

# The Heights School

# **NEWSLETTER**

**ISSUE 17** | 4 November 2021

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> Instilling values and embracing our future



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# **ISSUE** HIGHLIGHTS:

- STEM Girls Conference
- Stage I Bushwalking Camp
- · Year 12 Parade and Breakfast
- All Schools Games

(Pictured: Year 12 Parade and Breakfast)

# **DIARY DATES**

Please check the parent calendar via our website for any last minute changes to scheduled events.

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### **Press Conference**

The Premier Steven Marshall conducted a press conference at our school on Monday 1st November. Professor Nicola Spurrier and the Minister for Health Stephen Wade also provided information and took questions from media networks after the Premier spoke.

Year II student Mckenzie Walden and Year 10 student Mohammad Zainal joined me to welcome the Premier and talk with him about our school before formal proceeding commenced.

The announcement was about school vaccination hubs to provide convenient access for students and families. The Heights School is one of 70 vaccination school sites in this program.

The Premier and Nicola Spurrier enjoyed mixing with students with Nicola staying back and proving to be quite the hit with our students.

#### Welcome to Preschool Evening

Preschool Leader Kate Hallam and staff invited new families to our Preschool for 2022 over two evenings this week. The evenings showcased procedures in our Preschool and provided information about our routines in readiness for children to start next year.

#### Transition Visits for New Reception Children

Over the next two weeks new parents of 2022 Reception children will been welcomed to our school by our Primary Assistant Principals Rebekah Goodall and Laura Tambe and our staff. We are anticipating 90 Reception children next year. Exciting times - we are looking forward to working with our new families over the next 13 years.

# Best of Luck to our Year 12 Students Commencing Exams

The general Year 12 population began their first exam, Maths Methods on Monday Ist November. Exams conclude a couple of weeks later with Physics on Thursday 11th November.

## Year 12 Dress Up Breakfast Parade

Our Year 12 students finished regular scheduled school lessons on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October with the dress up parade tradition followed by breakfast in our Year 12 area. Many of our Junior School students were involved, as this is a highlight for them as well as our Year 12 students. I was very impressed and enjoyed witnessing the positive atmosphere and interactions by all.

Well done to you all and thank you to our staff who not only support but enjoy being part of this event. Good luck over the coming weeks.

# World Teachers' Day

Thank you to Frances Bedford State Member for Florey who continued the tradition of donating buns for our staff morning tea on Friday 29th October with a special acknowledgement and thank you for the work teachers do.

#### **STEM Girls Conference**



Well done to the Year II girls interested in STEM who are taking part in a program managed by the University of South Australia. This is an opportunity to receive career information and network with women in STEM careers. A more detailed article follows in this newsletter.

Nigel Gill, Principal



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# **IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4**

#### **Across School Events**

23/II - Celebration of Success (Years 7-12)

10/12 - Last Day Term 4 (Early Dismissal)

#### Year 12 Students

I/II-12/II - Year 12 Exams
17/II - Year 12 Graduation

#### Year II Students

15/11 - Last teaching day for Year 11 students/ BBQ

16/11-22/11 - Year II Exams

#### Year 10 Students

22/II - Last teaching day for Year 10 students 23/II-26/II - Year 10 Exams

# Year 7-9 Students

17/11 - Year 8 Immunisations (2nd Visit)

2/12 - Year 6 to 7 Transition Day

3/12 - Year 7 to 8 Transition Day

6/12 - Last day Years 7-9 Lessons

7/12-8/12 - Round Table Assessments (Years 7-9)

9/12 - Pool Day Years 7-9 - Waterworld

### **Primary Years**

9/11 - New Reception Transition Visit 1 (Tuesday Group)

II/II - New Reception Transition Visit I (Thursday Group)

**16/11-** New Reception Transition Visit 2 (Tuesday Group)

**18/11 -** New Reception Transition Visit 2 (Thursday Group)

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23/11 - Year 6 Celebration Assembly

24/II - Year 6 Aquatics



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 ${f Monday}$  – Save 5% off  ${f Big}$   ${f W}$  eGift card to purchase some new books, a board game, and a new Switch game and then  ${f Sushi}$   ${f Hub}$  for a lunchtime treat

**Tuesday** – There's a birthday in the house today so it's a chocolate mud cake from **The Cheesecake Shop** 

**Wednesday** – Want to cheer up a friend? 15% off all hampers from **Interhampers** 

**Thursday** – Who doesn't love the **Adelaide Zoo**? Grab some **Subway** on the way and picnic on the grass amongst the 250 species of animals

**Friday** – It's coffee time from **McCafé** and supplies from **BCF** for some backyard camping adventures

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# **ENROLLING NOW FOR PRESCHOOL 2022**

# 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 your child to attend The Heights Preschool in 2022 please contact Dani Dunne on the details below.

Email: <u>Dani.Dunne687@schools.sa.edu.au</u>

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







# TEA TREE GULLY'S YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Another big congratulations to our Kyeha Garden Aboriginal students for coming runner up in the 2021 Tea Tree Gully Youth Achievement *Together We Can* Award. The awards were presented to students at the awards night on Wednesday 15th September.

The City of Tea Tree Gully's Youth Achievement Awards are an opportunity to formally acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of local young people.

The awards recognise the important role that young people play in the community. Prizes are awarded to winners for each category.

This award compliments the student's dedication to education and their community. The aim of the Garden program is to have our ATSI students engaged in learning about –

- · Their culture/natural environment
- · Seasons and how to care for gardens
- · Positive food habits
- · Practical skills from recycling, composting to budgeting
- Life skills and Engagement. This is especially important for those who face barriers learning in the traditional classroom environment.

We would like to thank Tea Tree Gully Council for their continued support of The Heights School.

Aaron Murray-Raschella

Aboriginal Secondary Education & Transition Officer





# **CULTURAL LEARNING**

This term, Ms Sulley-Beales' Year II students attending camp at Deep Creek Conservation Park in southern Adelaide had the privilege of a cultural learning session with Ngarrindjeri/ Kaurna elder Auntie Veena Raymond. Mrs Raymond shared with the group her story of growing up in the Aboriginal community of Raukkan, her vast knowledge of culture and the local area. The students and staff found the information fascinating, culminating in a question and answers session. On behalf of The Heights School we thank Mrs Raymond for sharing her story and knowledge.

Aaron Murray-Raschella Aboriginal Secondary Education & Transition Officer



# STEM GIRLS CONFERENCE

On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September, Year 11 students Gemma Blake, Hae-Yun Kim, Lovanya Mittal, and Amelia Sanders took part in a program for Year 11 girls interested in STEM fields. Through this program organised by the University of South Australia, the girls were able to not only enhance their knowledge and understanding of STEM concepts, but also have the chance to build connections with likeminded students from other schools. This program provided career information to support a STEM pathway for these students, and an opportunity for them to meet and network with women in STEM careers. Here are some of the highlights from a few students.

#### Hae-Yun Kim:

I thoroughly enjoyed the industry day. It not only brought a new perspective on what type of jobs the STEM industry provides but it also provided insight into a few particular jobs. This allowed for me to clearly think about what I want to be doing and what I don't want to be doing for my future career. It has inspired me to expand my horizon further and push myself to be more open-minded.

#### Lovanya Mittal:

My favourite part of the program was definitely the conference dinner! Throughout this dinner, we had the opportunity to hear from women who are passionate about STEM and want to share their experiences in STEM with others. After hearing from these inspirational women, we got to talk to them and ask them questions. Seeing passionate women in STEM fields really helped me to fuel my own passion for STEM and this event made me even more determined to pursue a career in STEM.



Hae-Yun and Gemma visiting CODAN on the Industry Day excursion



Hae-Yun, Lovanya, Guest Speaker Franke Agenbag, Amelia, Gemma



STEM Girls Conference at Mawson Lakes UniSA Campus

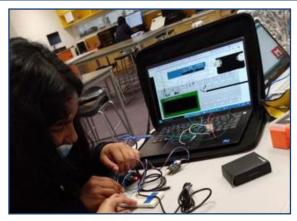
# ANDY THOMAS SPACE FOUNDATION SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Students from Mrs Van Hoof and Mr Trainor's Science classes have been involved in the Andy Thomas Space Foundation Schools Challenge. Entry was limited to 9 schools around the state, and our school won entry into the challenge which came with a \$5500 prize. We were competing against other schools such as Scotch College, Adelaide Botanic High School and Heathfield High School. For the project, students worked in groups to use Arduino microcontrollers to help solve an issue related to UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 which is to "Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all."

To achieve their goal, students brainstormed ideas and then used their Arduinos to create a system that could remotely measure or control an aspect of water quality. For example, one group designed a device that was able to remotely measure conductivity and turbidity and transmit this information using RF

antennas to a computer. As part of this project students were given the opportunity to visit the Australian Space Discovery Centre and were also given a mentoring session from Isabella McCulloch, an astrophysicist working at space innovation company Stone and Chalk. Students also used their devices to take water quality measurements in the nearby Kingfisher Reserve. Two groups were able to present their projects at Lot Fourteen and staff from the Andy Thomas Foundation were "so impressed with the level that the students worked to when building the Arduinos!"

Tim Trainor, Science Teacher





# STAGE 1 OUTDOOR EDUCATION BUSHWALKING CAMP

The Stage I Outdoor Education Camp took place Monday-Wednesday of Week 3 at Deep Creek Conservation Park. After loading up the bus, we travelled down to the park via Yankalilla for a bakery pit-stop. Day I saw the group hike the 8.4km steep trail from Pages Lookout to Boat Harbour Beach. On the return leg, students engaged in an individual wellbeing walk and hiked the last few kms solo. We then headed to Cobbler Hill Campground, to set-up the tents and cook nutritional delights on the trangia cooking stoves.

On Day 2 the group rose early and headed to Tapanappa Campground to hike the famous 15km Deep Creek Circuit. Rated a Grade 4 trek, the class headed to Deep Creek Waterfall for morning tea, before the steep climb up to Trig Campground for lunch. As the day heated up, so did the hikes and students took on the challenging journey down and then out of Deep Creek

Cove. The final two climbs are the most difficult of the trip and everyone was pushed outside of their comfort zone but completed the hike. Day 3 saw a weather change which made for a speedy campsite pack-up and a stop off at Victor Harbor before the journey home.

Students will now complete a reflection assessment on their planning for camp and development of outdoor skills while away.















# YEAR 12 PARADE AND BREAKFAST



# **CROSS COUNTRY**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November (Week 5), students will have the opportunity to compete in the House Cross Country. Last year the Aquila Dingoes were successful in claiming the house shield. This year the Hydra Sharks, Corvus Redbacks and Draco Crocs will try to knock off the defending champs!

Below are the times for each of the year levels:

Year 3: 9:20 (1kms)

Year 4: 9:40 (1kms)

Year 5: 10:00 (2kms)

Year 6: 10:20 (2kms)

Year 7- 11.10am (3kms)

Year 8 & 9s- 11.30am (3kms)

Year 10- 12pm (3kms)

Good luck to all participating and may the best house win!



The Heights School- Years 3-10 Cross Country 10<sup>th</sup> of November





# **ALL SCHOOLS GAMES**

Three students from The Heights School took part in the All Schools Games that were held on Saturday  $23^{rd}$  and Sunday  $24^{th}$  October at SA Athletics Stadium.

Antonia Pena (Year 6) competed in the UI4M 400m finishing in  $6^{th}$  place and the 800m finishing in  $7^{th}$  place.

Tryphena Hewett (Year 10) won Gold in three events, the U18W high jump, long jump and pole vault.

Onesimus Hewett (Year 12) won Gold in the U18M pole vault, silver in the high jump and finished  $4^{th}$  in the long jump.

Congratulations to all 3 students on these fantastic results.









# YEAR 8/9 MIXED BEACH VOLLEYBALL

On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 3 Mixed Volleyball teams competed against other schools at the VISTA zone carnival at Mawson Lakes. Our Division I team came runner up and other teams finished outside the major placings but fought hard all day.

It was very noticeable that the behaviour of all students was exceptional, with a fantastic turnout of numbers and sportsmanship also shown to all other teams no matter what the score was. In addition, those students who helped out with refereeing and scoring are to be thanked too.

Nick Schild and Georgina Sulley-Beales Sports Coordinators









# SAPSASA CRICKET

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, The Heights Boys and Girls SAPSASA Cricket teams headed to TTG Cricket Club to compete against other schools at the district carnival. The boys' team started the day with a strong win over Ridgehaven Primary followed by 3 close losses in the following games. Well done to all the boys who participated and congratulations to Deepak Panwar who was selected to represent the TTG District at the upcoming State Carnival.

The girls' team who was made up of primarily students who were new to the game, had two terrific wins and one close loss for the day. The girls showed great improvement throughout and had a lot of fun. A massive thank you to Alison Blake who coached the girls during the carnival!

Congratulations to all students involved and thanks for another great carnival!

Mr Seymour





# **NEVAEH EBERT: DISTRICT GIRLS FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVE**

Nevaeh Ebert, from Year 7, was selected to represent the TTG District at the Girls' State Football championship held at West Beach. Nevaeh was a standout in The Heights Girls' SAPSASA Football team

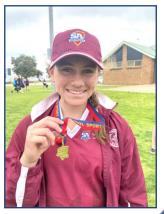
and was chosen during a trialling process with girls from other schools. Nevaeh's TTG team competed in the Division 2 competition at West Beach, going undefeated throughout the week winning the championship.

Congratulations Nevaeh on this terrific achievement!

Mr Seymour







# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



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### THE TACKLING TOBACCO & NUNGA ACTIVE

**ABORIGINAL SPIRIT COLOUR FUN RUN** 



DATE: Sunday, the 14th of November TIME: 9:30am Registration | 10:30am Start LOCATION: Civic Park, 995 North East Road, Modbury

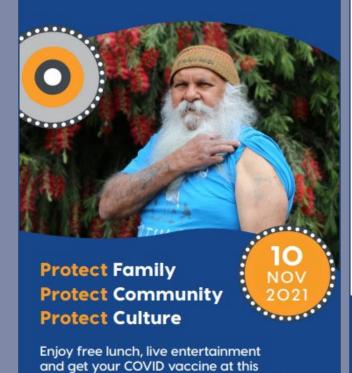
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Enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch, live music by Nancy Bates, Barkindji Songwoman and karaoke with Diva Di.

#### When

Wed 10 Nov 2021 11 am - 3 pm

#### Where

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# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



# PARENT FORUM NOVEMBER 2021 ADELAIDE

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

The forum will include

Keynote: 'Impact on Siblings' by Kate Strohm, Siblings Australia

Workshop on 'Inclusion' by Stuart Kitto, Senior Advisor, Disability Policy & Programs, Department for Education

In addition to the above, there will be two presentations available on the day:

- The Behaviour Support toolkit
- An introduction for Regulation

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 18 November 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

Please enter via Northey Street and not via Fulham Gardens Primary School

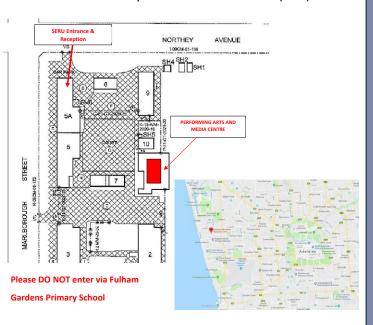
 $\textbf{Contact:} \quad \underline{ \texttt{Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au}} \text{ if you have any questions}$ 

Lunch/refreshments provided

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For other information and resources available please visit SERU website:  $\underline{\text{web.seru.sa.edu.au}}$ 

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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. Stop 27 is the closest bus stop to SERU.