

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Official Opening of New Multi-Purpose OSHC Building
- Launch of Young Engineers STEM Club
- Stage 1 Chemistry
- Year 12 Biology

Pictured: Official opening of The Heights School's New Multi-Purpose OSHC Building (see article on the next page)



DIARY DATES

Please check the parent calendar on our website or by using the link below. Please note that this calendar is continually updated and we ask that families check for school events from time to time.
<https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/link/calendar>

School Calendar

SA TERM DATES 2026:

- Term 1:**
27 January – 10 April
- Term 2:**
27 April – 3 July
- Term 3:**
20 July – 25 September
- Term 4:**
12 October – 11 December

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

At the halfway point through Term 1, we are pleased to share several new developments that are underway at the school. Our partnership with Young Engineers has now begun, providing exciting opportunities for students to engage in hands-on learning in STEM and engineering concepts. In addition, we have introduced loan sports equipment for use during lunchtime, allowing students to be active and involved even if they are unable to bring their own equipment to school.

We are currently in the process of establishing Chess Club and Language Clubs, which we hope will provide further opportunities for students to develop new skills and interests. As we continue to expand our extra-curricular offerings, we would love to hear from both students and parents about activities you would like to explore. Our aim is to broaden engagement across the school community by offering a range of activities during lunchtime and outside school hours that reflect the interests and talents of our students. Connecting learning with staff and student interests and passion will be ongoing work at the school.

In order to be able to focus on what matters most, I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for parental support in ensuring that students arrive at school in correct uniform and with the appropriate equipment each day. These are basic expectations that allow our teachers to focus their time and energy on teaching and learning. Where the school has clear policies in place, it is our responsibility to apply them consistently, and your support in reinforcing these expectations at home is greatly appreciated. If you need to order additional uniforms, I have been informed that the uniform shop has been restocked and is ready for orders.

<https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/about/uniform/>

Finally, you may be aware that our Year 6 students have requested the introduction of a senior uniform item. This proposal will soon be presented to the Governing Council for approval. It is important to note that this would not change the current uniform for the whole school, but simply add an item for Year 6 students, in response to requests from students and parents.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in helping us maintain a positive, respectful and engaged school community.

Kind regards,



Alina Page
Principal



**THE HEIGHTS
SCHOOL**
Preschool - Year 12

The Heights School Community pays respects to the Kurna people, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we live on. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment to the Earth, the relationship of the Kurna people to this country, and we respect and value their past, present, and ongoing connection to this land and their cultural beliefs.

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OFFICIAL OPENING

The Heights School's New Multi-Purpose OSHC Building - Friday 20 February

The Heights School recently celebrated a significant milestone with the official opening of its new \$3.5 million multi-purpose Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) building.

The building was officially opened by Mr Blair Boyer MP - Member for Wright, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, and the Minister for Police. In his speech Mr Boyer highlighted the importance of investing in educational infrastructure and the positive impact it has on student learning and community engagement.

The new facility is expected to become a hub for community engagement, offering a venue for events and activities beyond school hours. It will provide a safe and stimulating environment for children during after-school hours, supporting working parents and caregivers.

The Heights School is proud to offer such a valuable resource and looks forward to the positive impact it will have on both current and future students.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOSTING



Host a student from

JAPAN

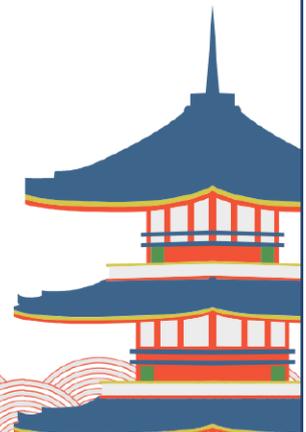
Have you ever wanted to travel overseas but never had time to?
Why not bring overseas to you and your family by hosting a Japanese student!

Learn all about their culture and share your own, whilst getting paid.

We are looking for families to host girls and boys.
We can doubly place them.

Dates are March, July and November
For expression of interest you can email
or call Ms Lynn McKenzie on:

lynn.mckenzie485@schools.sa.edu.au
or (08) 8242 8900



FINAL CATCH UP PHOTO DAY



The Heights School
P-12

FINAL
Catch-up
Photo Day

FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026
8:30AM – 11:30AM
RESOURCE CENTRE



CAREERS EXPO



Save the Date
THURSDAY
30 JULY 2026

THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL
CAREERS, PATHWAYS
AND SUBJECT EXPO

Venue: The Heights School Gymnasium

Address: Brunel Drive, Modbury Heights

Date: Thursday 30 July 2026

Time: 4:30pm - 7:30pm



VISUAL ARTS

We have a new kiln!

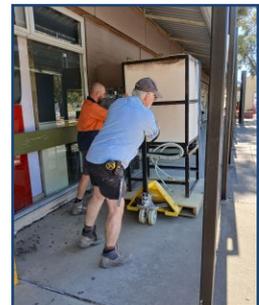
With The Heights School 50th Anniversary coming up next year, The Art Department was thrilled to take delivery of a new pottery kiln early in Term 1.

It is believed that the old kiln was installed very soon after the school was built, so it has provided great service for many years. Although it was old and tired, the kiln was still functioning until the day it was decommissioned, however, our new kiln is fully automated, making it easier to use and more efficient.

Creating ceramic sculptures and other pottery items provides unique experiences for our students. Many of the items produced at school, with this technology, become lifelong treasures for students and their families.

Thank you to Zoes for coordinating the removal and installation process on the day.

Catherine Bourn, Visual Art Teacher



LAUNCH OF YOUNG ENGINEERS STEM CLUB

We were delighted to celebrate the successful launch of the Young Engineers STEM Club at the The Heights School. Two consecutive sessions were held with students constructing their own pirate ships. It was wonderful to see the pride students took in their creations and the high level of engagement throughout the sessions. Our sincere thanks to Rachel and Caitlin from Young Engineers for providing such an outstanding educational opportunity for our students.

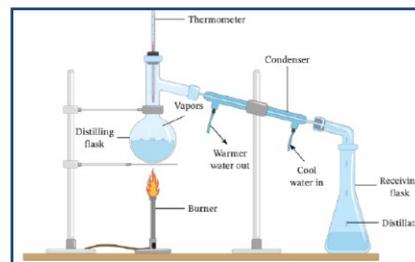
Lucy Clasohm



STAGE 1 CHEMISTRY: EXPLORING SEPARATION TECHNIQUE THROUGH DISTILLATION

Stage 1 Chemistry students recently conducted a distillation practical to investigate the separation of liquid mixtures based on differences in boiling points as part of their studies. Students assembled and operated distillation apparatus, including a round-bottom flask, condenser, thermometer, and receiving vessel, to observe the processes of evaporation and condensation. As the mixture was heated, students monitored temperature changes and identified the boiling point at which the more volatile component vaporised, travelled through the condenser, and re-formed as a liquid distillate. This practical reinforced key chemistry concepts such as phase changes, intermolecular forces, and physical separation techniques. Through careful data collection and adherence to laboratory safety procedures, students developed scientific skills while deepening their understanding of how distillation is applied in industries such as water purification, petroleum refining, and chemical manufacturing.

Jasmeet Bhurji and Lucy Clasohm
Stage 1 Chemistry Teachers



YEAR 12 BIOLOGY INCURSION - GEL ELECTROPHORESIS

On Tuesday 24th February, a presenter from the Adelaide University visited The Heights to deliver a hands-on incursion for our Stage 2 Biology students. During this session, students took part in a practical workshop on gel electrophoresis, an important biotechnology technique used to separate and analyse DNA. Working collaboratively in small groups, students use specialised equipment to investigate how DNA profiling is applied in crime scene investigations. This was an engaging experience that supported and extended the students' learning in the DNA and Proteins topic that we are currently learning, and the students really enjoyed themselves.

Kate Veevers and Amanda Lamming
Year 12 Biology Teachers



SPORTS NEWS

SAPSASA Softball Carnival

In Week 5, thirty Year 5 and 6 students proudly represented The Heights School at the Tea Tree Gully District SAPSASA Softball Carnival. On the day, we had 2 boys and 1 girls team compete against other schools from across the Tea Tree Gully District. Each of our teams were made up of players who were new to the game of softball but the improvement that was visible from each team throughout the day was great to see.

All attending students demonstrated our school values positively throughout the day. Some highlights from the team included one of our boys sides finishing second overall, and our girls side finishing third overall. A special mention to the girls who attended on the day, who despite some initial nerves showed strong team work and were able to come away with multiple wins over their four games. Also, a big thank you to Mr Weir and Jacob for their support on the day coaching our boys sides!



SAPSASA Swimming Carnival

On Monday of Week 6, Dimash (502), Ellie (504), Isabella (601), Isabelle (601) and Georgie (601) competed at the combined Tea Tree Gully, Salisbury East and Para Districts SAPSASA Swimming Carnival. On the day, each student competed in multiple different strokes including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Each student showed tremendous resilience in their events and were able to come away with some top 3 placings and personal best times whilst competing against a number of strong swimmers from other schools.

A special mention to Dimash who won each of his events, including the 100m open boys freestyle. We look forward to following along with Dimash's progress in the pool throughout the year.

Josh Hart, Primary Years Sports Coordinator



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Joey's 5 – 8 years old

Cubs 8 – 11 years old

Are you aged 5-9 years old and looking for fun and adventure?

We are looking for youth to join our Joey & Cub packs on Tuesday Nights

Bring a friend and come and along and see what Scouting is all about

Contact our Group Leader on the details below to let us know you are coming

Be Prepared to Join Scouts!

Come and Try – 3 visits for FREE

Northridge Para Vista Scout Group

Kentish Green, Warren Road, Para Vista

Joey's – Tuesday Nights – 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Cubs – Tuesday Nights – 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Contact: Gary Powell (Group Leader) – 0481 354 800

Email: gl.northridge@sa.scouts.com.au

www.sa.scouts.com.au

WE ARE LOOKING FOR!

JUNIOR PLAYERS

Houghton Districts FC are looking for junior players for the upcoming 2026 season!

PLAYERS WANTED

- U7s
- U9s
- U14s
- U14 girls
- U16 girls
- U17.5 boys



IF INTERESTED EMAIL

hdfcjuniors@gmail.com



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Creative Arts Expo



Saturday March 14
10:00am - 2:00pm



Registration Essential

CREATIVE ARTS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA

Findon Technical College
44 Drummond Ave, Findon SA 5023

Free Event

Discover pathways in the creative industries!
Explore, gain insight and information from Universities, and key Arts organisations.
Be curious, seek answers and feel empowered about the creative choices you are making!
Full program will be available online before the event.

Exhibitors include:



Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)
Adelaide University Theatre Guild
Adelaide College of the Arts: Creative and Performing Arts
Ausdance SA
Carclew
Catherine Bourn
Channel 44
Eckersley's



Flinders University: Screen Film and TV
Rising Sun Pictures (RSP)
Luna Delara
PBAFM
Musica Viva
Northern Sound System
SAE University College
Samstag
Tabor College



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Coffee Van purchases available

Present

2D Animation Workshop

A free members and student event.

Wednesday 25th February
5.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Available in-house or online.
Myer Centre, Level 4/14-38 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000 or a link will be sent.

This Intro to 2D Animation workshop introduces the fundamentals of how movement works, with a focus on bounce and stretch – key principle used to create weight, energy, and believable motion.
You will need your own laptop and Photoshop pre-loaded.

Registration Via Humantitix
Members and Students Free
Non Members \$30

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Present

Blender Workshop

A free members and student event.

Wednesday 25th March
5.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Available in-house or online.
Myer Centre, Level 4/14-38 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000 or a link will be sent.

This Intro to Blender workshop is designed to give you a practical starting point in 3D creation using one of the most powerful, free and widely used tools in the industry. Blender is used across animation, games, visual effects, and product visualisation, and this session focuses on building confidence with the fundamentals.
You will need your own laptop and Blender pre-loaded.

Registration Via Humantitix
Members and Students Free
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