

The Heights School NEWSLETTER

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> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future



The Heights School has received in excess of \$13 Million over the past three years. Major redevelopments include two architecturally designed buildings incorporating state of the art furniture and equipment in addition to refurbishment of existing learning spaces. These facilities will provide a modern and contemporary learning environment which will inspire innovation and spark curiosity.



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

Go Together

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- National Volunteer Week
- Blair Boyer MP Visit
- Building Project class visits
- Reconciliation Week

(Pictured: Blair Boyer MP with Year 4 students)

DIARY DATES

15-18/6	Year 10 Exams (In class)
17/6	R-6 ATSI Excursion - SA Museum
18-22/6	Stage I Exams
19-20/6	Pedal Prix Race 3
21/6	First Day Semester 2 (Years 7-10 & Year 12)
21/6	Primary Years Assembly (CF4, FI & Preschool) *Teachers & Students Only
22/6	VISTA Year 9 Boys 9-A-Side AFL
22/6	Stage 2 Food & Hospitality Excursions - Love, Stephy Dessert Café
22/6	Year 4 Event - Recycling Relay
23/6	First Day Semester 2 (Year 11)
24/6	VISTA Senior Boys 5-A-Side Soccer
I/7	Outdoor Education Excursion - Rock Climbing
2/7	Last Day Term 2 (Early Dismissal at 2.05pm)

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2021

Friday 3 September - Term 3, Week 7

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday 6 September - Term 3, Week 8

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Winter Music Recital

A large ensemble of Music students from Year 5 to 12 recently performed to 150 plus people in our sold out theatre. It was truly an uplifting event seeing students performing a wide range of genres in front of so many people, coordinating stage changes and providing commentary about the music.

Well done to you all. Especially your Music teachers Alex Spalding, Shirley Robinson, parent volunteer Charisa Sanders and all supporting Arts staff and other staff. Art work was displayed across one wall with people managing video, sound and set too.

IIth June Pupil Free Professional Learning Day

I want to acknowledge the significant planning that came together to provide the following rich offerings for all of our staff.

- Preschool to Year 2 teachers were involved in Oral Language and Vocabulary facilitated by our bought in Speech Pathologist Majella Mrdjen.
- Year 3 to 6 teachers explored Maths Proficiencies and looked at developing our Maths Scope and Sequences for 2022.
- Year 7 to 12 worked in online teams with teachers from north eastern secondary partnership schools sharing task design exemplars and approaches.
- Classroom support staff are attending Sensory Strategies for the Classroom.
- Administration support staff are looking at service departments centrally and in Hindmarsh that support our work.

Formal Friday IIth June

The 2021 Year 12 class looked like they had a fun time at their formal last Friday. Invitations were made to the 2020 class who missed their formal last year. For the first time parents and family members were invited to a reception

prior to the formal at Sfera's on the Park. Over 120 parents and family members accepted the invitation to attend, and together with teachers, got involved in photos and enjoyed seeing our students dressed up in celebration of their Year 12 year. The normal formal event then commenced from 7pm with dinner, awards, music and dancing. Thanks to our organising staff and in particular Year 12 Coordinator Arthur Roubanis, SACE Coordinator Ian Benjafield, Deputy Principal Meg Fay and Year 12 Home Group Teachers Bridget Roberts, Sean Utting, Tom Cridland, Mark Damm, Craig Holyhrim, David Eglinton and Jo Cichinski. An article and photos of the formal will be published in our next newsletter issue.

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Preschool – Enrol now

We are currently accepting registrations for Preschool in 2022. If you are interested in enrolling a child in Preschool for 2022 please follow the enrolment registration process via our website <u>www.theheights.sa.edu.au</u> or visit the Front Office to collect a Preschool Registration Form.

Year 11 Exams

Year 11 commence Friday. It is important students take this seriously as an opportunity to practice revision skills in preparation for Year 12.

Semester 2

Semester 2 commences on the 21st June. This mainly affects secondary years as some of their subjects and teachers will change. We are also into report writing which is always a busy time of year as students are completing last minute subject assessment tasks.

Reports will be available at the end of this term.



Nigel Gill Principal



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Building Project -

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program WINTER MARKET STALL

Selling Baked Goodies, Fresh Garden Produce, Seasonal Herbs, Plants, Seedlings & more

> Week 10: Tuesday 29th June 2021 from 2.30pm - 3.30pm / Under the Rotunda CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week for 2021 was during Week 5 this term. To take part, we held a morning tea for our volunteers to thank them on behalf of the Department for Education for their service so far this year.



It was a wonderful morning and gave our Principal, Nigel Gill the opportunity to personally thank the volunteers for their continued dedication to our school and students.

As always, it's great to have everyone together. We appreciated those who were able to come along representing various volunteering areas such as Clovercrest Baptist Church mentors, Governing Council, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, Pedal Prix, classroom support, school events and productions and the Resource Centre.

Thank you also to our staff members who were able to attend including Rebekah Goodall, Primary Years Leader, Laura Tambe, Assistant Principal – Support Services P-6, Noelle Wallis, P-12 Wellbeing & Inclusive Support, Felicity Barty, Events & Marketing Manager and Amanda Pryor – SAKG Specialist.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our Pedal Prix team all the best for their first big race in 20 months this weekend. Your continued commitment to Pedal Prix throughout a difficult 2020 due to COVID-19 is commendable and we wish you all an enjoyable and safe race!

Gjuzide Apat Community Liaison















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:

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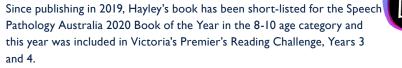
Membership is valid for 12 months and can start at any time.

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!



Hayley Frazer is an inspiring Year 11 student who has used her challenging journey to date to educate others about the importance of tolerance through a self-published book 'Something A Little Different'.



After meeting Hayley, Blair Boyer MP, State Member for Wright, personally wrote to the Minister for Education to request Hayley's book be considered for the South Australian Premier's Reading Challenge. Blair also extended Hayley an invitation to attend Parliament House and entrust a copy of her book to Parliamentary Librarian Dr John Weste, a rare occurrence.

Joining Hayley, Blair Boyer and Dr John Weste were her parents Helen and David as well as was Dora Stewart from Openbook Howden Print, a local company that published 'Something A Little Different'.

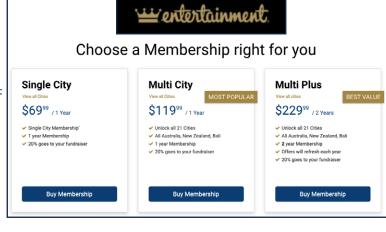
It was a wonderful occasion celebrating a talented and driven student from The Heights School - we wish Hayley continued success with all her future endeavours.

Thank you to Blair for your continued and relentless commitment to education and making a difference, recognising the valuable message in Hayley's book and your hospitality throughout the afternoon.















Dr John Weste, Hayley Frazer & Blair Boyer MP

BLAIR BOYER MP VISIT

On Wednesday 9th June, we were visited by Blair Boyer MP - State Member for Wright | Shadow Minister for Education | Shadow Minister for Training & Skills | Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

Blair is a wonderful supporter of our school and we are always delighted to see him. He recently made two generous donations, one towards Literacy and the other within the Science field. Blair provided funds to purchase additional books and readers for our Library. He was very keen to hear from the Year 4 students and listen to them talk of their favourite stories and what is hot in our Library right now. He walked away with some "must reads" he needs to add to his list!





Year 4 students from Catherine Di Troia's class enjoying the opportunity to talk about their favourite books



After debating all things books, it was off to our Science area to get an update from the Year 10 students competing in this year's Subs in Schools Challenge. Subs in Schools Technology Challenge is the result of a collaboration between Re-Engineering Australia, the Department of Defence and industry stakeholders including the Australian Submarine Corporation and Saab Australia.

It is the world's first in-class submarine design competition. Students develop a wide range of skills from design, engineering and manufacturing that strengthen project management, teamwork, collaboration, problem solving and communication skill sets.

Students design either a Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle (ROV) or a submarine which they must operate.

We are extremely proud to have 6 teams involved this year.

The students spoke with such knowledge and confidence as they explained their tasks to Blair, the challenges they faced and what they were hoping to accomplish. The students will represent our school in the state competition held during the Adelaide Royal Show.

Before heading off, Blair didn't miss the opportunity to meet one of our two new bearded dragons. We love incorporating animals into our Science area and these two make very cute additions. They have students (and staff) captivated and a whole lot of learning and curiosity has surrounded them.

Thanks for the visit Blair and thank you to those involved that highlighted your engagement and enthusiasm in what you do.





Vicki Cook Business Manager

BUILDING PROJECT - CLASS VISITS

Student Engagement with Chappell Builders

We have been fortunate throughout our building project to maintain a close working relationship with Chappell Builders.

This has provided opportunities for our students to not only visit the construction sites, but to engage with the builders themselves.

Recently a Year 10 Metalwork class and Year 11 Woodwork class had a chance to tour our new Gymnasium and meet the team from Chappell Builders.

Students were briefed on the project and were able to see the connections to a range of trades and further educational opportunities through speaking with the site professionals. They were also made aware of the many professions that are required from conception to completion and the vast pathways that are available.

It was a valuable experience that no doubt created further discussion with their teachers well after their visit ended.

Our new Gymnasium should be ready midway through next term. This build has been highly anticipated and it will be a much loved additional to our site.

The Primary build has only finishing touches to go - soon digital displays and furniture will be going into this amazing space and students will be in this new learning environment before the end of the term.

Kind Regards,

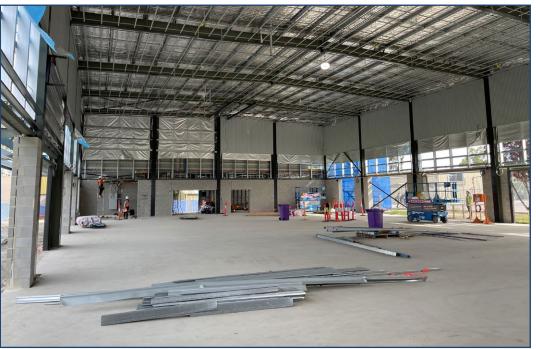
Vicki Cook Business Manager



Mark Damm's Year 10 Metalwork class



Jake Holt's Year 11 Woodwork class



Gymnasium progress

RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021: MAY 27 - JUNE 3

MORE THAN A WORD. RECONCILIATION TAKES ACTION.

2021 marks almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

This year's Reconciliation theme MORE THAN A WORD. RECONCILIATION TAKES ACTION, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year for The Heights School's contribution to reconciliation the Aboriginal Education team along with teachers and staff ran many classes, professional development and cultural learning/art sessions. Students also attended the Reconciliation in the North morning tea hearing inspirational stories from guest speakers Uncle Frank Wanganeen, Tahnee Sutton and Nathan May. Of great impact was the Year 11/12 Aboriginal students Reconciliation Q&A video where students bravely answered questions from

the school community about their lives and culture.

A big thank you to Mrs Irini for a fantastic display set up in the Library around the culture from the Warlpiri people of the Northern Territory.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures.

Aaron Murray – Raschella Aboriginal Secondary Education & Transition Officer









STAGE 1 MATHS METHODS UNISA EXCURSION

On Wednesday 2nd June and 3rd of June, a group of 43 students from Stage I Maths Methods class visited the University of South Australia, Mawson Lakes Campus. The students took part in a program of Mathematical 2D and 3D Modelling. The program was organised by Mrs Rubayya Noor in collaboration with the UniSA Connect Program .

In this program, students learnt about the relationships between design and product, the effect of forces and the mathematics involved in 3D printing. This program also linked mathematical equations with the structures they defined. Students were engaged in mathematical modelling, exploring

shape, strength, and forces of various bridges. Students then designed their own bridge and printed 3D models to test supporting bridge structures. They also built upon their knowledge of mathematical models and the relevance of these models to real world structures.









science







YEAR 10 VISUAL ART

My Year 10 Visual Art students continue to be busy creating props and backdrops for the upcoming drama production of *Robin Hood*. We have spent a large part of the term finalising our contribution. From the way the students have happily immersed themselves, it has been productive and enjoyable. Each panel is an expression of my students' determination and energy.

I would like to give a special thanks to Mr Mark Damm and Mr Andrew Smith from Technology. They willingly donated their free time and expertise in making the stands for the five backdrops. This was a case of colleagues supporting each other, a real team effort. I am very grateful for their help.

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This large-scale project has allowed my students to learn about creating art that is both eye-catching

Overall, it has been a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

and functional.

Petra Dolezalova Visual Art Teacher









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COMMUNITY NOTICES



PARENT FORUM - ADELAIDE

'Navigating Together'

You are invited to a Parent Forum for parents and carers of children and young people with disability.

The forum will include a keynote 'My Lived Experience' by Matt Cowdrey OAM, Member for Colton and Paralympian.

You can register to attend 2 workshops available on the day:

- Transition to High School
- The Behaviour Support Toolkit
- Student Support Services making the connections

The forum will provide a safe and supportive environment to share your experience, obtain information and helpful strategies as well as providing the opportunity to have your questions answered.

The information you provide will also assist us in the planning of future forums.

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

WHEN: Thursday 1 July 2021

9.30 am – 10.00 am Register/tea/coffee

10.00am - 2.00pm Parent Forum

WHERE: Special Education Resource Unit (SERU) & Fulham Gardens Primary School Performing Arts Centre

72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach SA 5022 Ph: 82352871

Contact: Jill at: Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au if you have any questions

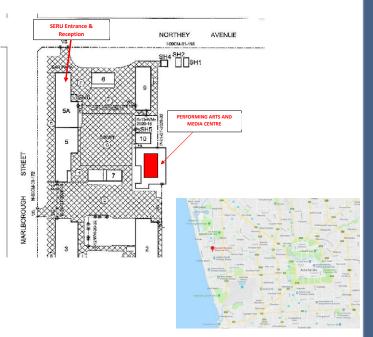
Lunch/refreshments provided

Register via:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parent-forum-july-1-2021-seru-tickets-156458261873

For other information and resources available please visit SERU website: web.seru.sa.edu.au

Location and access to the Special Education Resource Unit (SERU)



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Parking and Registration

Parking is available in Northey Avenue, Marlborough Street and surrounding streets.

The entry to the conference is via the Special Education Resource Unit entrance and reception office from Northey Avenue. You will be greeted at SERU where you can sign in before being shown through to the conference room in the grounds of Fulham Gardens Primary School.

Buses

The H33 bus travels to and from the city via Marlborough Street.