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THE HEIGHTS

CHOOL Preschool - Year 12

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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! Go Together A Fair Go

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Australian Defence Force Presentation
- Year 7-9 and Year II Academic Awards
- University of South Australia STEM Innovation Experience

Pictured: University of South Australia STEM Innovation Experience

DIARY DATES

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

7/11- 18/11	Year 12 Exams
10/11	STEM National Final (1006 & 1007)
11/11	Year 7-9 Super 8's Cricket
15/11	STEM Day Out Excursion (801 & 802)
16/11	Year 6 Aquatics (602)
16/11	STEM Day Out Excursion (803, 804 & 805)
17/11	STEM Day Out Excursion (806 & 807)
18/11	SVP Appreciation Morning Tea
21/11	Last Teaching Day Year 11
22/11	Year 9-10 Beach Volleyball
22/11	New Reception Transition Visit I (Tuesday Group)
23/11- 25/11	Year II Exams
23/11	Year 8 Immunisations (HVP 2)
23/11	Year I2 Graduation
24/11	New Reception Transition Visit I (Thursday Group)

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

Click here to view our online calendar

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A WORD FROM NIGEL GILL

Dear School Community,

I write to say thank you and goodbye.

As you are aware I have been filling a temporary Acting Education Director position in Gawler and the Barossa during Term 2 and 3.

From the start of Term 4 I have been appointed to an ongoing Education Director position based at the Education Office in Felixstow looking after schools and preschools around the general areas of Campbelltown and Modbury.

This means I won't be returning to The Heights as Principal. Meg Fay who has been Acting Principal continues in this role until department selection processes make a permanent ongoing appointment.

I was officially farewelled by staff on Monday 24th October and the Governing Council at their last meeting in Term 3. I very much appreciated the kind and generous acknowledgements and well wishes. I look forward to being present and saying goodbye to students during some of our assemblies and celebration events this term.

I have relished the challenge and responsibility of being Principal of The Heights P-12 School since 2016. I thank people for their support and work over the 7 years of my principalship and wish everyone the very best.





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IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4 2022

	Across School Events	
29/11	Celebration of Success (Years 7-11)	9/
13/12	Celebration in the Courtyard Performance	12
16/12	Last Day Term 4 (Early Dismissal 12:45pm)	2
15/12	PUPIL FREE DAY	29
	Year 12 Students	23
7/11- 18/11	Year 12 Exams	22
23/11	Year 12 Graduation	24
	Year II Students	
21/11	Last Teaching Day for Year 11 students	29
23/11- 28/11	Year II Exams	1/
	Year 10 Students	5/
28/11	Last Teaching Day for Year 10 students	5/
29/11- 2/12	Year 10 Exams	7/

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			
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			

HOW TO BECOME A SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Join The Heights School Volunteer Partnership Program We value our volunteers at The Heights School and appreciate the contributions they make to our school community supporting the education of our students.



Where to volunteer?

There are many areas including classroom, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, resource centre, excursions and camps to name a few.

Not sure if you have time?

We appreciate any time volunteers can donate. Regular volunteers are fantastic and have the most impact but if that's not possible, even half an hour can make a huge difference to an area that really needs extra support.

How to join?

Complete and return our Volunteer Application Form together with the required documentation that is listed on the form available on our school website by scanning the QR code:

Please contact our Community Liaison Officer, Gjuzide Apat, on 8242 8900 if you would like to discuss becoming a school volunteer.



We hope to hear from you!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



People's Choice

The People's Choice Community Lottery is back on and has helped raise more than \$21 million for community groups since it began in 1984 with 100% of ticket sales going directly to the fundraising group.

For your chance to win some amazing prizes and support The Heights School fundraiser, you can purchase your \$2 tickets online by scanning the QR code.

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KEY DATES

Early bird sales close Early bird prize drawn Ticket sale closes Main prize draw 23 November 2022 1 December 2022 2 March 2023 9 March 2023 BUY YOUR \$2 TICKETS NOW



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GOOD LUCK!

UNIFORM SHOP

BEAT THE RUSH – TO OUR UNIFORM SHOP

We welcome new students starting with us in 2023 and look forward to assisting you with your uniform requirements. To help families we are offering some additional opening times:

Pre-school to Reception Visit I:	Uniform shop opening times:		
Tuesday 22nd November 2022 (Tuesday group)	Tuesday – 8.30am – 9.30am		
Thursday 24th November 2022 (Thursday group)	Thursday – 8.30am – 9.30am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm		
Pre-school to Reception Visit 2:	Uniform shop opening times:		
Tuesday 29th November 2022 (Tuesday group)	Tuesday – 8.30am – 9.30am		
Thursday 1st December 2022 (Thursday group	Thursday – 8.30am – 9.30am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm		
Year 6 to 7 Transition Day:	Uniform shop opening times:		
Friday 9th December 2022	8.30am – 10.00am & 2.30pm – 4.00pm		
Uniform Shop additional opening times in Term 4 – Week 10 (first week of school holidays) Monday 19th December 2022 9.00am – 1.00pm			

Tuesday 20th December 2022 12.00pm - 3.00pm

The Uniform Shop can be very busy on Transition Days, but we would love to see our existing families as well and help you prepare for the new school year. Our normal opening hours are listed (right) if you would prefer to visit us at an alternative time.

We have offered these additional opening times to provide extra convenience for families during such a busy period in the hopes of avoiding possible queues at the beginning of 2023.

Our Finance Office will also be open at these times, so if you'd like to settle your 2022 account it would be great to see you.

YEAR 12 IN 2023 COMMEMORATIVE UNIFORM

Orders can now be placed for 2023 Year 12 Commemorative Seniors polo shirts and jackets. These are not compulsory uniform items, Year 12 students are able to continue wearing the current school uniform.

It is expected that Seniors polo shirts ordered and paid for by Friday 18 November 2022 will be available for collection from the Front Office at the end of Term 4 2022. Orders and payments will be accepted after 18 November 2022, but polo shirts will not be available for collection until Term 1 2023.

It is expected that the jackets will arrive early in Term 1 2023, date to be confirmed.

Year 11 students were given order forms during Homegroup. Spare order forms can be found at the Finance Office and Uniform Shop.

Please see below for cost and order details. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact our Finance Office to discuss payment options, such as a direct debit payment plan.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Maria Parry via the school on 8242 8900 or <u>dl.1430.uniformshop@schools.sa.edu.au</u>

Cost of Seniors Polo Shirt: \$25.00 each (incl GST) Last day to return forms and payment for 2022 delivery: Friday 18 November 2022

Cost of 2023 Commemorative Jacket: \$125.00 each (incl GST) Last day to return forms and payment: Friday 25 November 2022

PLEASE NOTE: Seniors Polo shirts and Jackets are not able to be exchanged once delivered so please ensure you try on a sample jacket at the Uniform Shop before ordering. Normal opening hours apply.

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DURING SCHOOL TERM ONLY				
(Closed on Public Holidays, Pupil Free Days, School				
Closure Days and the first day of Term 1)				
TUESDAYS THURSDAYS FRIDAYS				
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Normal Trading Hours

8:30am-9:30am	8:30am-9:30am	8:30am-9:30am
	2:30pm-3:30pm	



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RESOURCE CENTRE

Scholastic Book Club

Many thanks to everyone who have purchased items from the Book Club. This allows us to purchase more valuable resources for our Library.

The majority of purchases have arrived for Issue 7 and are being distributed to students. There are still some items in transit but they should be here very soon.

Issue 8, the last for the year will be arriving soon. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase gifts for the holiday season.

You may pay directly with a credit card by visiting: www.scholastic.com.au/loop or download the LOOP app.

Payments are still welcome via the Finance Office.

End-of-term

Week 6 is the last week that students may borrow from our Library with all items needing to be returned during Week 7.

I highly recommend students join a Public Library if they have not already. In addition to being able to borrow books, there are usually activities available at little or no cost during the holiday period that your children may enjoy. All of South Australia's public libraries are connected through the OneCard network:

https://onecard.network/client/en_AU/sapubliclibraries

Please contact me in the Library if you have any questions.

Julie Simpson Teacher Librarian



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE PRESENTATION FOR YEAR 10 AND 11

The Australian Defence Force was invited to conduct a presentation at The Heights School on Monday 7 November 2022 for over 200 Year 10 and 11 students.

The ADF is a stable and supportive employer with over 300 career options available for students to consider. They provided information on training for every job, whether it be a role with no qualifications required, fully-paid trade apprenticeships, or a sponsored university degree that leads to a secure job upon completion. They also discussed 12-month Gap Year opportunities for students to experience life in the Defence Force, while gaining skills and life-long friends.

The session was a great opportunity to help students make an informed career decision. The session was followed by a short Q&A opportunity at the end, where students keenly asked their questions. The following topics were covered in the session:

- Roles available in the ADF
- School subjects that students will need to pass
- Options for sponsored degrees
- Short-term Gap Year opportunities
- Salaries, benefits and lifestyle of being in the ADF

Navi Khokhar, Year 11 Leader





ALPHA SHOWS - THE LITTLE MERMAID

Alpha Shows performed for all of our primary classes on 24th October in the school gym. The Little Mermaid was a full theatrical musical which expanded on the fairy tale, to look at the power of truth and the consequences of being untruthful.

Here is a selection of the feedback from students.

- We loved it because there was humour and lots of hidden jokes.
- We loved the special effects. The lighting and sound set the mood for each scene.
- I liked Captain Jack's role because of his dramatic fall in the storm scene.
- The characters voices had good volume.
- The costumes and sets were done very well. They had a lot of detail, with bright colours that stood out.
- We liked King Neptune's character and wish he was in more scenes.
- We liked the character Geeves, because of his acting and convincing gags.
- I liked how the music choices matched the theme of the scenes.
- We liked how they used popular songs to engage the audience.
- It was clever how the actors changed the scenes while playing their characters.
- It was impressive how the actors changed costumes so quickly. They changed their voices to match the new character. The characters were very convincing.
- I liked how Ariel fought for herself, instead of the prince saving her.
- The storyline changes that Alpha made in their version of The Little Mermaid, meant that it was entertaining and amusing for younger and older children.
- The choreography was well rehearsed and entertaining.
- I wish they had checked the lighting effects because some people in the audience had lights shining in their eyes.
- I wish they had done a sound check of their microphones for better audio.













INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday 2 November 2022, Chloe Hagoort represented The Heights School in the Instrumental Music Concert Band Performance playing a clarinet solo to a packed audience at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds.

Well done Chloe!



STAGE 1 OUTDOOR EDUCATION BUSHWALKING CAMP

The Semester 2 Outdoor Education class headed on their Bushwalking Camp to Deep Creek Conservation Park during Week 2 of Term 4. In the weeks preceding camp, the class planned their whole experience- including hiking routes, menus, packing lists, trip logistics and risk management plans.

Day I included the journey to Deep Creek, with a stop off at Yankalilla Bakery for lunch. After setting up camp, a hike to Blowhole Beach followed. Despite the wet and windy weather conditions, the group took in some excellent views.

Day 2 was the Deep Creek Circuit Hike, which includes several challenging ascents and descents, and visits to Deep Creek Cove and Waterfall. The group should be commended for the support they showed each other throughout these climbs and in helping each other through.

Day 3 was a visit to Victor Harbor and Granite Island, before the journey back to The Heights, with 10 exhausted students aboard.

A particular highlight was the menus that the class planned for their camp. They were set the challenge of avoiding using two-minute noodles as dinner (a classic Outdoor Education meal). The task was well met, with meals such as chicken yiros, chickpea masala and shashuka eggs on display... not bad for a small Furno stove and no refrigeration!

"I loved the group dynamics of the camp, because we were all inclusive and everybody just helped each other out." Alicia

"I loved my yiros." Harry

"It was a nice waterfall - it was so fluffy and foamy. It was somewhat a challenge to cross the water." Taliah

"It was great. The vibes were great, the walk was great and my chair was great." Lexi

"Overall, the camp was a success. All the students helped each other out with all aspects from food to walking. Not a single complaint the entire trip! I could not have asked for a better bunch of students to go on this camp with." Justin (SSO)





YEAR 7-9 ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On Monday of Week 3, we held our Academic Awards Assembly for our Years 7-9 students' Term 3 report. This assembly was run by our SRC members. The categories for awards were:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Leanna Batara	Sarah Warner	Dhyani Akhani
Rudra Patel	Chitra Dave	
Nora Tariq	Felix Schellhase	
	Angeline Tung	
	Niket Patel	
	Isabelle Strelan	
	Joshita Venkatesh Kumar	

Academic Achievement

Students wi	ho received	a minimum	of 5As	and 2Bs	

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Calliophie Estanislao	Mia Chambers	Ha Hwang
Antonio Pena	Aimy Goonesekera Madison Roderick	
Hannah Raval	Marieke Hooft Maddison Sanders	
Maah Roo Fatimah	Mia Banks-Baird Isabella Sauerwald	
Paavani Paavani	Sparsh Dave	Urmeekshha Urmeekshha
Leanna Batara	Mikayla Filmer	Trinity Urquhart
Mia Tran	Aaliyah Russell	Gil Gabarda
Anais Williams	Callan McInnes	Praveen Gunatillake
Samaira Gupta	Aniksh Mudaliar	Rudraneel Saha
Vama Nanavati	Sofia Fouyaxis	Nethra Alagar Raj
Chloe Ng	Angeline Tung	Sneha Biji Scaria
Alina Patel	Liana Cherian	Nhan Thien Nguyen
Diya Patel	Alyssa Furumi-Gartly	Munmun Pahwa
Gurshan Singh	Riwoo Jung	Levi Schutz
Nithya Amraji	Nakul Sharma	Madison Warner
Akhil Jeremiah	Anna Sudheesh	Damian Wickramage
Sanjna Kavi		Hibah Ansari
Jaebeen Lee		Samara Brown
Sasha Rebrun		Rohit Joseph
Eniko Regos		Sher Min Kang
Ashlyn Tung		Akshay Mishra
		Divya Panwar
		Jamie Ramoso

Significant Improvement

Students who had shown a growth of 0.5 in the grade point from Semester 2 – Term 3

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Jasmine Bedi	Mayyes Al-Khazraji	Abby Angely
Maneli Darehbaghi	Jack Lamont	Ashwyn Clark
Eva Eva	Ben Marshall	Nicholas Grant
Divya Joshi		Riley Pearson
Larah McKay		Jake Perrott
Deepak Panwar		Joshua Richards
Moksh Patel		Kacia Shaw
Shivam Patel		Alessia Skeens
Vihan Patel		Dinodya Thilakarathna
Pranesh Selvaraj		
Julia Zimon		

Congratulations to all of our award recipients and wish all students well in their Term 4 studies.

Lynda Rymer - Year 7 Coordinator, Ashli Richards - Year 8 Coordinator and Sean Utting - Year 9 Coordinator



YEAR 11 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Year II students on being awarded certificates for their phenomenal results in Term 3. The Principal's Award in Academic Achievement is awarded to the students with grades in A band. The Outstanding Academic Achievement is awarded to students with grades in A and B bands.

I am so proud of you all and would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to you and your families. Well done!

Navi Khokhar Year II Leader

Principal's Award

Deborah Baker Tabitha Gilliam Kisa Tran Reannah Curl Jeevas Andrews Outstanding Academic Achievement: Kaksha Vyas Vatsal Thakkar

Naishvi Patel

Tryphena Hewett

Mithuni de Silva

Sarabjyot Singh Dhaliwal

Aiden Hoffman

Aprilia Oon

Gus Vojnovic

Swati Kashyap

Kaitlyn Glover

Reem Jamal

Jasmin Buttery

Harry Nielsen

Leyla Opitz

































UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA STEM INNOVATION EXPERIENCE

This year our Year 10 Ignite students participated in the STEM Innovation Experience (STEMIE) – titled *Revolutionary Resources* and run by the University of South Australia. Over the 10-week period, students completed the STEMIE project learning about the science, technology, engineering and mathematics involved in the management of mineral resources. Students were required to complete and submit challenges to accumulate points in order to qualify for the Regional Final. The Ignite students were ably supported by Maria Provatas, Rebecca Nicholson and Louise Chatfield.

On Thursday 27th October, 9 Year 10 Ignite students attended the regional final at the University of South Australia's Mawson Lakes campus where they competed against 25 schools from South Australia, Queensland and Canberra. During the final, the students presented their combined work and then competed in the final presentation and challenges emerging victorious. They have now earned the right to compete in the national STEMIE Final which will be held on the 10th of November at the University of South Australia's Magill campus.

Well done Year 10 Ignite students!

The Heights School have participated for 3 years in STEMIE and each year have qualified for the regional final, however, this is the first time they have progressed to the nationals.

We wish the students the best of luck for the national final.

Maria Provatas, Rebecca Nicholson and Louise Chatfield

Student Comments:

'It was very interactive. We appreciated that we can present our project that we have been working on throughout the year to other schools and UniSA staff. Also, it was interesting watching and listening to other school presentations. Overall, this was an inspiring experience for anyone who wants a career in STEM.' Jiya and Angel

'A nail-biting experience. What a roller coaster of emotions!' Sahib

'An amazing and friendly experience. The UniSA staff and other students were supportive and attentive to our questions. We were able to thrive in such an environment and overcome any challenges throughout the day.' Aliner and Sai

'An interesting and fulfilling experience that offered us a great learning opportunity.' Nishta and Ryan



SAPSASA CRICKET

On the 22 October 2022, The Heights Boy's SAPSASA Cricket teams headed to TTG Cricket Club to compete against other schools at the district carnival. The boys were divided into two even teams and competed in 3 and 4 games respectively throughout the day. Both teams had mixture of experienced and new-to-the-game players. Both teams played extremely well having won all of the matches par one each in which both were narrowly defeated. Well done to all the boys who participated!

Some additional congratulations must go to Kunwar Sethi, Sam Mather and Beau Lawson, (along with Dev Trivedi who is a reserve); who

were selected to represent the TTG District at the upcoming State Carnival. The boys helped the team finish fifth overall at the championship.

A massive **thank you** to Jess Hulmes who coached the one of the boy's teams during the carnival.

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

Pierce Seymour





ALL SCHOOL GAMES

Three students from The Heights School participated in the All School Games which were held on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October 2022 at Bridgestone Athletics Stadium. Antonio Pena (701) competed in the under 14 boys 400m and 800m; Jasmine Batara (907) competed in the under 16 girls 100m and 200m; and Tryphena Hewett (1107) competed in the under 18 girls javelin, long jump, high jump and pole vault. Antonio got a silver medal in the 400m, and Tryphena got a gold medal in the long jump, a gold medal in the pole vault, a silver medal in the high jump and a bronze medal in the javelin. Both Antonio and Tryphena's performances have qualified them to compete in the National All Schools Competition which will be held here in Adelaide in December. Good luck to them both.

Melissa Hewett (Parent Submission)



ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ben Marschall (Year 8) recently represented South Australia in the Australian Orienteering Championships and Australian Schools Championships in Victoria. Ben finished 2nd in the Australian Long Distance Orienteering Championships and 1st in the Australian Schools Relay Competition. Congratulations Ben!!!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Cost: \$90 / 6-weeks

For more information and online registrations please visit www.soccer-x.com



Development Program | Popular | Ages 7 to 18+ This program is focused around building players' individual skill A athleticism. We also provide **girls only & goalkeepe**r options. 6pm for ages 7-12 | 7:15pm for ages 13-18+ Tuesdays & Thursdays at Park 19 | Wednesdays at Elizabeth Grove Soccer Club | Fridays at Salisbury Villa Soccer Club

Competition Program | Elite | Ages 7 to 16 This program includes the Development Program training sessions but includes competing as a team in the Premier Academy League. Key features include video analysis, national & international opportunities, Mindset & Tactical Masterclasses. Weekend commitment: Training/Games

small group training to improve soccer players' skills, athleticism, mentality, game knowledge. Mondays at Lockleys & Inglefarm 5:30pm Ages 7-9 | 6:30pm Ages 10-12 | 7:30pm Ages 13-16

Adult Soccer| Beginner & Advanced | Ages 18 to 50+ Beginner Groups: For adults looking to develop, have fun and socialise. Stay fit, play soccer and form friendships! Advanced Groups: For high level players looking to further develop their skills & athleticism 7:15pm Tuesday to Friday. Park 19, Elizabeth, Salisbury

Enrolment Fees: Free For First Term* | SoccerLifeMastery.com | 0423 619 188 NORTH & CITY Locations Available | *Selected Programs & New Customers Only



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