



# Heritage College Cooranbong



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# Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

## From the Principal:

### Swimming Carnival Tomorrow

The Heritage College Swimming Carnival will take place at Morisset Pool tomorrow. The program will commence at approximately 9:30am and will conclude by 2:30pm. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. All students are expected to participate in as many events as possible. There are two teams – Masada and Gamla – and all the students will gain points for their team as they participate in events.

Students will need to bring their swimmers, towel, hat, sunscreen and their lunch. The pool canteen will be open and students will be able to purchase food.

Parents may be asked to assist at the pool on the day if additional helpers are needed.

And may the best team win!

Thank you to all those parents who attended the P&F meeting on Monday afternoon. Plans were finalised for events coming up this year. The Trivia Night, the Fair, plus a number of other school activities were discussed and planned. The support of parents is appreciated. The minutes are available.

We are in need of more bus drivers. If you are willing to get your bus licence, the school will help with the costs. We really need to run a local bus run to pick up students closer to the school to relieve the pressure on the runs that have to travel further. If parents are willing to help by driving the bus, even for only one day, that would be very helpful! Please contact Susan Tapouras about this.

We have several new music teachers at the school. April Kelson is teaching violin. Michelle Lawrie is teaching brass, woodwind and piano. Please contact the office if you

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*Theme for the Term:*

***"The Spiritual Athlete" -  
A successful athlete exercises  
daily—1 Tim 4:6-8***

would like your child to learn any of these instruments. We are going to commence practices for the violin group and the band as soon as we have enough instrumentalists.

It's great to have Johanna Lynch and Hannah Mansfield helping out Aunty Pam with Hebrew this year. They are doing a great job of assisting with the children's progress in learning a second language. Thanks, Aunty Pam, for the continued success of Hebrew at HCC.

The Trivia Night is on 25 March. Please reserve this night. It is fun and the funds raised go to a good cause. The P&F need your support.

Thank you to Brayden Blyde, a teacher who has been visiting us for the last three weeks. He has been great to have around and has been willing to go "over and above the call of duty". Thanks, Brayden, and good luck.

See you at the swimming carnival tomorrow.

Simon Dodson,  
Principal

**SWIMMING  
CARNIVAL  
TOMORROW  
MORISSET POOL**

In case you haven't already guessed, **our theme for this term is FAMILIES**. During this unit we are going to become more familiar with terms like niece, nephew, daughter, son, aunty, uncle, grandmother, grandfather, husband, wife, cousin, sibling and relative.

Today the Cheetahs reading group read a story about a family from Japan who came to live in Australia. They sometimes felt homesick, so they built a special Japanese garden together in their back yard.

**We are looking forward to a number of VISITORS TO OUR ROOM:** We will have a visit from a baby, some grandparents, someone who will tell us about families in the Philippines and someone else to talk to us about families in China!

Children will have a 'take-home' assignment this term that will see them complete a simple version of a Family Tree and a very simple Oral History exercise. They will have to learn one "special story" from their family history to relate to the class later this term. For example "Grandpa's first day at school" (mine rode to school on a pony with his siblings. But when the morning bell went he was too scared to go inside, so he climbed up a tree to hide... meanwhile the pony ran away!)

SO – if you have any older photos or family trees at home, now is the time to dust them off and show your children where they come from!

We will also be talking about **Families in the Bible** (Scripture), **painting family portraits** (Art), making '**Grasshead**' families (in Science), looking at timelines and **designing a family crest/ emblem** (HSIE). In Maths we will be looking at 'Families of Facts' (remember those?).

We have also been talking about the prospect of a **new playground** at school.

Children took the time to design and write about the kind of playground they would like (we will be needing MUCH more money Uncle Simon!). Come and see the display of children's designs and read the ideas that were voted as 'the best' by our class (eg) 'A rollercoaster that goes into a tunnel that's underneath a tower with turrets and flags'. Also, 'A flying fox that goes into a tunnel that goes into Noahs Ark.'

We are looking forward to the **Swimming Carnival** tomorrow. Miss J has some great water games to play with the Infant Class. See you there!

Carrie

Being sick is not fun! I was sad to miss most of this week's activities in the Primary classroom due to illness. When I returned, it was a lovely surprise to see some new displays up. There are some colourful postcards from around the world, maps of Asian countries and some beautiful 'Name' patterns. Special thanks goes to Miss Presswell and Miss White for filling in the gaps, not to mention a very special pat on the back to each one of my students for putting in such a good effort. Well done.

**Now for the results from last weeks HRIS Primary Basketball Gala Day...** I am pleased to announce that our team did exceptionally well considering the smallness of our school and height of our players. We played five games, winning one and tying with another. The match we won was against **Bishop Tyrell** with a score of 25 to 16. The last match was very exciting with Patrick Tappouras shooting the last basket with 2 seconds left on the clock, bringing the score to 18 all. All players did really well with everyone enjoying themselves. My choice of 'Man of the Match' goes to Anthony French. Not only did he sink a lot of baskets, he also played Defence extremely well, going in for most rebounds and making some nice steals during the action. Overall, our team came a magnificent 5<sup>th</sup> place with fun had by all. (We were announced as 6<sup>th</sup>, however this was due to an incorrect score display on the clock).

Felisa Relton

**A new homework practise sheet is attached to the Newsletter.**

**Please add to the one on the fridge so you and your child can practise the words often.**

## 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.

### 2006 Australian Schools Competitions:

**Forms and money need to be sent in on MONDAY.**

### SENIOR COMMON ROOM: FRIDGE OR BAR FRIDGE.

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

## General

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

The swimming carnival is on tomorrow, FRIDAY. Please make sure your child has their swimming gear. Students should wear their swimmers under their sports uniform. Could the following students please send their permission note and money in **TOMORROW**:- Chanan Crompton; Eliza and Hannah Davis; Jess, Wills, Jonah Duperouzel; Hannah and Ethan Mitchell, Shane, Mike and Andrew Pogson, Josh and Naomi Schofield, Dillan Shorter, Job Tappouras, Kristi Wiltshire.

Please note that we are not having a BBQ this year. There is a Canteen operating at the Pool that sell hot food, drinks, ice-blocks and snacks.

**Hot Pies: \$2.50**

**Sausage Rolls: \$1.75**

If you wish to buy lunch from the pool canteen please put the order in as soon as you arrive.

#### Team Colours and Symbols:

Masada: Leopard—Orange/Black

Gamla: Eagle — Blue/Green

Parents and friends are welcome to attend—please pay the pool entry fee when arriving.

### POSITIONS VACANT:

#### Floor Polisher

If you can help please ring Jennie Higgs

Ph: 0429000027

**WHIPPER SNIPPER OPERATOR:** Uncle Bill Wollenscroft has been doing a marvellous job keeping the lawns in order at the school, however he needs an assistant to help with the whipper snipper. If you could help out please ring the office.

**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 !**

### SENIORS' AND FRIENDS' DAY: THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

Jennie Higgs is organising the catering for the day. If you could help out with food preparation for this event please see Jennie. (Ph: 0429000027)

## P & F TRIVIA NIGHT

**Date: 25th March at 6pm**

**Theme: MEXICAN**

**(Food not the questions!)**

**Please keep this date free and start organising family and friends to come along. We need another volunteer to help with the organising the cooking.**

**If you would like to help please ring Jo Wiltshire. 49438184**

### 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.

#### BRASS AND WOODWIND LESSONS:

Lessons will commence on

**Friday 3rd March**

**(due to Swimming Carnival this week)**

Ring the office to book lessons with Miss Lawrie  
Cost \$15.00 for a half-hour lesson.

#### NEW HERITAGE COLLEGE BAND:

**Please book in at the Office to be part of the new and exciting school band. NO COST.**

### MONEY BOXES:

The money boxes for the PLAY EQUIPMENT need to be returned at the end of this Term. Please remind any family and friends that have a money box to send them in by that date regardless of how full it is.

Next term we will be issuing more money boxes with the money going towards purchasing a new bus for the school.

### COUNTRY FAIR AND FUN DAY:

Ken and Vicki Schubert have kindly offered to be the Fair Co-ordinators for this year's fair. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.** Please start thinking about how you would like to contribute to the Fair this year.

## PHOTO GALLERY

**Happy  
Birthday  
to:-**

*Jacquie  
Spark*

TODAY  
23rd Feb.  
Sweet 16 !

And to

**Phoebe  
Tappouras**  
7 next Saturday  
26th Feb

and

**Mike Pogson**  
13 next Monday  
27th Feb  
TEENAGER !!

### FOR SALE

The school is buying a new mower and is selling the old one. Anyone interested in purchasing the mower, please contact the Office.

**GREENFIELD  
RIDE-ON MOWER  
32" CUT  
14 h/p**

Can be inspected at  
school  
\$650 ono



**The Infants Obstacle  
Course**



**Our New Team Banners**

### Future Events:

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>
<b>Thursday 30th March</b>	<b>SENIORS' &amp; FRIENDS' DAY</b>

## Administration

**The following families need to send in the Family Data Forms. Please this is URGENT!**  
**Blacket, French, Luke, Schofield, Shorter,  
A & L Tappouras, R & G Wiltshire**