

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Nova 919 "Wednesday Weather Kid"
- SAPSASA Sports
- Preschool - Year 12 Sports Day
- Surfing

Pictured: Preschool to Year 12 Sports Day

DIARY DATES

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

7/4	Alpha Show R-6 'King Arthur'
7/4	Stage 1 Outdoor Education Excursion - Anstey Hill
7/4	Year 9 Science Excursion (Group 2) - St Peter's Billabong
13/4	ATSI Excursion (Secondary Years 7-12) - Marni Wingku
14/4	Last Day Term 1 (2.05pm Dismissal)
2/5	First Day Term 2
3-5/5	Mother's Day Stall
4/5	Preschool Excursion (Tues/Wed Group) - South Australian Museum
6/5	Preschool Excursion (Thurs/Fri Group) - South Australian Museum

2022 PUPIL FREE DAYS/ SCHOOL CLOSURE:

Term 2	Friday 10 June (Week 6)
Term 3	Monday 25 July (Week 1)
	Friday 2 September (Week 6)
	Monday 5 September (Week 7) - School Closure Day
Term 4	Thursday 15 December (Week 9)

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

End of Term

Being our last newsletter for the term with an Easter break running into the school holidays I ask everyone to take care.

A big thank you to the staff at The Heights for their effort and hard work during a challenging time where we've been regularly experiencing 30 staff absent each day. Many people have taken on extra work covering for those away to keep the wheels turning. Student absence has been increasing as well and everyone has done their best maintaining consistency of learning.

Thank you to the parents of our students for your understanding and support as we've continued schooling with increasing numbers contracting COVID.

Students are dismissed at 2.05pm on Thursday 14th April and Term 2 begins Monday 2nd May.

Parent Teacher Interviews

As I communicated to you by email, Parent Teacher Interviews could not go ahead as planned this year due to many staff away.

Unfortunately it is likely high staff and student absence will continue into Term 2.

Consequently, Parent Teacher Interviews will now be online or via phone during early Term 2 for primary students. Students in Year 7-12 receive an end of term report indicating learning progress to date, therefore online or phone interviews for secondary will be specifically for students not meeting a satisfactory standard. More information will be provided directly.

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.

REMINDER:

**Last Day Term 1:
Thursday 14 April 2022
Early Dismissal 2.05pm**

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.

Car Parking around the School

Please be mindful, patient and kind when parking, picking up and dropping off children around the school. Compared to many schools we are fortunate to have three large street frontages, though we know they get busy. There are many side streets if people are willing to park and walk a little further. Maps of these areas have been regularly included in newsletters.

Please don't use the kiss and drop as a parking waiting place. This is a practice we get the most complaints about. Again, be considerate of others.

Other complaints we receive are when people enter the school car parks and sit in their cars blocking an area that is already congested. This makes it hard for other cars to reverse and brings children into an area that they are not supposed to be in.

Unfortunately we are now having to investigate installing boom gates as a solution.

Open Event

A modified outdoor 2022 Open Event was held on the evening of the 23rd March. A good turnout



of families attended and enjoyed looking around the school and asking questions.

Nigel Gill, Principal

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COVID-19 REMINDER: KEEPING UNWELL STUDENTS HOME

We are still sending a number of children home as they have attended school with COVID-19 symptoms.

The Department for Education policy regarding sickness at this time is that if your child is exhibiting cold or flu-like or other COVID-19 symptoms, they should not be in school.

If you have had to give your child medicine because they have symptoms, this means that they are not well enough to attend school.

Children should not be in school if they have any symptoms, no matter how mild and wear a facemask around other members of the home (depending on age of child).

If you are contacted by the school to collect your child, because they are unwell, you are required to collect them as quickly as possible.

This is for the health, safety and well-being of everyone in our school community.

The Department for Education states:

It's vitally important that you please:

Keep your child/ren home if they are:

- unwell
- experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms (see the list below)
- any other member of the household has COVID-19
- they are a close contact for a person who has COVID-19 and are required to quarantine

If your child has had a PCR test please keep them home until the results have been received. Only send them to school if the test is negative and they are well.

If your child has returned a positive PCR or RAT test, please notify the school as soon as possible by calling on 8263 6244 as we will need to ask some questions. Some families are delaying reporting COVID cases to school, we would like to minimise the delay in classroom contact letters to the school community.

Please click this link... [Unwell? What to do | SA Health](#) for further advice from SA Health.

Should I get tested for COVID-19?

People experiencing any of the following symptoms, **no matter how mild**, should stay home from school and seek a PCR test only (not a RAT test) for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear:

- fever (a temperature of 37.5°C or higher) or chills
- cough
- loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- tiredness (fatigue)
- runny or blocked nose
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea
- headache
- muscle or joint pain
- loss of appetite



Experiencing any of these symptoms? Get tested.



We look forward to welcoming children back to school, once they are well. Thank you for your understanding and support in implementing these measures as we continue to adjust to this rapidly changing pandemic.

PRIMARY YEARS LOST ITEMS

We recognise it is inevitable that items will be misplaced by students. To assist in reuniting lost items with their owner we would like to highlight the importance of clear labelling with your child's full name and current class on all items.



Lost property will be located in a central collection point;

- Primary years; the corridor outside the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own belongings and if missing check appropriate collection areas throughout the school day. Primary years parents seeking lost items should check the lost property before school (8:40am – 8:55am) or after school (3.05pm – 3.30pm) to claim items.

Unclaimed but labelled items will be returned to their rightful owners after each clean-up of the lost property. At the end of each term any unclaimed uniform items in good condition will be utilised by the school and all non-uniform items in good condition will be donated to a local charity.

THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Mother's Day STALL

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
4 MAY 2022 5 MAY 2022

The Mother's Day stall provides students with the opportunity to purchase a gift for their Mum or special person in their lives.

Gifts range from \$1.00 to \$6.00

Please do not send more than \$20. Spending money should be sent in an envelope with your child's name on it and if possible a shopping bag to take items home in.

Teachers will be advised closer to the time when students can visit the stall.



NOVA 919 "WEDNESDAY WEATHER KID"

Nova 919 have a wonderful initiative that allows children to come into the radio station on Wednesdays and read the weather report.

Last Wednesday that lucky kid happened to be one of our Year 2 students.

Haku was required at the radio station just before 7am and had to record three separate weather reports that would air at 7:30am, 8:00am and 8:30am.

Haku got the full behind the scenes experience, watching the show go live to air and meeting the hosts of the breakfast show, Ben and Liam.

Haku got to sit in the studio and saw first hand how the producer mixes sound and edits the material.

Haku was nervous, excited and doing his best to take in everything. He certainly has enjoyed people coming up to him saying they heard him on the radio.

Well done Haku on a wonderful job!



Haku in the Nova 919 studio



Meeting Ben and Liam

WAKAKIRRI

It has been a very interesting term working on Wakakirri in the current circumstances. We have had to be very creative in our story creation and choosing the cast. The excitement is starting to build now as we are finally able to start rehearsing with our cast of 2022.



This year, our Story-Dance is set under the sea and is about an angler fish who wants to change its life. We will be visiting the levels of the sea from the deepest trenches to the coral reef. Steve Lehmann has started on our t-shirt design and Meg Holland has been very busy helping me with costume and prop ideas. In the coming weeks we will start working with our team of helpers to get costume and prop pieces made.

We would like to borrow some wet suits, snorkeling masks and flippers for use in the show. If you have any of these items that you are not using over Winter and would be happy for us to use, please get in touch with me in Primary Performing Arts.

Meg and I had a very happy visit to the Comedy Capers Gang Show storage shed a few weeks ago. They have a friendly group of volunteers who lent us many sea creature costume pieces. We are very grateful to them. Every year they put on a big performance. If you are interested, this year it is at the STARplex Theatre in Gawler at the end of May.

The cast, crew and I are looking forward to many productive Fridays leading up to our Wakakirri performance at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre in August.

Penny Phillips

THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION COMPETITION 2022

COLOUR YOUR WORLD!

Calling all artists! You are invited to create an artwork about something significant in your life; a family pet, a loved one, your favourite place, a fictional character or fantasy landscape. Don't forget to add lots of colour! By submitting your artwork, you will be part of a state-wide art festival involving over 9000 South Australian Living Artists. The exhibition is open to all students, staff and family members.

Important Dates for 2022

Term 3

Week 1	Friday 29th July Entries Due
Week 2	Thursday 4th August Judging
Week 3	Monday 8th August Opening Night
Week 5	Friday 19th August Exhibition closes

If you have any questions about the exhibition please call the school and ask for the art office or leave a message.

Catherine Bourn, Visual Art Teacher



The Heights School Annual Art Exhibition Competition 2022
8th August to 19th August

Featured Artwork by Liya Cojuhari, Yr 5

SAPSASA SPORTS

Athletics

On the 31st of March, The Heights SAPSASA Athletics team with students from Year 4-6, competed in the district carnival at Bulkana Oval in Banksia Park. Students competed across track and field events competing against the very best from the Tea Tree Gully district. Congratulations to the following students for their participation on the day:

Sophie McDonald (2012) - 100m, 800m, Long Jump
Maryam Baber (2012) - 100m, 200m, Relay
Jesse Simmons (2012) - 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Relay
Joshua You (2012) - 100m, Discus, Relay
Jordan Wilson (2012) - 800m, Shotput, High Jump
Nihal Vengateri (2011) - 100m, High Jump, Relay
Bodhi Ebert (2011) - 100m, Relay
Patrick Pena (2011) - 200m, 800m, Long Jump, Relay
Beau Lawson (2011) - Discus, Shotput
Lucy Cameron (2011) - 100m, Discus, Shotput, Relay
Verena Hanna (2011) - 100m, Long jump, High jump, Relay
Rachel Tomney (2011) - 200m, 800m, Relay
Bren Basil (2010) - 100m, 200m, Long jump, Relay
Owen Irvine (2010) - 100m, High Jump, Shotput, Relay
Joseph You (2010) - 800m, Discus, Relay
Rehat Kohli (2010) - 100m, 200m, 800m, Relay
Danicke Banks-Baird (2010) - 100m, Shotput, Long Jump, Relay

Congratulations to the following students who placed on the podium in their selected events:

Jesse Simmons: 1st Long Jump, 2nd 200m
Jordan Wilson: 3rd 800m
Nihal Vengateri: 2nd High jump (equal 1st lost on countback)
Beau Lawson: 1st Shotput, 1st Discus
Patrick Pena: 1st 800m, 2nd 200m
Lucy Cameron: 2nd Shotput, 2nd Discus
Verena Hanna: 1st High Jump

These outstanding results were topped off by both our senior (2010) relay teams winning their heats and coming 2nd overall.

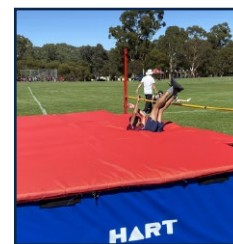
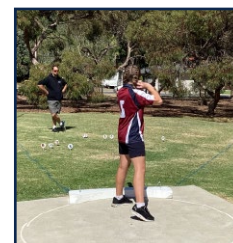
Students who placed 1st in their chosen event will be asked to compete at the Metro Track and Field Championships in September. Well done to all students involved!

Softball

A great day was had by all the Year 5 and 6 students who attended the SAPSASA Softball Carnival on Friday 18th of March at Golden Grove Dodgers Baseball Club.

We took 2 teams along and we were quite inexperienced in terms of the game of softball, but all students tried hard throughout the day and learnt a lot about teamwork and softball. Students competed very well throughout day and resulted in some good victories for each of the teams. Thank you to Justin May for his support on the day.

Mr Seymour, SAPSASA Coordinator



PRESCHOOL - YEAR 12 SPORTS DAY

The Heights School Preschool –Year 12 Sports Day was held on Friday 11th March.

It was a fierce contest with multiple houses taking the lead throughout the day and only a few points separating them on our leader board at the end! It was wonderful to see so much community and competitive spirit from Preschool to Year 12. Congratulations to our Sports Day House Winner: **Corvus Redbacks**. This is the first time since completing a full P-12 Sports Day that they have won!

The House Leader Board ended as follows:

Corvus Redbacks	2885 points
Draco Crocodiles	2869 points
Aquila Dingoes	2745 points
Hydra Sharks	2660 points

Sports Day 2022 began in a different way in 2022, with an online meeting in Home Groups and one last rev up from House Captains. This was soon followed by all classes moving to their outdoor spots for the day. It was fantastic to see all students at The Heights School participating in one of our biggest school events for the year.

The 2022 Sports Day was a huge success with a large number of primary students being actively involved and participating throughout the day. Students thoroughly enjoyed numerous events with Fireman's relay, the Tug-Of-War, Vortex and Sprints being extremely popular. In addition, it was great to see the Novelty Relay, where some of the students, senior students and teachers were involved. Lastly, it was even better to see all house captains leading chants at the end of the day with so much spirit and enthusiasm from all students shown.

Our Year 7-12 students participated in a variety of athletic and team events on Sports Day with participation points allocated for all events. Certain houses proved stronger in athletic events, whereas others were tough competitors in the team events. It was pleasing to see such a huge number of student entries in events and a positive atmosphere.

Congratulations to our Year Level Champions and Runners Up for Years 7-12.

Year Level Champions

Year 7	Antonio Pena and Leanna Batara
Year 8	Mason Beinke and Angeline Tung
Year 9	Wyatt Apat and Rajvi Shah
Year 10	Charlie Parkin and Sienna Aladesaye
Year 11	Jonas and Tryphena Hewett
Year 12	Thumith Chandrasena and Aimee Wilson

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the following people:

- Noelle Wallis, Finance SSOs and the HPE faculty
- The grounds staff who did an amazing job line marking and other behind the scenes work
- Preschool - Year 12 staff members – Without the dedication and enthusiasm of all SSOs and teachers during the day, this would not have been such a success.

To all the students who showed outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the day. Thank you!

Georgina Sulley-Beales, Pierce Seymour and Nick Schild

Year 12 Sports Day Memories

A super effort by the Year 12 students in getting into the spirit of their FINAL Sports Day.

Mr Roubanis



SPORTS DAY ART COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to the following people whose artworks were chosen as point winners:

1st (100 pts)

Dakota Jenkins (Aquila Dingoes)
Joseph You (Corvus Redbacks)
Nhan Nguyen (Draco Crocs)

2nd (75 pts)

Hikaru Muro (Corvus Redbacks)
Haatam Saeed (Hydra Sharks)
Abby Angely (Draco Crocs)

3rd (50 pts)

Dhyana Patel (Draco Crocs)
Elaina Kirk (Corvus Redbacks)
Amelia Sanders (Aquila Dingoes)

4th (25 pts)

Andre Lee (Hydra Sharks)
Angeline Tung (Hydra Sharks)
Averil Oon (Hydra Sharks)

Team Points Allocated:

Hydra Sharks	178 (28 participation points, 150 place points)
Corvus Redbacks	241 (16 participation points, 225 place points)
Aquila Dingoes	174 (24 participation points, 150 place points)
Draco Crocs	239 (14 participation points, 225 place points)

Well done to all of those who participated, your points made a difference!

Mrs Sztekel



SURFING

On Tuesday 15 March, the Stage 2 Integrated Learning (Physical Education focus) class attended a Surfing Excursion at Goolwa as part of their Practical Inquiry 1 Task. Qualified instructors were on hand to guide the class through the basics of surfing, with students being required to complete a personal self-analysis regarding skill acquisition concepts covered in class. We had a great day in what was a fun way to link our theory and practical components together. As the pictures show, the students had a great time with their learning!

Andrew Costello
Stage 2 Teacher

