

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Muriel Matters Award
- Year 12 Graduation
- 2022 Celebration of Success Assembly
- STEM Day Out

Pictured: Wellbeing lunchtime activity (see article on page 6)

DIARY DATES

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

8/12	Year 5 End of Year Excursion- Movies
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)
13/12	Celebration in the Courtyard Performance
14/12	Year 4 End of Year Excursion- Bounce
15/12	PUPIL FREE DAY
16/12	Last day of Term 4 (Early dismissal 12:45pm)

Click here to view our online calendar

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 4 is a term of celebrations as the school year draws to a close. The Year 12 Graduation and Celebration of Success Assembly took place recognising and showcasing student achievement in 2022. Acknowledging SACE completion of our graduating students is always a particularly special day. It was wonderful to see the class of 2022 together with their families and teachers to celebrate their graduation and reflect on their journey at The Heights. They also took time to acknowledge what has been a challenging year for them. As a cohort they supported each other in an exemplary way throughout the year. Well done and congratulations to the completing class of 2022.

The Celebration of Success Assembly for students in Year 7 and above is an opportunity to acknowledge our students contributions to the school community as well as academic achievement. It was great to see many parents of award recipients in the audience. A particular highlight this year was a fantastic performance by the vocal ensemble led by Jenni Stam. Well done to you all.

The Celebration in the Courtyard will take place next Tuesday afternoon. This is always a wonderful event for our Preschool to Year 6 students and families. This year it will be live streamed for families unable to attend. Here is the link to access the live stream on the day: <https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/livestream/eoyconcert2022/>

These events plus many more will feature in our 2022 Yearbook.

This term we held our Volunteers Appreciation Morning Tea. Eleven of our volunteers were able to attend our end of year appreciation event. Certificates were presented and the leadership team were present to chat with people. Volunteers provide a wonderful and invaluable service to our school community. The work our volunteers carry out helps to make a difference for our staff and students and is an important part of who we are at The Heights. When volunteers were not able to be onsite in past times due to COVID -19 there truly was

a noticeable absence and their presence and contribution was truly missed. We thank all of our volunteers for their work and support of our school and its programs.

At the end of the school year we also have some staff farewells. Leaving at the end of this year is Vijeiy Krishna to retirement, we wish him well. Andrew Smith, Sarah Rogers, Gen Lempens, Sharyn Keating and Jemma Plaisted are taking on other roles in new locations next year and we thank them for their service to our school as well. We also have some staff to thank who are completing contracts at the end of this term and we will thank them individually at our staff farewell.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for the valuable contribution you make to the education and care of our students. This has been an interesting year in schools, starting with online learning for many of our students at the beginning of the year, followed by significant absence of staff and students due to illness and regulations. The collegiality, professionalism and support demonstrated by our staff to ensure we provide a quality learning experience and opportunities for our students has been unwavering. Thank you.

To our Governing Council and all parents, thank you for the support of The Heights P-12 School.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

We look forward to a successful year in 2023.

Last day of Term 4: Friday 16 December
School Bus and OSHC have been organised for a 12.45pm finish.

Semester 2 school reports will be available via Daymap Parent Portal from the conclusion of school on Friday 16 December 2022.



Meg Fay
Acting Principal

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SCHOOL STARTING DATES 2023

We would like to let families know that there will be a staggered start to some secondary year levels in 2023. A letter will be emailed to families in the week prior to school start with more information about the starting dates and where students need to go on the first day of school.

Primary Year Levels:

R-6 Commence: **Monday 30 January 2023**

Secondary Year Levels:

Years 7 & 12 only Commence: **Monday 30 January 2023**

Years 8-11 Commence: **Wednesday 1 February 2023**

Pupil Free Days/School Closure 2023

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2023

Term 1

Thursday 6 April 2023 (Term 1, Week 10)

Term 2

Monday 1 May 2023 (Term 2, Week 1)

Friday 9 June 2023 (Term 2, Week 6)

Term 3

Tuesday 5 September 2023 (Term 3, Week 7)

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday 4 September 2023 (Term 3, Week 7)



LOST & FOUND

The **lost property** at The Heights is enormous!

We will have it displayed in the Courtyard
on **Tuesday 13th December in Week 9**, in the afternoon.

Please come look through it **for any items**
that may belong to you. All items are unlabelled.

Anything leftover will be donated.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

SUMMER BAKE SALE

Selling delicious treats & baked goodies

(using produce harvested from our school garden)



Week 9: Tuesday 13th December 2022

from 1.15pm - 3.15pm / By the Lift - Far end of the Courtyard

Cash Payments ONLY - Please bring \$10 and under, as we only have a small Float.

UNIFORM SHOP

NEEDING SCHOOL UNIFORMS? COME BEFORE THE END OF 2022 & BEAT THE RUSH

The beginning of a school year creates busy times and there is no busier place than our Uniform Shop. To help families we are going to offer opening times the week after school finishes, please take advantage of these extended hours and avoid the queues in 2023.

ADDITIONAL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES:

Monday 19 December 2022 9.00am – 1.00pm

Tuesday 20 December 2022 12.00pm - 3.00pm

In addition, we are also opening our Finance Office during the times above. Hopefully this provides a welcomed opportunity for families to settle their 2022 account, we would love to see you.

DID YOU KNOW?

For your convenience, you are able to order uniforms online via the school website. You will be contacted when your order is ready, and you can simply collect it from the front office. Please contact us if you would like further information.

ADVANCE NOTICE – ADMINISTRATION/FEE PAYING DAYS

Families of our enrolled students will receive Materials & Services Charges together with other helpful school information via mail early in January 2023. To provide convenience for families with payment of these charges, the school administration opens during the below times the week prior to the school term commencing:-

Tuesday 24 January 2023

3.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 25 January 2023

9.00am – 12.00pm

During these times the school also opens its Uniform Shop, offers payment plan services, school card applications and provides customer service to assist parents with queries relating to administrative forms and general information. It is also a great opportunity to verify and update any family information we have recorded to assist with correspondence and your child/ren's wellbeing (for example postal address, email, emergency contacts, and medical plans).

We encourage families to make payments and apply for school card online via the school website www.theheights.sa.edu.au

ADDITIONAL OPENING TIMES OF OUR UNIFORM SHOP TO BEGIN 2023

To further support our families as they prepare their child/ren for a successful start to 2023, we are offering additional opening times to our uniform shop the week before school starts and the first week of the school term.

Tuesday 24 January 2023 – 9.00am – 1.00pm *Fee paying day

Wednesday 25 January 2023 – 3.00pm – 6.00pm *Fee paying day

Monday 30 January 2023 – First day of Term 1 - **UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED**

Tuesday 31 January 2023 – 8.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday 1 February 2023 – 8.30am – 10.30am

Thursday 2 February 2023 – 8.30am – 10.30am & 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Friday 3 February 2023 – 8.30am – 10.30am

Please note the Uniform Shop will NOT be open on the first day of Term 1

PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY FUNDRAISER



People's Choice COMMUNITY LOTTERY

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!

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.

**BUY
YOUR \$2
TICKETS
NOW**



SCAN ME



KEY DATES

Early bird prize drawn	1 December 2022
Ticket sale closes	2 March 2023
Main prize draw	9 March 2023

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT AND
GOOD LUCK!**

MURIEL MATTERS AWARD

On Tuesday 29th of November, Gabbi Colloff a Year 12 graduate in 2022 was presented with the Muriel Matters Award. The Muriel Matters Awards program was established in 2021. The award program is for schools with secondary enrolments and is conducted under the guidance of the Speaker of the House of Assembly and the Minister for Education. The awards have been developed to acknowledge the trail blazing work and life of Muriel Matters, the South Australian-born suffragist, educator and social reformer.

The Muriel Matters Awards provides the opportunity for young South Australians to be recognised for their contribution through the use of democratic processes to take some form of action in their school or broader community.

The awards are to be conducted annually for Department for Education, Catholic Education and Independent schools and managed by the Department for Education.

Gabbi demonstrated the following to win the award:

- self-starting and shows initiative beyond school arranged activities
- involved in democratic processes to promote change and make a difference
- taken action of some type
- exhibited in their action a degree of selflessness and personal challenge.

Gabbi was presented with the award by Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Member for Wright. Congratulations to Gabbi. The Heights School community wishes her well with her future goals and aspirations.

Daniel Brzezinski

Student Wellbeing Leader (7-12)



thank you volunteers

On behalf of The Heights School staff and students we extend our thanks and appreciation to our volunteers, student volunteers and wider community members in particular Clovercrest Baptist Church, Pathways Community Centre, Kickstart for Kids and Revival City Church for the invaluable support you have all made to our school during 2022.

We wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you in 2023!



our youngest volunteer inspired by his family who volunteer at the school

RESOURCE CENTRE

Quiz Day

Students in Year 5 had a busy day in the Library on Monday competing in the annual Quiz Day.

A series of questions were asked from a range of subjects including Space, Maths, Sport, Music and HASS.

Congratulations to the winning team "M & M's" –

Nysa, Caitlan, Khushi, Katie, Vanshika and Claudia from 502.

Thank you to everyone who participated – students, staff and special mention to the Year 7 "white coat" helpers and Year 12 students Gabby and Daniel who really added to the day!

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all!

Ms Simpson, Teacher Librarian

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Georgia Atkins (803) and Australian Champion Deauxrogue Ruff As Gutz (Biscuit). Georgia starting showing her puppy Biscuit this year in Dog Shows. The dynamic duo have been super successful, and have recently been named Australian Champion! This has included 4x Best Puppy in Group. The goal for 2023 is to go back-to-back!



WELLBEING LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY

On Thursday December 1st the wellbeing team hosted a lunchtime event 'Be kind to your mind'. By far the most popular activity was 'Wellbeing Bingo'. When it was completed students won a fidget popper which were donated by Headspace especially for the event.

Students had the opportunity to participate in mindful colouring, growth mindset worksheet and making a gratitude flower. As you can see we had many students come along and enjoy the fun!

Heading into 2023 we are planning more student wellbeing activities and celebrations.

Rachel Scott, Wellbeing and Inclusive Support and Lauren Archer, Pastoral Care Worker



YEAR 9 DRAMA PERFORMANCE

On Friday the 2nd of December, the Year 9 Drama class performed 'Game of Tiaras'. This comedic play followed Cinderella, The Snow Queen (who in no way bore resemblance to the copyrighted character from the Frozen series), and Belle as they fought over their father's kingdom. 'Game of Tiaras' combined the gut-wrenching plot twists of 'Game of Thrones' (and none of the R rated themes), with the soul-numbing despair of Shakespeare's tragedy, 'King Lear'.

The Year 9 Drama class had been practicing throughout the last two terms to prepare for this performance. Throughout the rehearsal process, students learnt the importance of reacting to the action on stage, timely delivery of lines, using levels, appropriate tone for character, and exaggerated movement. All students were extremely successful in portraying their characters and should be extremely proud of their performance. Well done Year 9s!

Leah Kovacic

Drama, Spanish and English Teacher



YEAR 12 GRADUATION

Graduation Ceremony - 2022

Staff, families and invited guests came together at Sferas Convention Centre on the 23rd November to celebrate their achievements and successes of the Year 12 class of 2022, to reflect on their schooling and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Our MCs David Maslov, Lovanya Mittal, Amelia Sanders and Aimee Wilson were brilliant hosts ensuring the event ran smoothly.

This year's guest speaker was Brendan Ritter who provided us with some insight into his life journey since leaving The Heights since his graduation in 2016.

Gabrielle Colloff and David Maslov presented the Student Reflection Speech before viewing the slideshow presentation of the Year 12 students over their time at school.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish our Year 12 students every success in their future pathways.



Preschool to Year 12 Group



Guest Speaker - Brendan Ritter



Dux of Subject – English Literary Studies – Deborah Baker



Dux of Subject – Workplace Practices – Christopher Birkin



Dux of Subject – General Mathematics – Jessica Briscoe



Dux of Subject – Society and Culture, Health and Well Being – Gabrielle Colloff



Dux of Subject – Chemistry, Mathematical Methods – Paul Cyril



Dux of Subject – Design and Technology Materials (Furniture Construction) - Tara May



Dux of Subject – Psychology – Aida Hazirah Norishaam



Dux of Subject – Essential English – Danielle Payne



Dux of Subject – Research Project – Renae Phelan



Dux of Subject – Creative Arts, Essential Mathematics, Visual Arts – Art – Dominic Saing



Dux of Subject – English, Integrated Learning (Physical Education Focus) – Amelia Sanders



Dux of Subject – Physics – Vatsal Thakkar



Dux of Subject – Food and Hospitality – Olivia Vallelonga



Dux of Subject – Biology, Music Explorations – Aimee Wilson



Dux of Subject – Specialist Mathematics – Yaxuan Zhu

YEAR 12 GRADUATION (CONTINUED)



*Perseverance and
Determination Award –
Kinan Ghanem*



*Makin Humanitarian
Award –
Gabrielle Colloff*



*Ampol All Rounder
Award –
Aimee Wilson*



*Rotary Community
Service Award –
Daniel Mather*



*ADF Long Tan
Leadership and
Teamwork Award –
Amelia Sanders*



*ADF Future
Innovators Award –
Gemma Blake*



Home Group – Ms Rogers



Home Group – Mr Smith



Home Group – Ms Roberts



Home Group – Mr Holt



Home Group – Ms Gilson



Home Group – Ms Cichinski

2022 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS ASSEMBLY

Our 2022 Celebration of Success assembly was held on Tuesday 28 November. This event was attended by a large number of parents and caregivers, local dignitaries, students, staff and teachers.

Our student hosts, Aimee Wilson and Lovanya Mittal were exceptional in front of such a large audience. We would also like to thank Poppy Webber for her Acknowledgment of Country and Amelia Sanders for closing the ceremony.

Students were recognised for their academic achievements, sporting achievements and service to others. All recipients embody our shared school values in a multitude of ways.

Congratulations to all award recipients.

Pedal Prix

Tait Hatchard
Kira Maher

Music Awards

Year 7-9
Levi Schutz
Year 10-12
Aimee Wilson

Sports Awards

Blake Oudshoorn-Bennier
Briannah Woodley
Jack Matteucci
Ella Strudwick

Secondary School Leadership Awards

Poppy Webber
Amelia Sanders

City of Tea Tree Gully Councillors'

Keane Award
Daniel Mather



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Preschool - Year 12

Sponsored Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the following awards in 2022:

Isambard Brunel STEM Achievement Award

sponsored by Hon Mr Blair Boyer –
Member for Wright
Minister for Education, Training and Skills
Riwoo Jung

Isambard Brunel STEM Achievement Award

sponsored by HonMr Blair Boyer –Member
for Wright
Minister for Education, Training and Skills
Vatsal Thakkar

VET Award

sponsored by Modbury Lions Club
Reannah Curl
Dillon Stribling

Community Service Award

sponsored by Hillcott Ward Councillors Daniel
Mather

Equity and Respect Award

sponsored by The Heights School Governing
Council
Manuth Chandrasena
Dylan Turner

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork

Year 10 Award
Jack Matteucci

Australian Defence Force

Future Innovators
Year 10 Award
Angelpreet Kaur

School Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received School Awards in 2022:

Academic Excellence Award

Year 7
Rudra Patel
Nora Tariq
Leanna Batara
Calliophie Estanislao

Year 8
Chitra Dave
Isabelle Strelan
Joshita Vankatesh Kumar

Niket Patel
Felix Schellhase
Sarah Warner

Year 9
Dhyani Akhani
Jessica Jose
Shivangi Panchal

Year 10
Ajin Lee
Angelpreet Kaur
Gleb Dubinin
Jiya Sargun
Mah Rukh Fatima
Miguel Tolentino
Yuki Kikuchi

Year 11
Kisa Tran
Reannah Curl
Jeevas Andrews
Tryphena Hewett
Reem Jamal
Kaksha Vyas
Angus Vojnovic
Deborah Baker
Vatsal Thakkar
Aprilia Oon
Naishvi Patel

Significant Academic Improvement Award

Year 7
Pranesh Selvaraj
Julia Zimon
Kevin George Thomas

Year 8
Tahlia Miller
Malia Nicholls
Joshua Hopkins

Year 9
Nicholas Grant
Kacia Shaw
Cooper Hamlyn
Jake Perrott

Year 10
Riddhi Chotara
Lokhlan Horsell
Damien Alvaro

Year 11
Reign Aquino
Li-Lun Liu
Deacan Franey
Ethan Doughy

2022 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS ASSEMBLY

ADF Year 10 Awards

This year, the awards were presented by former ADF member and Governing Council Chairperson, Mr Jim Rouse, on behalf of the Australian Defence Force.

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award - Year 10

The Long Tan Award is presented annually to a student who demonstrates leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, it recognises those who display strong values such as doing one's best, respect for others and 'mateship', characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

The award is named after the Battle of Long Tan, during the Vietnam War and is a fitting tribute to the Long Tan veterans, for the very traits they demonstrated such as determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity, compassion and leadership.

Award Winner: Jack Matteucci - Year 10

Jack is an Aboriginal student currently studying in Year 10. As a highly gifted student Jack was accepted into the Heights Schools Ignite program and has excelled in his studies this year, obtaining very high grades. He also volunteers regularly with our Ab Ed department, but especially for the significant NAIDOC and Reconciliation week events.

Jack has a goal of becoming a professional soccer player or becoming a teacher with a focus on Aboriginal Education and PE. While Jack devotes a lot of time to study he is also an extremely good soccer player and is currently the under 15's Goal keeper for Metrostars in the under 17s JSL side. Through his soccer team he will travel to England and train with several English Premier League clubs at the end of 2022.

This year Jack was selected in the SAASTA, Aboriginal Football Academy - a sports-based education program for Aboriginal Students. Jack attends St Clair Recreation Centre once a week throughout the school year, during which he participates in a SACE/VET subject as well as a targeted football development program with coaches from MetroStars Soccer Club. He travelled as part of the South Australian Indigenous Football Squad and played at the Gold Coast in October this year.

Last term the SAASTA Specialist Academies had the privilege to connect with community leader Adam Goodes where Jack was able to have a conversation with Adam about identity, racism, leadership and elite sports. Jack is a big inspiration to our community here at The Heights School. Jack has become the spokesperson for the secondary Aboriginal student cohort and volunteers his time throughout the year to help promote Aboriginal perspective and culture in our school community. It is great to see a young person put in such hard work and really excel in their chosen fields.

ADF Future Innovators Award - Year 10

This award recognises student achievements in STEM in 2022. The ADF are presenting this award to encourage the next generation of innovators, critical thinkers and problem solvers; bright Australian students who are succeeding in STEM subjects. Achievement in STEM opens up a range of exciting opportunities which can help to shape our Nation's future. This award, acknowledges students who demonstrate innovation and learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Award Winner: Angelpreet Kaur - Year 10

Angelpreet is a highly motivated student who has maintained a high academic standard throughout school. She is determined to attain the best results that she is capable of and is prepared to work extremely hard in order to reach her goals. Her resilience and self-determination highlight her personality, and she is to be commended on her outstanding efforts.

Angelpreet's mentorship to STEM students and her participation in various STEM projects has earned the respect of her peers, teachers and the school's leadership team. Her focus to assist and extend students with their problem solving skills has improved her own critical thinking talents and has enabled her to become an independent learner.

Community Service Award

Sponsored by Cr Sandy Keane and Cr Kristieanne Foreman - Hillcott Ward.

Award Winner: Daniel Mather - Year 12

Daniel has gone above and beyond in terms of supporting the overall school community, even whilst completing his year 12 studies. Daniel tutors year 7 students during his free lesson time. He also support the school breakfast club and other initiatives which are put in place to help other students. Daniel's genuine care for others shines through and he is a valued member of our school community.



2022 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS ASSEMBLY

Governing Council Equity and Respect Awards

Awards were presented by Jim Rouse, Governing Council Chairperson.

Award Winner: Manuth Chandrasena - Year 9

Manuth's friendly and considerate nature is demonstrated consistently when interacting with his peers and teachers. He is kind, courteous, polite, and is always willing to help everyone. Manuth has an excellent work ethic, always works hard in his studies, takes pride in his sport, and his personal growth. He is a wonderful asset to our school, setting a terrific example for others to follow, and is a strong school advocate for a positive and respectful school community.

Award Winner: Dylan Turner - Year 11

Dylan is a quiet achiever, who is polite and respectful to all members of the school community. Even when facing his own challenges, Dylan maintains his respectful behaviours towards others. He is also always open to working with different people. A strength of Dylan's character is his commitment to always give things a go and constantly challenges himself to keep improving.

Isambard Brunel STEM Achievement Awards

The Isambard Brunel STEM Achievement Awards are sponsored by the Hon Mr Blair Boyer MP, Member for Wright - Minister for Education, Training & Skills. It acknowledges two students, one in years 7-9 and the other in years 10-12 who have displayed outstanding commitment to and achievement in the study of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). This year the awards were presented by Adam Duncan on behalf of Mr Blair Boyer.

As well as having his name on the street our school is situated upon, the famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, played a key role in Britain's industrial revolution, designing and constructing railway lines, bridges, tunnels and docks around the country, as well as providing massive advances in naval architecture. It is fitting that our STEM award is named after him also.

Award Winner: Riwoo Jung - Year 8

Riwoo has an inquiring, curious mindset. He has been prepared to think analytically and with creativity, producing some exceptional work products in Year 8 Science this year. His inventive paper model explaining a non-Newtonian fluid was insightful and elegant in its construction and movement. The complex engineering required to produce a 3D poster, mimicking the splitting of a nucleus to produce Nuclear Energy, was genius. Riwoo has displayed all the attributes that make him a worthy recipient of this STEM award.

Award Winner: Vatsal Thakkar - Year 11

Vatsal has continued to demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievement in the study of STEM as demonstrated by his many areas of involvement. These include: Excelling in year 12 physics which he studied as an accelerated subject this year. Achieving consistently high grades for his Year 11 Maths and Science subjects in 2022, involvement in the REA Subs in Schools Competition in 2021 where the team came second, involvement in the 2021 REA Subs in School National Final held earlier this year in which the team came third and mentoring students for The Heights School Teams in the 2022 REA Subs in School Challenge, the University of South Australia Year 10 STEMIE challenge, and the Year 9 IGNITE STEM challenge. Vatsal is currently working in a team on a sophisticated entry for the 2023 Oliphant Science Award. Vatsal is excited and enthused by studies and challenges in STEM and a deserving recipient of this award.

Music Awards

Award Winner: Levi Schutz - Year 9

Levi has been very committed to his musicianship and performance development, always demonstrating a positive and willing attitude in all scenarios. He has participated well in the Year 9 Class ensemble as a leader of his section, and has been a valued member of the school guitar ensemble.

Award Winner: Aimee Wilson - Year 12

Aimee has been an exemplary music student throughout her schooling, and has demonstrated a superior level of commitment to completing her studies. She has been proactive in Stage 2 Music Explorations, stretching and challenging herself with a high level of organisational skills. Aimee has shown unwavering support to the School Arts department including being part of the secondary choir and school guitar ensemble, as well as working with younger guitar students to impart her own extensive knowledge on their performance progression. Aimee has also selflessly spent time volunteering and showcasing her performance skills during out of school hours events.



2022 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS ASSEMBLY

School Service Awards

One of our school values is “Community, Continuity and Respectful Relationships, which means that we ‘go together’ in our work towards providing continuity of care, values and relationships from Preschool to Year 12. It also means our culture is family friendly, has a sense of community and engenders the qualities of trust, belonging, identity and pride in the school.

The following School Service Awards acknowledge those students who participate and volunteer to assist with activities within our school.

Pedal Prix

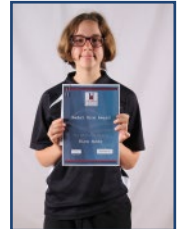
Award Winner: Tait Hatchard - Year 7

Being in his 2nd year at Pedal prix Tait noticed a need for computer technical support and decided to take on a new role to help the team. He has shown fantastic leadership skills by organising all aspects of the vehicles lap timing and the riders. An important part of the team Tait has been enthusiastic about taking on an essential non riding role and has been a great asset.



Award Winner: Kira Maher - Year 7

Kira has been part of the Pedal prix team for 2 years and was given the important role of Team Manager for the Year 7 vehicle Odyssey. She showed amazing leadership skills organising her team mates on race day and helping with the management of the vehicle. Kira always displayed great enthusiasm at training and a great asset during race days.



Sports Award

Award Winner: Blake Oudshoorn-Bennier - Year 10

2022 has been an incredible year for Blake. He gained Selection in SANFL 16 and Under State Football team (even more remarkable as one of only 2 15 Year olds selected). Blake has been playing SANFL 16s for North Adelaide this season- where he won the Club's Best and Fairest Award. At The Heights, Blake has consistently contributed to our school sports program. He has umpired and assisted in team coaching, while also participating in a number of carnivals, representing the school in a positive way.



Award Winner: Briannah Woodley - Year 10

Briannah was the driving force in the process for entering a Year 10 Knockout Netball Team. Briannah organised trials, assisted in team selections, was assistant coach and helped organise the team to play. Without her enthusiasm, this team would not have been successful. Briannah has also participated in several other School Sport Carnivals, and assisted in SAPSASA events, demonstrating her commitment to sport at The Heights.

Award Winner: Jack Matteucci - Year 10

Jack has been an active contributor to sport at The Heights in numerous ways, he has not only participated in several Sports Carnivals this year, he was also the goalkeeper in the Senior Boys Knockout Soccer team and has volunteered to be an umpire/referee at numerous sports carnivals for all year levels. Furthermore, Jack has been a member of the SAASTA Soccer Program, and will be travelling to the UK and Europe later this year as part of a Goal-Keeper Tour. Jack has demonstrated a desire to develop his knowledge and skills further in the HPE area, and completed his work experience with the HPE Faculty. He has demonstrated a consistent and outstanding contribution to sport, both in and outside of school.



Award Winner: Ella Strudwick - Year 10

Ella is a consistent contributor to school sport carnivals- as both a participant, a coach and as an umpire throughout the year. Her competitive spirit has been evident in all contributions, representing The Heights in an excellent manner. Ella also plays Football at a High level, involved in the Norwood SANFLW Program and a player at Modbury. Ella has overcome several challenges in the last 18 months to maintain her active participation and contribution to sport, both within school and outside.

2022 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS ASSEMBLY

Secondary School Student Leadership Awards

Award Winner: Poppy Webber - Year 8

This student has demonstrated key leadership skills throughout the 2022 year. She has been able to attend meetings, help on school events and also be a part of student leadership programs. She is always willing to put her hand up and help whenever it is required, she wants to improve herself as a student but is always wanting to improve the school. She has natural leadership skills and isn't afraid to try new things or take a risk. She is well respected by her peers and staff at the school and is showing an ability to be a firm leader in anything she does in the future. Her confidence has grown over the year, as she has contributed to year level assemblies and whole school events. This student is at the start of long journey through her schooling here at The Heights and we are looking forward to working with her and her peers to continue to improve student voice at our school.



Award Winner: Amelia Sanders - Year 12

Amelia helped to host the poetry slam this year. She turned up at lunch times in advance to help answer any questions from students and also participated in the slam itself, proving herself to be a great leader to the younger years.

Amelia provided a strong leadership role in Middle/Senior schools vocal ensemble, regularly participating in rehearsals and running extra rehearsals. Amelia organised an extra mini vocal ensemble which performed with great success in the Evening Music Concert and she organised the lighting system for the night. Amelia also started the year 9 ensemble playing while their conductor dealt with an emergency offstage.



Amelia was happy to volunteer her vocal skills during this year's SALA opening night, generously supporting the school.

Amelia is responsible, reliable, has an excellent organisational skills and work ethic.

Vocational Education and Training Award

The Heights School wishes to thank the Lions Club of Modbury for their sponsorship of the Vocational Education and Training Awards they present to two students on an annual basis. This award recognises their efforts and encourages them on their chosen career pathway. The Lions Club of Modbury provide each award winner with a very generous \$250 cheque.

This year's awards were presented by Mr Alan Zwar, President of the Lions Club of Modbury and Mr Peter Wilson, Secretary of the Modbury Lions Club.

Award Winner: Reannah Curl - Year 11

As part of her SACE Reannah completed a 12 month Certificate II in Food Processing VET course, in which she had completed all components of the course by the end of semester 1 and only needing to complete a short work placement in semester 2.

Reannah has shown commitment and dedication in all aspects of her education this year, keeping up with the requirements of SACE Stage 1 while also attending her VET course offsite one day a week. To add to this, Reannah also achieved an Academic Award in Term 2 and two Principal's Awards in Terms 1 and 3 for achieving all A grades in her Stage 1 subjects.

Reannah is to be commended for her hard work and dedication.

Award Winner: Dillon Stribling - Year 12

Dillon started his VET pathway this year completing a Certificate II in Electrotechnology. Dillon was also ahead of his class in completing all of the requirements of his course well before the completion date.

It is with pleasure that we also pass on the positive feedback from his trainer:

'Dillon was always polite and listened well. He just got on with his work and was one of the first in his class to complete every unit. Dillon never rushed his work, he always thought about what he had to do. Dillon is a capable learner and is keen to be an electrician, he has the potential of going on and gaining qualifications in instrumentation and programming.

I believe Dillon deserves recognition for his work this year, he deserves it' – Steve: Trainer and Assessor @ PEER.

Dillon has been actively applying for Electrical apprenticeships and we wish Dillon all the best for his future pathway. Well done for all of your achievements this year Dillon.



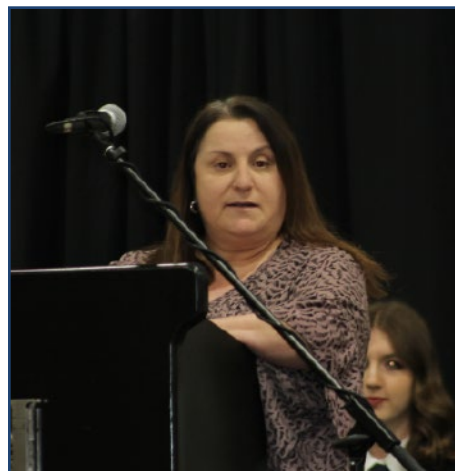
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Poppy Webber



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Mr Nigel Gill



Principal
Ms Meg Fay



Hosts Lovanya Mittal, Aimee Wilson and Amelia Sanders



Choir

ROTARY CLUB AWARD

On Tuesday, 22 November, Daniel Mather, a graduating Year 12 in 2022 was awarded the Rotary Club Community Service Student of the Year Award for The Heights School. This meant he was also in the running for the overall award in our area, against students from Kings Baptist Grammar, Gleeson College, Pedare College and Golden Grove High school. He was nominated runner up overall, an enormous achievement for Daniel.



Daniel and his family were invited to The Golden Grove Tavern for the award presentation. Here he had the chance to speak in front of Rotary Club members and other students and Principals from schools in the area about all the work he does in the local community. Daniel has had some significant contribution to his peers, sporting clubs and the whole school community over the years, and it was exciting to see him recognised for this. He also was presented with a \$250 prize courtesy of the Rotary Club Modbury Golden Grove.

The Heights School will run this award annually for students who contribute positively to the local community in many ways. We encourage all students to keep up the great work they do, but in addition to this, there will now be an award presented courtesy of the Rotary Club Modbury Golden Grove.

Congratulations to Daniel for being the inaugural winner of this award, and we wish him well in his future aspirations.

Daniel Brzezinski, Student Wellbeing Leader (7-12)

A SPECIAL VISIT TO 404

On Friday 2nd December, we had the pleasure of welcoming old-scholar Hayley Frazer and Member for Wright and Minister for Education Blair Boyer to visit 404. Hayley and Blair visited as part of promoting Hayley's book "Something a Little Different". Hayley has recently graduated from Year 12 at The Heights School. Her book shares an inspirational journey of kindness and empathy. The story is about Jonnie a teenager who is a 'little different'. He lives life on his own terms, but some people don't like that. The story follows Jonnie at home and school where he overcomes bullying and helps another student who is being bullied. It contains a positive message about hope and acceptance in a world of diversity. Hayley's book has also been included in the SA Premier's Reading Challenge for 2023. Congratulations to Hayley on her achievement as a published author and a big thank you to Blair for taking time out of his very busy day to share in this wonderful experience with Hayley and the students from 404.

Some reflections from the students:

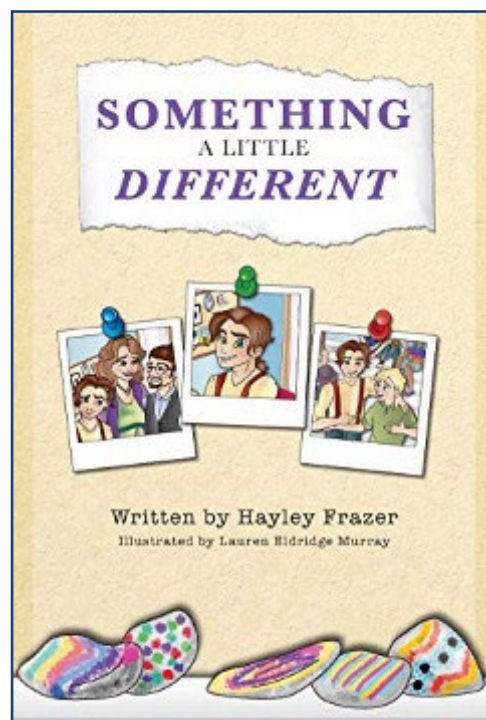
The book is great for kids that have experienced bullying or being teased. Whoever reads this book might try help someone being teased. - Japjot

It was a good experience where everyone listened really well. - Falya

It's really special to have people that have gone to our school write a book that's in the Premier's Reading Challenge. - Sebastian

It was really inspiring and fun. - Harry

I really liked how Hayley answered all the questions. It actually made me feel good - Kaine



CLASS 104

In recent weeks, 104 had the pleasure of working in the high school Art faculty. There the Year 1 students (guided by teachers Petra Dolezalova and Ms McMahon) had lots of fun playing around with clay and producing a decorative, clay ornament.

Students were given the option of a cat, Christmas tree, butterfly or flower. Stencils were placed on the big slabs of clay and students proceeded to cut out the shapes using clay tools. Students then decorated their cut out designs.

Once completed the clay had to dry. We were then invited back a second time to paint and glaze our decorative pieces. Painting was a fun process. We had to be incredibly careful.

From there, firing in our school kiln began. A lot of us were new to the word kiln and what role it would play in finishing our work. Students were surprised about how hot this art oven had to get in order to 'cook' our work.

We can't wait to see how our pieces turn out! We look forward to sharing these special pieces with you soon.

Big thanks to Mrs Petra and the Year 9 helpers that supported our learning and made it so productive.

Kate McMahon, Class Teacher



STEM DAY OUT

The Year 8 students of The Heights School went to a STEM Day Out excursion to The University of South Australia Mawson Lakes Campus. Students participated in three different STEM workshops focussing on the science of flight, puzzling mathematics and the engineering design process. The workshops were conducted by the Uni SA teachers and engineering students.

As part of the program, students discovered why puzzles are fundamental to mathematic thinking and explored the links to problem solving, explored the science of air and how it moves. They participated in an engineering group challenge designing building structures. The group that built the tallest tower won a prize. Students also toured the Uni SA campus, saw the flight simulator and rode on one of the longest bikes in the world. It was a fun filled day with hands on STEM activities for everyone.

The team of teachers who accompanied students on different days were Enrico Penna, Rebecca Nicholson, Andrew Smith, Ashli Richards, Harry Carine, Ben Parry, Nick Schild, Navi Khokhar, Vivienne Bradtke, David Eglington, Ally Trueman, and Sean Davis. They all did a fantastic job taking care of the students and made it a successful event.

A group of 807 students wrote, “We, (The Gentlemen) had a lot of fun seeing the campus and the facilities. We learned about aerodynamics and wind, we did activities such as solving puzzles, and finally we got to test our engineering skills by designing and constructing a tower with just two pieces of paper, and a short strip of tape. Along with this, we enjoyed recess and lunch and even got to see the second largest bike in the world. We had a lot of fun there and got a great idea of what our lives may be like when we finish high school.”

“During the excursion we were able to learn new things such as; how planes work, mathematical questions, and engineering. The university was so big and the people who worked there were so nice. The excursion was so well organized and turned out amazing for all the Year 8’s.” – Lorelai, 801

“It was something new when I went to the STEM excursion. Most of the activities were interesting. For me I liked the activity how the paper was moving upwards and downwards.” – Jihye, 801

“I really enjoyed the STEM day out. I was nothing like anything else, I really enjoyed learning about how different the air presser is and all of the maths puzzles. The maths puzzles really got me! It was a really fun experience!” – Jasmine, 801

“I had a lot of fun at the STEM excursion, I found it highly challenging and cool. I enjoyed the experiments and the things we learnt in aerodynamics. I also had a lot of fun with the maths problems.” – Mikayla, 802

“I found that it was interesting and that we learned a lot of new things about STEM. I enjoyed the day out and the opportunity to learn in a different environment.” – Mia, 802

“It was amazing. Learnt about aviation, math and engineering. Campus on site Zambreros and their own cafe. One of my favourite excursions from the Heights.” – Hunter, 802

Rubayya Noor

Teacher – Maths and Science



CHILD STUDIES YEAR 10

This semester the students have been researching and exploring the areas of child development. The topics included: Motor Skills; Sensory Processing Information; Visual Perception and Visual Motor Skills and Pretend Play. The students learnt about one of the four child development topics each week which they eventually produced a busy board or bag.

The students worked individually researching, designing, and creating a busy board or a busy bag of activities that will help to promote and support the underlying skills needed for action and performance in child development. The activities on the busy board or in the busy bag were created for a child aged 2 to 4 years old to use or play with an adult companion. The activities designed were related to supporting and developing the areas of child development and encouraging socialisation between the child and adult.

Carolyn Earner

Food and Fibre Design and Technology / Child Studies Teacher



SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORT NEWS - TERM 4

Year 7-8 Boys and Girls Super 8's Cricket

On consecutive Fridays in Weeks 3 and 4 The Heights School hosted boys and girls Super 8's cricket. Both teams fought valiantly, however finished in the minor placings on both days. For both carnivals, we had Anahat Sandhu and Rajvi Shah ably umpire, we thank these students for their efforts. In addition, thanks to Mr Johns who took the reins for the Girls cricket day, sharing his expertise about the game with them.

Year 9-10 Boys and Girls Beach Volleyball

On Tuesday, Week 6, Year 9-10 Boys and Girls travelled to Mawson Lakes to participate in Beach Volleyball. Great weather at the venue greeted the students who had some success throughout the day. The boys team finished in 3rd with 2 wins, whilst the girls finished in 8th. We thank Mr Oscar for taking the students for the day.

Year 7-8 Boys and Girls Beach Soccer

On Friday, Week 6, Year 7-8 Boys and Girls travelled to Largs Bay Sailing Club Beach to participate in Beach Soccer. For the day, The Heights School had 4 teams; 2 boys and girls teams. The students participated in 6-7 round robin games and we had some great results, with the Division 1 boys winning their competition. The Division 2 boys team also fought valiantly all day and finished in 3rd position. In addition, our girls finished in minor the minor positions after coming up against some good opposition and having minimal rotation for the day. A big thank you goes to Madison Warner, Jordan Tyler and Bethushan Jeyakumar who volunteered all day in the heat to be our referees.

2022 has been a huge year for Secondary School Sport and I would like to thank all the teachers and student volunteers who gave up their time to be involved with all the carnivals. In addition, I would like to thank all the students who were apart of playing in each carnival. They represented the school in a way that was noticeable by others, with various comments throughout the year mentioning The Heights School sportsmanship, respect and enthusiasm for others.

All plaques and certificates from our winning teams for the year have been placed in the trophy cabinet in the corridor of the old gym.

I am looking forward to an even bigger and better 2023, keep an eye out for emails and student notices early in Term 1 to nominate for selected sports.

Nick Schild

Secondary Sports Coordinator

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Katie Seol: National Golf Championship & SA Sports Award Finalist

Congratulations to Year 5 student Katie Seol (503), who competed at the National Primary Schools Golf Championship in Canberra. Katie competed against the other top primary school golfers from around the nation, where her SA team came 2nd in the team component of the competition. Katie also performed brilliantly coming 1st in the individual tournament, winning by an amazing 6 strokes.



Katie has also become a finalist for the 2022 SA Sport Awards. Hopefully Katie will be recognised as one of the top junior athletes in the state. Announcements for the awards will occur on the 14th of December.

Beau Lawson: National Athletics Championship

Congratulations to Year 6 student Beau Lawson (604), who competed at the National Primary Schools Athletics Championship in Canberra. To qualify Beau came first in Discus and Shotput for his age group (U12) in the South Australian competition held in September. Beau performed very strongly in the National competition in both events, coming up against outstanding opposition. Beau finished 4th in Discus and 7th in Shotput, both incredible achievements. Well done Beau!



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- Help in understanding power in relationships and coping with stress
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being

Next group: Thursday's commencing 16 February 2023 for 8 weeks, 6:30pm to 9pm
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