

The Heights School NEWSLETTER

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> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future

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

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DIARY DATES

9/2 **Governing Council**

Meeting 6.00pm

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

• EALD Surf Life Saving Excursion

2021 School Photo Day

• Year 12 Guest Speaker (Pictured: EALD Surf Lifesaving Excursion)

School Fundraising

10/2 Acquaintance Evening Years R-12

15/2 New Reception Student Welcome 9.00am

16/2 School Photo Day

Also see Upcoming Dates to Remember on next page

2021 TERM DATES

TERM I 27 January to 9 April

TERM 2 27 April to 2 July

TERM 3 19 July to 24 September

TERM 4 II October to 10 December

Click here to view our online calendar

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first newsletter for the 2021 school year at The Heights School.

Congratulations to our 2020 Year 12 students for achieving excellent results and this was despite managing changing circumstances over the year. The Heights Year 12 results have continued to improve. A grades were over 20% and A or B grades were over 60%. We are very pleased because this high level of achievement has become the norm over the last four years. Well done to you all.

We are into the second week and are very pleased with the Successful Start Initiative now running for the second year. Many of our year levels are at capacity. We look forward to the completion of our new buildings for the 2022 school year.

We begin the year with 60 Preschool children, 1540 students from Reception to Year 12 plus 30 flexible learning program students.

The Executive Leadership Team for this year involves: Deputy Principal and 7-12 - Meg Fay Assistant Principal P-6 – Rebekah Goodall Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning – Val Westwell Assistant Principal Student Support P-6 - Laura Tambe Assistant Principal Student Support 7-12 - Nathan Elliot Business Manager – Vicki Cook

New appointments for the year include: Val Westwell - Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning Chris Turnbull – Year 6 Carlie Sims - Year 6 Frasier Dickie – Year 3 and 5 Bronwyn Allan - Primary Science Sean Davis - Technology Studies Louise Chatfield - Maths Rebecca Nicholson - Science Allison Trueman - Maths and Science Vivienne Bradtke - Chemistry and Science

We also welcome back Kayla Luciano from a year teaching in New Zealand and Maria Arharidis and Michaela Arnold returning from Maternity Leave.

A reminder to all adults entering the school grounds to please scan the QR code for COVID safe check-in requirements. Paper logs are also located throughout the school. Please see the list with additional locations on the following page.



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COVID-SAFE QR CODE CHECK-IN

Please be advised that from **Monday**, I February 2021, all adults entering school grounds must check-in using a mobile phone to scan the COVID safe check-in QR code or complete a paper recording log as required by the Department for Education.

If you are entering the school grounds to drop off or collect your children, entering any building to make an enquiry or speak to staff, please check in at the following locations where QR codes and paper recording logs will be available:

- Front Office
- Primary Years Student Services
- Secondary Years Student Services
- Finance Office
- Uniform Shop
- Canteen (QR code only location)
- Preschool
- OSHC
- Resource Centre Doors (QR code only location)

- Primary Years Stairwell on playground side (QR code only location)
- Pedal Prix Shed at temporary pathway into school (QR code only location)
- Tech Studies Building at carpark corner (QR code only location)
- Deliveries Shed (QR code only location)

Children and students do not need to check-in. Their attendance is recorded and can be easily made available to SA Health for contact tracing purposes should it be required.



Please note the COVID safe check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes. All registered volunteers will still be required to sign in at the Front Office as per usual procedure.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

SCHOOL TOURS 2021:

*Bookings required via our website

THESE WILL OCCUR ON THE SAME DAYS:School Tour, Q&A for School/Preschool andPreschool Tour9.15am - 10.00amSchool Q&A with Principal10.00am - 10.30amPreschool Q&A with Principal10.00am - 10.30amPreschool Tour with Kate10.30am - 11.00am

Term I Tuesday 30 March 2021 (Term I, Week 10)

Term 2 Thursday 29 April 2021 (Term 2, Week I) Friday 30 April 2021 (Term 2, Week I)

Term 3

Tuesday 27 July 2021 (Term 3, Week 2) Wednesday 28 July 2021 (Term 3, Week 2) Thursday 12 August 2021 (Term 3, Week 4)

Term 4 Wednesday 20 October 2021 (Term 4, Week 2)

OPEN EVENTS 2021:

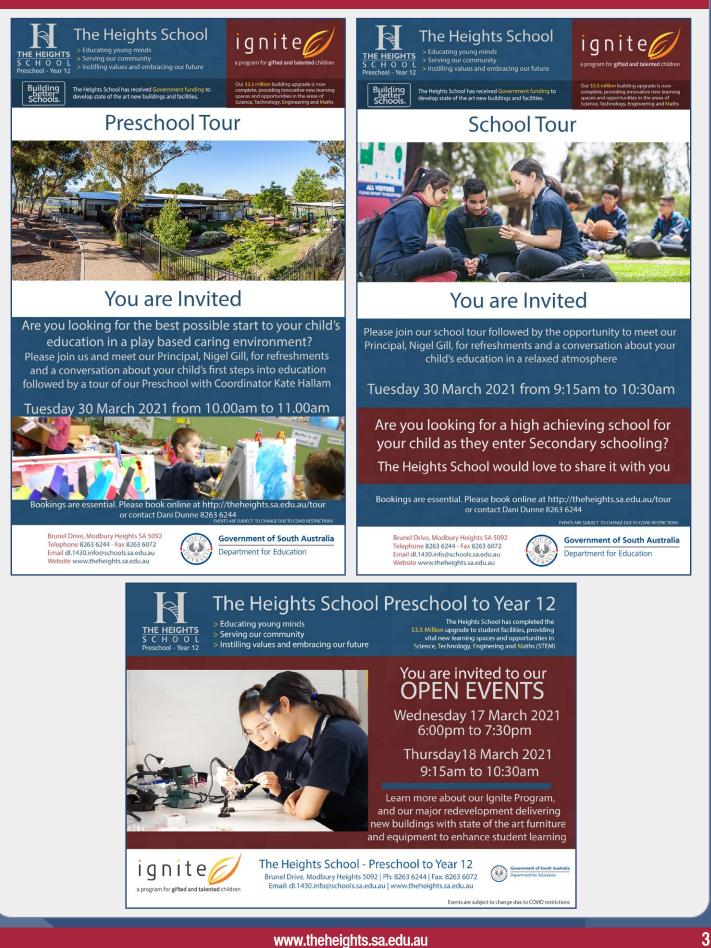
*Bookings are not required

Wednesday 17 March 6.00pm - 7.30pm Thursday 18 March 9.15am - 10.30am



AROUND OUR SCHOOL

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS



SUPERVISION & SAFETY REMINDERS | VOLUNTEERING

SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

We would like to remind families that yard duty supervision begins at **8.25am** Monday - Friday. There is no supervision for students before this time.

Yard duty supervision in play areas and the Resource Centre finishes at **2.50pm on Mondays** and **3.25pm on Tuesdays - Fridays**. The Resource Centre will close and students will be asked to leave at the conclusion of yard duty with the exception of students participating in scheduled supervised after school activities.

Please make arrangements to have your children collected by the conclusion of yard duty supervision or speak with our Out of School Hours Care Service to arrange enrolment if you need care for your children outside these times. Leaving children on site without supervision is a safety issue and we would like to ask for your assistance in ensuring the best care for your child.

CAR PARK SAFETY

We would like to remind families about car park safety as the new school year begins. It is always a challenging issue at school drop off and pick up times as car parking on site is limited.

We request that cars first stop in an available car park space before allowing students to enter or exit the car and whilst waiting for students after school. Double parking/waiting in any school car park is not allowed. In the past, students have been placed in unsafe situations with cars waiting in front of parked cars which affects visibility to other drivers.

If you need to park and exit your car for pick up/drop off, please use the parent car parking provided in the Augustus Street car park. If there are no available spaces in this area, we request you exit the car park and find an alternate area to park your car. We do advise that you check parking signs when you park your car in adjacent streets so you do not incur a fine from the council. For students old enough to be dropped off and collected without parent assistance, please use the drop off/collection lane on Brunel Drive. This area is designed for your child(ren) to exit and enter both your vehicle and school gate safely.

We are also aware that some families are using the staff car park in front of Reception to quickly drop off or collect their children. We ask that families <u>do not</u> enter the staff car park unless they are parking to use the OSHC service in the early morning or later afternoon. This car park has no safe turnaround point for extra vehicles and is a safety concern for those students exiting the school on foot through this gate.

We appreciate that car parking at these busy times is challenging and thank you for your cooperation to ensure the safety of both students and families.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Joining our School Volunteer Partnership programme is a great way to be part of the school community while making a difference to the education of our students.

There are many areas you can volunteer including classrooms, school events, excursions and the Resource Centre to name a few.

If you would like further information about how to join please contact our Community Liaison on 8263 6244.

We hope to hear from you!







AROUND OUR SCHOOL

RESOURCE CENTRE

Resource Centre Opening Times:

Before School:

Monday - Friday 8.25 – 8.45 am

Lunchtimes:

Monday - open to all students Tuesday - middle and senior students Wednesday - primary students (no devices allowed) Thursday - primary students (no devices allowed) Friday - middle and senior students

After School:

Closed at the end of yard duty supervision Mondays: 2.50pm Tuesdays - Fridays: 3.25pm

The Resource Centre is NOT open at recess.

Computer passes will be available on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

The Resource Centre is for **quiet** activities only eg reading, homework, board games and craft activities.



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our Heights School Breakfast Program is a delicious and fun way for students to begin their Friday morning! Lifepoint Church generously supplies pancakes and toppings for our students, every Friday. The toast and fruit are donated by KickStart for Kids. There is no cost to students.

Students across the school are welcome to enjoy pancakes, toast and fruit in the Courtyard outside



Life is better with PANCAKES

the Community Room, every Friday morning. We begin serving pancakes at 8.00am and finish serving at 8.40am. The program finishes at 8.40am to ensure students aren't late to class.

If you have any questions, please contact me via the Front Office on 8263 6244 or by email at <u>Noelle.Wallis558@schools.sa.edu.au</u>

Breakfast Program Details:

Date: Every Friday morning

Time: 8.00am – 8.40am

Location: In the Courtyard, outside the Community Room

Noelle Wallis P – 12 Wellbeing & Inclusive Support

ENROLLING NOW 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 your child to attend The Heights Preschool in 2021 please contact Dani Dunne on the details below.

 Email:
 Dani.Dunne687@schools.sa.edu.au

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







SCHOOL PHOTO DAY | FUNDRAISING

2021 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photo Day is: Tuesday the 16th of February.

Orders can be placed securely online at <u>www.advancedlife.com.au</u> using our school's unique 9 digit advancedlife order code.

Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph, the order must be placed online and no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Whilst an order envelope will be distributed shortly (for individual and class photos only), if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

If you choose to order using the cash envelope, please do not return it to the school before photo day. Send it with your child on photo day.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact <u>www.advancedlife.com.au/contact</u>

If you wish to order a family photo and are unable to place an order online, please contact the school's photo day coordinator, Kellye Rowe on 8263 6244.



Stuck On You have the coolest kids name labels and personalised gifts! From clothing labels, bag tags, shoe labels, lunch boxes, back packs to puzzles, towels and more!

Delivered direct to your home

A percentage of every purchase is returned to the school so it's a great way to get what you need and support our school at the same time!

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https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/THEHEIGHTSSCHOOL

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 (Week 4)

Order by visiting www.advancedlife.com.au Enter the school's code, found on your order envelope or the email you received from the school on 27/01/2020.

How to order online:

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

- STEP I Go to <u>www.advancedlife.com.au</u> on your computer, phone or tablet.
- STEP 2 Type our school's shared 9 digit advancedlife order code, found in your email from the school dated 27/1/2021, into the 'order & download' box. This will take you to the secure online ordering site for our school.
- STEP 3 Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and choose your package, then follow the payment process. Visa, MasterCard, PayPal and LatitudePay available. During this process, you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY



The People's Choice Lottery is almost over!

Ticket sales close on Friday, 19 February 2021!!

To support The Heights School fundraiser purchase your \$2 ticket and be in the chance to win some amazing prizes including a LG 706 litre French door fridge valued at \$4,599!!

Main prize draw is on Friday 26 February 2021 and the main prize winners will be advertised on Tuesday 2 March 2021.

To purchase your ticket visit:

https://communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au/collections/ schools-and-education/products/the-heights-school



IGNITE PROGRAM





IGNITE at The Heights School **REGISTER NOW**

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. The Heights School is the official Department for Education school for gifted learners in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted learners vary, however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more areas •
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and sense of social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour •

Initial selection for the IGNITE program is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment. Year 6 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program for 2022 Year 7 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 8 IGNITE program for 2022

IGNITE SELECTION TEST

YEAR 6 TEST: SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2021 9AM-1PM YEAR 7 TEST: SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2021 9AM-1PM LOCATION: THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL, BRUNEL DRIVE, MODBURY HEIGHTS, 5092

https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/programs/ignite/ Register your child to sit the test at: A registration fee of \$125 applies for non-school card holders. Registrations close Friday 12 February 2021





Government of South Australia Department for Education

PEDAL PRIX COME 'N TRY



Come 'n Try - Pedal Prix

Wednesday 17 February

6:30pm – 8:30pm

The Heights School

(park in the main car park on Brunel Drive and follow signage)

FREE Sausage Sizzle

Students and Parents/Caregivers will have the opportunity to;

- try out our race vehicles hot laps onsite
- visit the pedal prix workshop
- meet staff and volunteers

The UniSA Australian HPV Super Series is staged by Australian International Pedal Prix Inc. and is a competition where teams race Human Powered Vehicles (HPV's) on a closed controlled circuit.

The Heights School staff and students enter vehicles in the Super Series comprising of 4 races. These races take place at Victoria Park Racecourse, Tailem Bend and a 24 hour event held in Murray Bridge, usually at the end of term 3 during September.

Pedal Prix is open to students in Year 6 – 12. Students train each week after school and despite being challenging work they find it very rewarding whilst improving skills such as teamwork and problem-solving



EALD SURF LIFESAVING EXCURSION

Our 2020 school year concluded with a Year 6, 7 and 8 EALD surf lifesaving day hosted by Henley Surf Lifesaving Club.

The fantastic volunteers at Henley SLSC supported our students to develop some essential beach and water safety skills in time for summer. The day included recognising dangers at the beach, signalling for help, sun safety, swimming, board paddling, wading, floating and flags. We enjoyed having Mr Schild and Obeid, one of our ex-EALD students and now SSO, come along with us. They were certainly the stars of the beach soccer game!

Migrants to Australia are over-represented in drowning statistics on our beaches. This excursion helped us to learn more about water and beach safety so that we could all have a safe summer.

As you continue to enjoy our beautiful beaches, remember to:

- Swim between the red and yellow flags
- Swim with a friend
- Put your arm up high with your fist clenched if you get into trouble
- Float to save energy
- Be sun smart
- Check the surf lifesaving website at
 <u>www.surflifesavingsa.com.au</u>

Thanks to Annette Slater, Lesya Volkova, Nick Schild and Obeid for their support of the excursion.

Janette Bandjak P-12 EALD Coordinator















YEAR 12 GUEST SPEAKER

YEAR 12 GUEST SPEAKER: TIM DANSIE



On Wednesday the 27th January Year 12 students took part in a presentation by Tim Dansie. He is a is a registered Teacher and Psychologist and spent 12 years working in schools as a Teacher / Psychologist before establishing his own practice and as a result of this he has a good understanding of how schools operate and what can be done to improve a student's educational outcomes. He also works with elite level athletes consulting to the Adelaide Crows Football Club and as a Career Guidance person to the Adelaide United Soccer Club. Tim has vast experience working with children and families and he is able to offer a wide range of services.

Tim spoke to our Year 12 student specifically about:

- What is success knowing where you fit
- Getting organised time table, preparing to study.
- Stress what is it, what does it look like, what are the causes and how to manage it.
- Asking for help how to do it.
- Getting a nice life balance during Year 12.

Comments from our Year 12 students after the program include:

"It prompts student to revisit their own study habits and dealing with stress."

"It was an overarching way to raise awareness and frame of mind to studying Year 12 and beyond."

"There were good strategies such as to do lists, coming up with plans and how to follow it, time management, work school balance."

"Good way to break the ice of Year 12 and a good way to start the year and prepare and not let Year 12 to get unmanageable."

"Don't stress too much about atar. It won't define you there are many ways to get to where you want to be."





"Some other good strategies are exercise, vision board, planning, organisation, diary keeping, plan set out the week, get a routine."

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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