

The Heights School NEWSLETTER ISSUE 16 | 27 October 2022

> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future

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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.



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

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Commissioner's Digital Challenge
- Gallery 1855 Exhibition
- Year 6 Aquatics
- Year II Street Smart High Excursion

Pictured: Year 6 Aquatics

DIARY DATES

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

26-	Stage I Outdoor Education
28/10	Camp - Deep Creek
27/10	Last Teaching Day Year 12
28/10	Year 12 Farewell Breakfast
28/10	SAPSASA Cricket Carnival
31/10- 4/11	Primary Swimming Week R-5 (except 401, 501 & 502)
31/10- 4/11	Study Week for Year 12 Exams
1/11	Governing Council Meeting
2/11	Year 9 Ignite Excursion - Ingenuity
2/11	Preschool Enrolment Meeting I (Tuesday Group) 5.00pm
3/11	Preschool Enrolment Meeting 2 (Thursday Group) 5.00pm
4/11	Year 10 Debating Award Presentation
4/11	Year 7-9 Boys Super 8's Cricket
7-11/11	Primary Swimming Week - (401, 501 & 502)
7-18/11	Year 12 Exams

Upcoming Pupil Free Day: Thursday 15 December (Week 9)

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 4

This term is the term where we hold our celebratory events. Events to take note of depending on the age of your child include:

- Year 12 Graduation on Wednesday, 23 November.
- Celebration of Success for Year 7 to 11 students on Tuesday, 29 November.
- Celebration in the Courtyard for our Primary Students on Tuesday, 13 December.

This term we welcome back Hayley Jenkins and Kayla Luciano returning from leave. Sharyn Keating and Kirsty Hatchard will be taking leave this term, we wish them well.

Year 12 students are very busy preparing for their final exams or completing final assessment pieces. I would like to thank our Year I2 teachers who ran workshops and supervised trial exams during the holidays for our Year 12 students. The last of the scheduled lessons for students sitting exams takes place this week. Study programs continue up to the beginning of the exam period - Week 4, Monday, 7 November. We wish our Year 12 students all the best in the weeks ahead.

Year 11 students have exams starting Wednesday, 23 November, followed by Year 10 exams Tuesday, 29 November. Information about the end of year arrangements will be communicated to parents by the relevant staff soon. Round Table Assessment for Year 7, 8 and 9 students occurs in Week 9 this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of attendance at school for our students. Other than for reasons of exceptional medical circumstances, more than 10 days absent in a school year is considered to be too many. We continue to follow up student absence if we haven't heard from you. Please endeavour to inform us soon as possible if your child is absent from school and contact your child's Year Level Leader if you have any questions.



Meg Fay Acting Principal



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IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4 2021

	Across School Events	
29/11	Celebration of Success (Years 7-11)	
13/12	Celebration in the Courtyard Performance	
16/12	Last Day Term 4 (Early Dismissal 12:45pm)	
15/12	PUPIL FREE DAY	
Year 12 Students		
27/10	Last Teaching Day for Year 12 students	
28/10	Year 12 Farewell Morning Tea	
31/10- 4/11	Study Week Year 12 Exams	
7/11- 18/11	Year 12 Exams	
23/11	Year 12 Graduation	
	Year II Students	
21/11	Last Teaching Day for Year 11 students	
23/11- 28/11	Year II Exams	
	Year 10 Students	
28/11	Last Teaching Day for Year 10 students	
29/11- 2/12	Year 10 Exams	

	Year 7-9 Students		
9/12	Year 6 to 7 Transition Day		
12/12	Last Day Years 7-9 Lessons		
13/12- 14/12	Round Table Assessments (Years 7-9)		
Primary Years			
29/11	Year 6 Celebration Assembly		
31/10- 11/11	Swimming Weeks (Reception-Year 5)		
22/11	New Reception Transition Visit I (Tuesday Group)		
24/11	New Reception Transition Visit I (Thursday Group)		
29/11	New Reception Transition Visit 2 (Tuesday Group)		
1/12	New Reception Transition Visit 2 (Thursday Group)		
5/12	Year 5 Quiz Day		
5/12	Year 6 End of Year Excursion- Bowling		
7/12	Footsteps Disco		

INTRODUCING LAUREN ARCHER

Hi! My name is Lauren Archer and I am the new Pastoral Care Worker at The Heights School. I have been working at The Heights since January 2022, and many of you may recognise me from the front desk, treatment room, and student services. I also have the privilege of continuing as the Defence School Mentor, working specifically with Defence students and families.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email at <u>lauren.archer6@schools.sa.edu.au</u> with any questions, or simply come and say hi if you see me around – I would love to chat!



PRIMARY YEARS TOILETS

Thank You Building Fund Donors

Clean and safe toilets are an essential amenity for all students. The Student Representative Council, together with the Wellbeing and Facilities teams have been working together to improve the primary toilets and put in place a student developed 'Safe Toilet Behaviour Plan'.

Improvements to the four primary toilet blocks were completed in the October school holidays. We thank and acknowledge the families and parents that contribute to the Building Fund, which made this upgrade possible.

With the continued support of the Governing Council, we hope to have improvements for the remaining toilets completed by 2024.

Kellye Rowe, Facilities



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31ST ANNUAL LIONS CHILDREN OF COURAGE AWARDS SA

Congratulations to award recipient Madison Roderick in Year 9

This year marks the Lions Club's 31st year running the Lions Children of Courage Awards. It was an honour to be able to recognise these amazing children alongside the Governor of South Australia at Government House once again this year, especially after having to cancel the awards in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. This year, the awards were moved from October to May and encompassed nominations from 2021 and 2022.

The Lions Children of Courage Awards recognise the tremendous effort made by children living with a disability, physical and/or mental, their strength, courage and determination in overcoming their personal challenges. These awards also recognise



the love and dedication of the parents and guardians of these children for their total devotion in supporting their child's development and to reach their goals.

Each child nominated was presented with a special medallion by Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC Governor of South Australia, in the Ballroom at Government House on Tuesday, 23rd of May 2022.

The judges for the 2021/22 Awards were Libby Kosmala OAM, Patricia Brougham AM and Neil Lillicrappe.

Thank you to Madison's family for sharing this news.

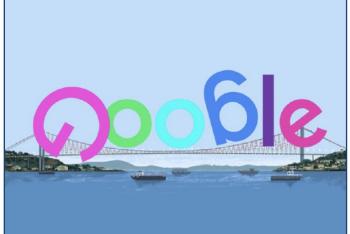
602 COMMISSIONER'S DIGITAL CHALLENGE

In Term 3, as part of our Digital Technologies lessons, students in 602 completed the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Digital Challenge: Learn to Speak Robot. The Learn to Speak Robot Challenge is a computational thinking challenge where students completed four computational thinking and coding challenge activities in order to complete the Challenge. These activities included using micro:bit MakeCode to make an interactive online image, creating our own Google logos, Minecraft:Timecraft and using the online coding website, Scratch, to create their own Dodgeball video game.

Jess Goldstone







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GALLERY 1855 EXHIBITION

Thursday 29th September was the official opening of the *Future You* exhibition at the prestigious Gallery 1855 in Tea Tree Gully. The Heights School was one of the four schools chosen to exhibit, with our Year 9 students exhibiting their work. With the theme *Future You*, students crafted lino-cut prints of their bedroom – the place from where dreams emanate. The attendance on the night was impressive, with each of the schools represented by students, parents and members of staff. The Gallery was alive with a buzz of delight as people moved from room to room, experiencing the artwork. Our work was recognised by other schools and parents for its high quality. I am proud of my students for their achievement and for the excellent

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way they conducted themselves on the night.

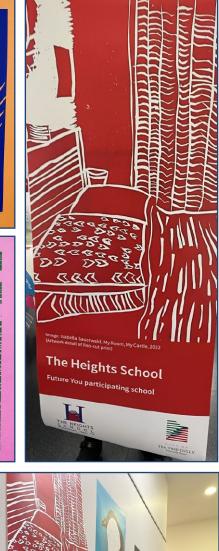
Petra Dolezalova, Visual Arts Teacher

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YEAR 6 AQUATICS

On Wednesday September 21, half of our Year 6 cohort (601 and 604) jumped on the bus for their traditional Aquatics Day down at West Lakes Aquatic Centre. Aquatics replaces the Swimming Program participated in by R-5 students, and involves learning new aquatic skills with a focus on safety around the open-water. After an early start and a forty-minute drive, students split themselves into nine groups to undertake four separate activities throughout the day: kayaking, canoeing, sailing (all on the lake) and surfing (a short walk away at Tennyson Beach).

Six hours in or on top of the water, with only a half hour lunch break meant there were some tired seniors on the way home, but a fun and successful day was had by all. The students represented the school with aplomb and received great feedback from instructors.

With the Public Holiday for the Queen's passing, 602 and 603 had their Aquatics events postponed. 602 will attend on Wednesday November 16th, and it'll be Tuesday December 6th for 603.

Year 6 Team





YEAR 11 STREET SMART HIGH EXCURSION

Our Year II cohort was privileged to attend the RAA "Street Smart High" initiative at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre held on Wednesday, 28th September 2022. The program is targeted at high school students in SA who are about to embark on their driving careers. The event was conducted over two days with approximately 8,000 secondary students attending to gain invaluable road safety education and hear from those affected by road trauma.

Major Crash Investigation Unit demonstrated a mock crash exercise, while members from the Road Safety Centre presented a session on distraction and were available for students during the breaks to discuss road safety issues and to have their photo taken in the road safety photo booth.

Street Smart High aims to reduce the lives lost on South Australian roads, with road crashes one of the leading causes of death for people under the age of 25.

The program was confronting, emotional and deeply moving and the aim was to share knowledge, teach skills and change attitudes towards the "CHOICES" young people make on the roads to make it safer for everyone.

Street Smart High provided an opportunity for students, learners, and novice drivers to learn about driving risks and avoid situations that place themselves and others in danger.

We are grateful to have been a part of this incredible event and support the initiative to improve road safety and awareness among young people in South Australia.

Navi Khokhar Year II Leader







COMMUNITY NOTICES

