

## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Outdoor Upgrades: Preschool & Nature Play
- Aboriginal Education
- STEM Girls - UniSA
- F2 Music Program

(Pictured: Outdoor Upgrades - see article on page 3)

## DIARY DATES

6/5	Mother's Day Stall
6/5	Preschool Excursion - Adelaide Zoo (Thursday Group)
7/5	Year 10 Careers & Employment Expo Excursion
7/5	VISTA Year 8 Boys 5-A-Side Soccer
7/5	SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival
10-14/5	Year 10 Work Experience Week
10/5	Primary Years Assembly (CF8 & BG2)
11-20/5	NAPLAN (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)
11/5	Governing Council Meeting 6.00pm
12/5	VISTA Year 8 Girls 5-A-Side Soccer
13/5	VISTA Year 11 & 12 Mixed Badminton
14/5	STAR Group Meeting Night
17-20/5	National Volunteer Week
19/5	National Simultaneous Storytime 'Give Me Some Space'
19/5	VISTA Senior Volleyball

## PUPIL FREE DAYS 2021

Friday 11 June - Term 2, Week 7  
Friday 3 September - Term 3, Week 7

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday 6 September - Term 3, Week 8

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

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Returning to School for Term 2

Students have returned to school this term to find a new nature play area for Junior Primary and Preschool children thanks to grants received for the school and Preschool. These new areas have been built within and just outside the preschool. Enjoy the photos later in the newsletter.

Not only do they look great but they are already proving a big success with children.

### Term 2 Staffing Changes

I am pleased to announce minimal staff changes this term. EAL teacher Janette Bandjak continues leave and Alexandra Harvey is taking her classes until she returns.

Deb Tilley is on leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Victoria Esposito will be taking her classes during this time.

Gordon Heitmann HASS teacher is back with us on a part time basis after the best part of a year away on leave.

### NAPLAN Information

NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 begins next week and at The Heights runs from Tuesday 11/5 to Thursday 20/5.

There is an information sheet for parents included in this newsletter.

### Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to our volunteers who have once again put this on for students and families. Always a fun school community event.

### Staff Professional Development Day 1st April 2021

We had a great day working on high impactful teaching and learning strategies at the end of last term. Although Assistant Principal Val Westwell leads this work all leaders and teachers have the time and space to really think about our practices of how we teach and best support student learning. There is no quick fix here, instead we are taking a considered approach to really understand good teaching practices and how we can work and support one another to get them consistently occurring across the school more of the time. It is exciting and the energy in the room was tangible.

### Reminder - Governing Council Support

The Governing Council would like to recognise and further encourage the pursuit of excellence amongst our students. We realise when students do really well and get the opportunity to partake in an activity in another state there is often considerable cost to the family.

The Governing Council has a discretionary amount of money to make a small donation.

The criteria for application is:

- State Team selection or the equivalent high level achievement in a pursuit of the student's passion and interest.

- When considerable expenses are involved for the family usually involving travel out of the state and accommodation.

Applications are made to the Principal through the front office.



Nigel Gill  
Principal



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## NAPLAN ONLINE

**INFORMATION SHEET**  
**April 2021**



### NAPLAN testing 2021 Information for parents and carers

#### NAPLAN testing

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents/carers and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

This year, the NAPLAN Online test window is 11 to 21 May. Most schools in South Australia will undertake testing online, however all Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper. There are contingency measures to revert to paper testing if required.

#### Supporting your child

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. You can reassure your child that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and remind them on the day to simply do their best.

It is not recommended that students use services by coaching providers or excessively prepare for NAPLAN testing.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and provide appropriate support and guidance.

#### NAPLAN reporting

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale, and a NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year.

Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers, while teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.

#### Participation in NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in NAPLAN testing. If a child is absent on a testing day, the school may arrange for them to complete the missed test/s another time during the school's test schedule.

If a student has a disability, they may qualify for adjustments to their tests. Students with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate, or students who have recently arrived in Australia with a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

There are provisions for parents/carers to withdraw their child from NAPLAN testing. Schools are familiar with this process and a decision should be made with your child's school. Speak to your principal in the first instance.

#### More information

For queries about NAPLAN, speak to your child's school. You can also find information about NAPLAN testing at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).



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## OUTDOOR UPGRADES: PRESCHOOL & NATURE PLAY

### Things were busy during the holidays...

Our school was buzzing during the holidays with some exciting projects being undertaken.

We have been fortunate for a number of years now receiving funding to upgrade our facilities across the school. In 2016 we received \$3.5 million for our STEM redevelopment and in 2018 we received \$10 million to expand our campus with new buildings which are almost at completion.

Recently we have received funding specifically for outdoor upgrades to our Preschool and Primary areas.

Working with Yardstick Landscapes and in conjunction with our Grounds and Facilities Committee we have seen the redevelopment of our outdoor Preschool space.

Three concepts were incorporated into their outdoor learning area:- climbing structure, hand water pump and large digging pit.

All three improvements encourage natural play, exploration, curiosity and challenge.

I would like to thank and congratulate Kate Hallam and her team within the Preschool for their vision of this space and ensuring our children have the very best opportunities to explore, create and learn in such a nurturing environment.

An outdoor area predominantly used by our Junior Primary students received a wonderful face lift. This area had previously been bare and quite plain. Again, working with Yardstick Landscapes and our Grounds and Facilities Committee it has been transformed into an inviting place for our students. It seamlessly flows on from our exiting Nature Play area and provides a beautiful setting for students to gather and play under natural shade.

The school utilised money within its Building Fund to carry out some site maintenance. The Primary play equipment together with play equipment found on our ovals were successfully re-painted during the holiday period. We also had three classrooms within our Senior Secondary Building re-carpeted.

General maintenance like painting and re-carpeting is an expensive and large exercise, especially for a school of our size.

We thank our parents and family community for their contributions to this voluntary fund which enables this type of maintenance to be regularly carried out and continually provides a fresh updated environment for children to enjoy.

At the beginning of every year we invite all our families do donate \$25 to the Building Fund. Donations to the Building Fund can be made at any time throughout the year and for any amount. All donations are tax deductible and we thank you in advance for your consideration and contributions.

With our current major building works near completion, I will be excitedly writing to you all again soon.

Kind Regards,

*Vicki Cook, Business Manager*





## PHOTOS DELIVERED

Students received their individual school photo orders in Week 1 this term.

If you selected the 'Collect Your Pack' option, you may collect your photos in person at the main school office. 'Collect Your Pack' orders cannot be handed to students. You will be required to sign for your pack.



### Forgotten to order?

It's not too late. Please go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and use the school's online order code contained in the email parents and caregivers received last week. Your order will be delivered to the school and distributed to students in due course.

If you have not received your order, please check again with your students before contacting your student's teacher through Class Dojo (for primary students) or Daymap (for secondary students.)

All enquiries regarding incomplete orders or unsatisfactory photos can be lodged with the **Parent Customer Service Team** at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact).

# WANTED!

## DONATIONS FOR THE HEIGHTS' PLAYERS UPCOMING PRODUCTION OF...

# OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR!

(COMING IN AUGUST 2021  
TO A SCHOOL THEATRE NEAR YOU)

- 1X HULA HOOP
- CALICO OR PLAIN, LIGHT FABRIC
- CREPE PAPER (RED, WHITE, BLUE, YELLOW & BLACK)
- FOAM OR POLYSTYRENE (10CM<sup>3</sup> SIZE PREFERRED)
- PAIR OF OLD WELLINGTONS / GUMBOOTS

PLEASE LABEL 'BETH SZTEKEL'  
& LEAVE AT FRONT OFFICE OR D BLOCK ART ROOM  
YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED!

## 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](http://www.entbook.com.au/1619k82)

Membership is valid for 12 months and can start at any time.

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!

### BONUS OFFER

For the first time EVER and for a limited time only, you will receive a **BONUS \$20 Priceline or Woolworths eGift Card** when purchasing a Single City Membership or a **\$40 The ICONIC or Priceline eGift Card** when purchasing a Multi City or Multi Plus Membership!

You'll need to hurry - this offer ends at 11.59pm Monday, May 10 2021 AEST.

We can celebrate mums every day of the year with more than just a bunch of flowers on Mother's Day. An Entertainment Membership is the gift that keeps giving all year round!

Get ready for an amazing year of fundraising!

And let's not forget the thousands of 25% off savings and 2 for 1 offers for health and beauty, shopping, activities and yes, even florists.



Choose a Membership right for you

Single City	Multi City	Multi Plus
<small>View all Cities</small>	<small>View all Cities</small>	<small>View all Cities</small>
<b>\$69<sup>99</sup></b> / 1 Year	<b>\$119<sup>99</sup></b> / 1 Year	<b>\$229<sup>99</sup></b> / 2 Years
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## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2021

On Wednesday 19 May (Week 4) at 10.30am students from all around Australia and New Zealand will join together to read the book “Give me some Space” written and illustrated by Philip Bunting.

This year the book will be read by astronauts from the International Space Station!!!

The aim is to get more than 1 million students involved in this special event which is open to **everyone**. If any families would like to participate at home you will need to register at [www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss).

The official e-magazine full of resources can be downloaded at [www.scholastic.com.au/NSS2021](http://www.scholastic.com.au/NSS2021).

Tune-in for our special intergalactic event!

*Ms Simpson, Teacher Librarian*



## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TERM 2

We have a busy term coming up at The Heights School. This week, all staff participated in Cultural Awareness training to further build on their understandings and awareness of Aboriginal Cultural Perspectives. This training was part of a series of Aboriginal Cultural Awareness training sessions that will be facilitated with staff across the year. Teachers and SSOs took time to analyse student achievement data and look at ways to ensure we are ‘Closing the Gap’ for our Aboriginal Learners whose results on a national level are often below their non-Indigenous peers ([www.closingthegap.gov.au](http://www.closingthegap.gov.au)). We celebrated the achievement of many of our Aboriginal students and some of the exciting initiatives we are running this year, including the Indigenous Bushtucker Garden Project and the Rock & Water program - to name just a few. We also shared information about events coming up this term.

Here is a snapshot of what’s to come:

- 27th May – 3rd June: National Reconciliation Week Activities
- 26th May: National Sorry Day
- 31st May: Sean Choolburra Live & Deadly Performance P-12 (see separate notice sent home to families)
- 17th June: Primary Years Aboriginal Student Excursion to SA Museum Aboriginal Cultures Gallery
- 4th – 11th July: NAIDOC Week Activities

### Sean Choolburra Biography

Sean Choolburra is a charismatic, vibrant and captivating performer. Fuse his engaging energy, alongside historical facts, spiritual wisdom, depth of ancestral understanding and knowledge and you have one very exciting and talented cultural ambassador. Cheeky, clever and charismatic, Sean Choolburra has carved his niche as Australia’s No 1 Indigenous entertainer. Weaving his inimitable blend of traditional dance, didgeridoo, story, knowledge and humour, Sean never fails to captivate audiences of all ages.

Sean’s ancestors are Gu-Gu-Yalanji, Kalkadoon, Kandju and Bwgcolman from around Townsville and Palm Island. He has toured schools and colleges throughout Australia, Canada, Japan and New Zealand for over 15 years.

Hailing from Townsville, Sean has an established career as a dancer: he created the Ngaru Dance Company, and performed all over the world with the Bangarra Dance Company, including by invitation for the Dalai Lama, Hale & Pace and Prince Charles. But these days, Sean is in constant demand as an MC and Comedian for official functions, corporate events, theatre shows, comedy clubs, workshops, openings & festivals. Sean has performed at The Adelaide Fringe Festival and is the voice of the character ‘Maynard’ on the popular animated children’s show on ABC’s ‘Bluey’!

Please be sure to send the consent form and payment back to school as soon as possible so that your child does not miss out on this fantastic show!



## STEM GIRLS – UNISA



STEM Girls is a University of South Australia program encouraging girls in Year 11 to continue the study of Science and Mathematics throughout their schooling and into university. Secondary schools are invited to participate and strengthen their STEM initiatives for girls. The Heights School has nominated four girls in Year 11, including Hae-Yun Kim, Amelia Sanders, Gemma Blake and Lovanya Mittal with Mrs Robyn Van Hoof acting as STEM Girls Ambassador for the school.

These girls will be lucky enough to participate in a range of opportunities including:

- enhancing knowledge and understanding of STEM concepts
- forming networks with like-minded peers
- meeting and networking with women in STEM careers
- providing career information to support a STEM career pathway.

The program is comprised of two Inquiry Days at UniSA Mawson Lakes campus and a two-day STEM Girls conference which includes a networking seminar and dinner. In each part of the program, women who are working in STEM professions will be speaking with the girls. STEM undergraduates and doctoral students, along with past STEM Girls, are connected to current STEM Girls during the program days and at the dinner.

Visiting STEM industries raises awareness for the girls and showcases the range of STEM careers and opportunities in South Australia. The industry relationships and the influence of women who have STEM careers provides valuable input for the development and future outcomes of the STEM Girls. We are very excited about participating in STEM Girls and the connections we hope to make with other like-minded women.

*Photo above shows Mr Nigel Gill with Hae-Yun Kim, Amelia Sanders, Gemma Blake, Lovanya Mittal and Mrs Robyn Van Hoof, after receiving their STEM Girls badges.*

## AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the school holidays, Year 10 student Tryphena Hewett travelled to Sydney to compete in the Australian Athletics Championships.

This national competition includes the best athletes from each state. Tryphena won a silver medal in the U17W High jump with a jump of 1.75m and won gold in the U17W Pole vault with a new personal best jump of 3.55m.

Congratulations to Tryphena on a fantastic achievement.

**Congratulations!**





## SAPSASA BOYS FOOTBALL

On Friday 30th of April, The Heights Year 6/7 Boys Football team travelled to Tea Tree Gully Football Club to compete in the district carnival. With a variety of boys from each year level with a wide range of experience, the team competed brilliantly throughout the day.

Starting with a nail biting loss in round 1; the team finished with three consecutive victories to come in third overall in our division.

Throughout the day, all 15 boys were able to kick a goal and we had a terrific result in our final game where we won 93-0. Highlights throughout the day were Yalo Acouth kicking a 40m torpedo through the goals and Vale Follett and Tait Hatchard kicking snap goals in the final games.

A great day was had by all students involved.

*Mr Seymour*



## F2 MUSIC PROGRAM

The Heights Music Program is excited to announce that F2 have started a new, innovative music program *Windstars*. At the end of 2020 we secured a grant of \$7000 to purchase a class set of instruments for one lucky class to participate in this program. The Heights School will be the first school in the state to implement a Windstars program as part of the Music Innovation Fund. With the help of Mr Spalding and Mrs Arnold, all of the students in F2 will be working on learning a new instrument as part of their Performing Arts lessons. We hope to share more progress and news about the program throughout the year.

*Mr Spalding*





## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Child + Family Services

### ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS



Engaging Adolescents is a three-week program that provides parents with easy and practical skills to help steer their teenagers through adolescence and manage their emotional reactions and behaviours.

Parents will learn:

- to understand adolescence development
- to identify 'normal' behaviour
- how to set reasonable expectations
- how to assist teenagers to manage their emotions
- how to build a stronger relationship
- how to encourage healthy habits (such as technology use and sleep)
- skills for navigating tough conversations.

#### REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Kate Evans (social worker)  
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Jovan Vujinovic (Student Wellbeing)  
0437 179 258  
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Research shows that positive parent/child relationships:

- improve adolescent mental health
- lessen depression and anxiety
- encourage less risky behaviours (such as suicidal ideation, substance abuse and internet addiction)
- improve academic achievement
- support the development of emotional regulation in children and young people.

**When:** Thursday Nights (3 week Program)  
13th of May - 27th of May

**Time:** 6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Venue:** STEM Centre, Modbury High School

**Address:** 62 Pompoota Rd, Modbury SA



UnitingCare Wesley Bowden

Is your (or know someone that is) .... 5 > 10 years old interested in Netball but you don't know how to get started?

**TEA TREE GULLY NETBALL CLUB** will be running their Netball SA certified NetSetGo program every Wednesday from 28<sup>th</sup> April until 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (School Term 2)

Each Player will get their very own awesome starter kit, which includes a T-Shirt and Netball.

TTGNC is offering one of the best value for money \$70.00 – programs in the area and would to hear from you

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/signin.aspx?fl=128&type=6&prodid=436839&id=91595&entityid=44349>

## Are you ready to Net Set Go with Us?

### Tea Tree Gully Netball Club



**DATE:** SCHOOL TERM 2—28th April > 10th June 2021

**TIME:** 4.30—5.30pm

**LOCATION:** TTGNC Courts - Brand New Courts @ Banksia Park Sporting Hub

**COST:** \$70.00—this also includes special Suncorp Net Set Go Pack (T/shirt & Ball)

(can use Sports Voucher with the credit of \$30 can come off your Summer Fees)

**REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/signin.aspx?fl=128&type=6&prodid=436839&id=91595&entityid=44349>

**ENQUIRIES:** Sarah—@gncreg@gmail.com



NET SET GO is back at Newton Jaguars!!

For 5 to 8 year olds who want to learn netball skills and have fun!

Thursdays at 4.30pm to 5.30pm

At Neil Dansie (Jags) Courts, behind Campbelltown Oval, Paradise

Starting 6<sup>th</sup> May (term 2) for 8 weeks

Cost \$90

Register via our website or Facebook page

Enquiries – netsetgo@newtonjaguars.com

