think about.

*Alex Spalding  
Arts Coordinator*

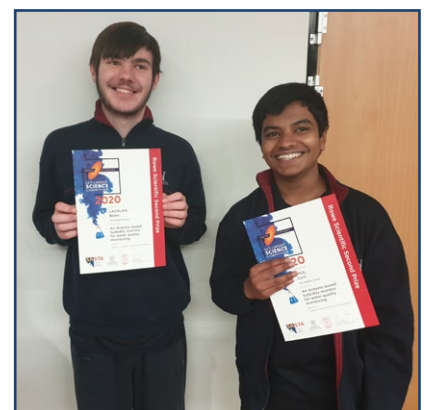


## OLIPHANT SCIENCE AWARDS

### Heights team take second prize in Oliphant Science Awards

A big congratulations to Lachlan and Paul who took out second prize in the Oliphant Science Awards Computer Programming Apps and Robotics category. The Oliphant Science Awards is an annual competition run in honour of Sir Mark Oliphant (physicist and past governor of South Australia). Lachlan and Paul's entry was an Arduino based turbidity monitor that they initially developed as part of their STEM project in Year 9, and they made improvements to it this year whilst in the STEM club. Their project used scattering of laser light to determine how cloudy water is which has many applications from ecology to mining. They also developed a computer app to allow you to visualise how the turbidity levels change over time. Their prize is a massive achievement. Well done.

*Mr Trainor & Mr Cridland*





## HANS HEYSEN EXCURSION

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the Year 9 Visual Art students of Ms Bourn and Ms Petra went on an excursion to *The Cedars*, the home and studio of the famous German-born Australian artist, Sir Hans Heyesen (1877 –1968). Heyesen became a household name for his watercolour paintings of monumental Australian gum trees. After 4 year studying art in Paris, Heyesen returned to Adelaide and found success with his paintings of the local environment. He produced various images of men toiling, and animals in the Australian bush and captured typical landscapes of the Flinders Rangers. These were full of light and shade, which gave them an atmospheric, impressionistic quality.

Our Year 9 students visited Hans Heyesen's 100 year old purpose-built studio where he created his legendary and realistic paintings. The studio was filled with light and life. An unfinished painting rested on an easel, as though the artist had only just stepped out. In the corner, a press was waiting for him to return and continue printing. The cabinets were filled with half-squeezed tubes of paint, drawing ink, paint brushes, all exactly as the artist had left them.

The students and teachers then had a guided tour of Heyesen's family home. Every wall was covered with artwork painted by him, and his daughter Nora, who was a talented portraitist. Thanks to a beautiful sunny day, we were able to sketch the scenery around *The Cedars*.

All in all, it was a wonderfully, educational day. We learnt about the Heyesen family, the history of *The Cedars*, and got to experience an authentic artist environment.

**Petra Dolezalova**  
Visual Art Teacher



Above: Hans Heyesen, *Untitled (Landscape with Cows)* 1947 watercolour on paper, 31.0 x 38.0 cm;



Left: Printing press in Heyesen's studio;

Below: Year 9 Visual Art class 2020.





## VIRTUAL EXCURSION

### Foldable Flight

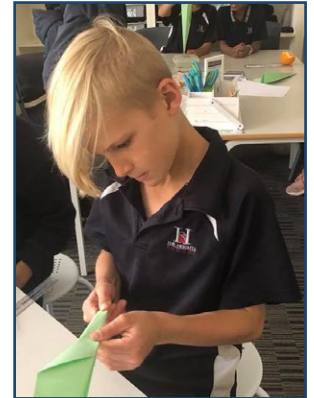
On Wednesday, November 4, Year 4 students had the opportunity to take part in an exciting virtual excursion called Foldable Flight conducted by Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre from Canberra.

In this virtual excursion, students had the opportunity to learn about aerodynamics of flight and investigate the engineering and physics of flight by constructing and modifying their own paper aeroplanes.

First, students investigated two different types of paper planes, darts and gliders, and how various design features such as wing size shape and angle, can affect stability and drag. Then, students experimented with different elements of their paper plane to make it fly better.

A very special thanks go Tara Dunton, our ICT and Data Officer for helping us get connected with the National Science and Technology Service team, and Valor, our SSO who kindly helped us make this event a success.

**Surangi Abeygunawardane**  
Science Teacher (Year 3-5)





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## We want to hear from Young People Living with a Learning Difficulty

**What:** Meeting with Helen

**Who:** Young people with learning difficulty

**When:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 5.30-6.30pm


**Venue:** CCYP Office, 251 Morphett Street, Adelaide

There will be an area for parents if they wish to stay during the consultation.


**Helen Connolly**, SA's Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP) would like to know what matters most to this group of South Australians and invites them to meet with her so that she can hear their views in person.

This is an opportunity for young people with a disability to tell Helen what is important to them, now and for the future. Helen will use the information to try and get things changed for the better, so that the wellbeing of children and young people living with disability in South Australia can be improved.

**To Register Your Interest Click Here**



If you have any further questions, please contact Sonia Regan via email to [sonia.regan3@sa.gov.au](mailto:sonia.regan3@sa.gov.au)





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TEA TREE GULLY  
**NETBALL CLUB**



To bring together a community of netballers, through a family orientated club that supports its players, coaches and its extensive member group. The club is dedicated to providing a sporting environment that is inclusive, fun, engaging, positive and empowering.

**Summer & Winter Competition  
SADNA - Golden Grove  
AGES 7+**

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Looking to play Netball .....  
 Look no further, **Tea Tree Gully Netball Club** is a family focussed netball club. We are one of the largest netball clubs in the North Eastern District with the lowest fees.

**TTGNC** train on Wednesday evenings at the brand new Banksia Park Sporting Hub, Elizabeth Street, Banksia Park. Games are played at SADNA courts Golden Grove.

**TTGNC** will hold Trials for Winter 2021 season, early February 2021. If you like to be included in the registration email that will be emailed early January, please email [treasurer@teatreegullynetball.org.au](mailto:treasurer@teatreegullynetball.org.au)