

# Heritage College Cooranbong



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## Heritage College Newsletter

**A Christadelphian School**

### From the Principal:

#### Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

Yesterday morning we held a Graduation Ceremony for the students who completed their HSC in 2005. Uncle Rick Pearce conducted the ceremony and he gave the girls their awards for the Highest mark in each subject. He also gave them girls some advice for their future as they leave school and establish their pathways in life. Amy Schofield was awarded DUX OF THE SCHOOL after gaining a UAI of 93.2. She was closely followed by Chloe who got 92 and Johanna who got 90. Congratulations to all the girls who gained excellent results in the HSC. Thanks to all the students, teachers and parents who attended.



Today Felisa Relton took a team of students to play in a HRIS Primary Gala Day. The students were all very excited as they left this morning.

We have some new instrumental teachers coming to Heritage. April Kelson who is teaching violin. Now would be a great time to start learning violin! Also Shelley Lawrie is able to teach piano, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, flute, saxophone. So please seriously consider giving your child the opportunity to learn an instrument. Now is a perfect time to begin.

Next Friday is our school swimming carnival. Parents are welcome to attend. The pool canteen will be selling food. Otherwise students must provide their own recess and lunch. The carnival will run from approximately 9:30 till 2:30pm. The buses will come to school first in the morning.

**Web page:**

[www.heritage.edu.au](http://www.heritage.edu.au)

*Theme for the Term:*

**"The Spiritual Athlete"**

*"To win the race you must first win in your mind"*

Next Monday is our first P&F meeting for 2006. It will commence at 1:30pm. All parents are welcome.

Thank you to all those parents that attended the parent information sessions last Thursday. It was a great opportunity for parents to learn about the operations of the school and the classrooms. Thank you to the teachers for running the sessions.

We have a number of new volunteers working in the school. We appreciate all the help we receive from willing parents and friends. It is greatly encouraging to see that so many are prepared to give their time to the great work the school is doing.

Thanks to Ben Carroll who came and spoke to the year 8-10 class about his experiences with Design last Friday. It certainly gave the students an idea of what real designers do.

There are a number of families talking about moving into the area from a number of other locations. We are encouraged by this because we know that the school is offering a great service and this is one of the great attractions for the area as a place for Christadelphian families to relocate to. So all the work everyone has put in is producing long term fruit to the glory of God. Please make all our new families feel welcome.

Simon Dodson,  
Principal

This week we have been making patterns. This stems from the 'Patterns and Algebra' strand of the Math's Syllabus. Believe it or not, the foundations being laid here will end up as trigonometry and calculus in High School. So you see this is very serious stuff!

K's are learning to 'read' and repeat a range of increasingly complex patterns using shapes and other classroom objects. They are beginning to form patterns of their own and the language to articulate them. Year 1's are beginning to see patterns related to number: for example - the pattern of odd and even numbers, of counting in 5's, 10's or 100's. Year 2 children are looking at patterns based on simple addition and multiplication, on ascending and descending numbers, of counting in doubles or in groups of 2's, 3's, 5's, and 10's. We have done a lot of work on 100's charts - colouring the multiples of certain numbers and beginning to develop the language to describe this.

Did you know that the same part of the brain that does maths is also developed when learning MUSIC? Can I encourage you to get your (Year 2) child into learning an instrument? The advantages of a child developing a personal interest and skill are very wide ranging, as well as having a direct effect on their academic work. And of course, the sooner they get started the easier it is for them to soak it all up.

This week in SPORT we made an OBSTACLE COURSE. It was GREAT FUN! There were stilts, a bounce-ball that you sat on and bounced, a balancing activity, a skipping activity, a 'beam' activity, and a mini course for dribbling balls around. Children's co-ordination, balance, speed, strength, flexibility and aim were all brought to bear in this busy little course. We had a ball. Sorry you missed it. Perhaps you can find photos of us in this Newsletter.

A BIG THANK YOU to our Reading Mum's who are well under-way every morning. Thanks for being so patient while we all get used to some new routines. Please remember to find a replacement or swap with another volunteer if you are not able to come on your allotted morning.

If you were not able to attend the PARENT INFORMATION SESSION last week, can you please make sure you get hold of (and read!) the green Handbook. A few important initiatives are underway this year that you will need to know about. - CARRIE

I would like to say a big **thankyou** to all parents who made it to the parent information evening last Thursday. I hope this evening helped you become more aware of what goes on in the Primary classroom and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

The Primaries are very lucky to have a special guest in our room, **Miss White**. She will be teaching our class for two weeks this term and six weeks in Term 3. Miss White has already taught some exciting lessons such as making Asian puppets, addition exercises in Mathematics and Physical activities like 'Challenge Triathlons' for PE.

The class has finished work on Australia as part of our Theme; Around the World and is now on display in our room. We also wrote an Information Report on Australia during English, presenting facts about the land, food, animals and employment.

Students are now publishing their Reports using the computer.

Today I took some of the Primary boys to the HRIS Basketball Gala Day. It was loads of fun. Stay tuned for the results in next week's newsletter...bye for now, Felisa Relton

**Please find attached to the Newsletter a notice that has the HEBREW ALEPH—BET printed on it.**

**On the other side is some 'homework practice'.**

**Please stick this on the fridge with a magnet so you can practice with your child at home.**

## Secondary Stuff

### YR. 7 VACCINATION PROGRAM

Parents are reminded that the NSW Government Vaccination Program covers students in Yr. 7 this year to be vaccinated for Hepatitis B (2 part) and Varicella (Chicken Pox). Notes with letters from the Government were sent home earlier.

If you wish to have your child vaccinated the forms must be sent back to school. No child will be vaccinated unless the form is signed by a parent. If you do not wish to have your child vaccinated **STILL SEND THE FORMS BACK IN STATING THAT YOU DO NOT WISH TO IMMUNISE YOUR CHILD.**

Dates FOR Vaccinations:-

15th March: Hep B (1st dose) and Varicella

16th August: Hep B (2nd dose)

### MATHS TEXT BOOKS:

If any one has any Signpost Maths Text Books and/or CD's that come with the books please return to the Office asap. They are needed for students this year so parent's help in this matter would be appreciated.

### SENIOR COMMON ROOM:

We are still in need of a **FRIDGE OR BAR FRIDGE.**

If any one can help in this matter please send into school. Thank you.

The Senior Students.

## General

### GRADUATION CEREMONY:

The Graduation Ceremony for the Senior 2005 students was held yesterday. It was very nice to be reminded of these students achievements and see them receive their Certificates.

All the students were accepted into the courses that they desired which is really great and we wish them a successful year in their career choices.

Rick Pearce conducted the ceremony and gave a talk on what he called "Behaviour-tudes". Attached is a simplified version of Rick's speech.

#### DUX: Amy Schofield

What our students achieved:

**Amy Schofield: Dux of Year, 1st Ancient History (Distinguished student Award—over 90% in HSC).**

Amy received a scholarship to study Forensic Science at Hawkesbury University but declined. She received a place to study Physiotherapy and has deferred for a year. She has accepted a traineeship at Eraring Power.

**Melissa Carroll: 1st Music 1 (Distinguished Student—over 90%), 1st Business Studies.** Melissa has accepted a position to study Dental Hygiene at Newcastle Uni and also has a part time job with an Orthodontist.

**Karen Wiltshire: 1st General Mathematics.** Karen will be studying Primary Teaching at Avondale College.

**Hannah Mitchell: 1st Food Technology.** Hannah will be studying Nursing at Avondale College.

**Chloe Crompton: 1st Chemistry, 1st Advanced English.** Chloe has accepted a position to study Speech Pathology at Newcastle Uni.

**Hannah Mansfield: 1st Classical Hebrew.** Hannah won a scholarship to study Primary Teaching at Avondale College.

**Johanna Lynch: 1st Biology.** Johanna won a scholarship to study Primary Teaching at Avondale College.

Thanks to all the visitors who attended.

Thanks also to Susie Tappouras for organising the delightful morning tea following the ceremony.

### VACANCIES:

#### Floor Polisher

The vinyl floors at school need to be polished at least once a term. This is a hard job so it would be better if a male could offer his services. All equipment and on the job training provided!

If you can help please ring Jennie Higgs  
Ph: 0429000027

**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:** If you would like to operate the Canteen on any day (Monday is taken) please contact the Office.

**READING MUMS:** If you have some spare time and would like to help out with the INFANTS/ PRIMARY READING PROGRAM, please ring Susie Tappouras at school on Tuesdays.

**It is very rewarding to help a child  
to master reading —  
The child who READS—SUCCEEDS !**

### MUSIC LESSONS:

#### PIANO LESSONS:

Sharon and Melissa are continuing to teach piano. See them direct for details. Ph: 49771480

#### VIOLIN LESSONS:

We have a delightful new violin teacher ready for students to have lessons at HC. April Kelson is a talented violinist and teaches at the Newcastle Uni. Ring the office to book in lessons.

### STUDENTS WANTED TO PLAY :

#### Brass and Woodwind

#### Instruments

#### NEW BAND STARTING SOON!

Lessons available for Trumpet, trombone, baritone, clarinet, alto and tenor saxophone and flute.

**Shelley Lawrie is an accomplished musician and music teacher and is offering lessons for these instruments.** Ring the office to book lessons.

Lessons will be FUN AND REWARDING!

Cost \$15.00 for a half-hour lesson.

Students interested in joining the

#### NEW HERITAGE COLLEGE BAND

should register their interest at the Office.

Parents— if you would like your child to join the band please ring and book in.

NO LUNCHTIME PRACTICES

(except maybe prior to some performances)

## Administration

### COULD THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE:

© BRADLEY, MITCHELL, J & C RYAN, B; LACKET, DAVIS, FRENCH, LUKE, MADDEN, SCHOFIELD, SHORTER, L & A TAPPOURAS, R & G WILTSHIRE.

# PHOTO GALLERY

**Happy  
Birthday  
to:-**

**Jacquie  
Spark**

For next Thursday  
23rd Feb.  
Sweet 16 !

## LOST:

**1 Pair of Nike runners  
Size 13, belonging to  
Joseph Richards.**

Lost on the 2nd last day of  
school at the  
Wangi outing.

If you know the where-  
abouts of these shoes  
please contact Naomi  
Richards  
Thanks.

## BUSES:

Phone numbers:

Newcastle:  
0431128817

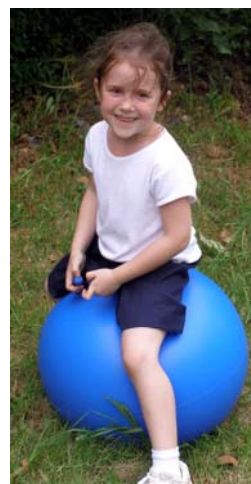
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**ICE—  
BLOCKS  
ON SALE  
EVERYDAY**

**CANTEEN  
OPEN ON  
MONDAY**



↑ Ben Carroll with some of the Yr. 8-10 students  
↓ The Infants Class Obstacle Course



## Future Events:

Monday 20th Feb	P & F Meeting—1.30pm
Tuesday 21 Feb	High School Swimming for Sport
Friday 24th Feb	Swimming Carnival—Morisset Pool
Thursday 2nd March	School Council Meeting
Monday 6th March	HRIS High School Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 7th March	ELLA test—Year 7-8
Thursday 9th March	SNAP Test—Year 7- 8
Tuesday 14th March	PURIM
Wednesday 15th March	VACCINATION PROGRAM –Yr 7
Saturday 18th March	Working Bee
<b>Saturday 25th March</b>	<b>TRIVIA NIGHT— MEXICAN FEAST</b>