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Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

From the Principal: Board of Studies Inspection

The Board of Studies rang our school yesterday to let us know that our major accreditation inspection will be happening in four weeks. The exact date is still not known, but it will be late this term. This is a major inspection of our school, its policies, procedures, buildings, programs, etc. Everything will be looked at. We were expecting the inspection to be sometime late in Term 2 or early Term 3, so this has come upon us a little earlier than expected.

In order to free the school's schedule at the end of this term for the BOS inspection, we are postponing the Senior's & Friends Day to a later date yet to be determined. We apologise for the inconvenience of this change. Please let your relations and friends know.

The swimming carnival last Friday was a huge success. Thank you to all the students for their enthusiasm and commitment. The cheering was very energetic and the competition fierce. The two new teams, Gamla and Masada, worked really well. We had new team banners which looked great. Thanks to all the parents and friends who attended and the teachers who assisted. Great job, everyone. Congratulations to Masada for taking the team swimming trophy for 2006.

The High School Swimming Team will be going to HRIS on Monday. We wish our swimmers all the best for the carnival. Permission notes must be returned by tomorrow.

Parts of the new sports uniform have arrived and are now for sale. The only arti-

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Theme for the Term:

"The Spiritual Athlete" -

***A successful athlete understands
the rules and follows them.***

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cle of clothing we are still waiting on is the tracksuit pants, which had to be remade. Uniform items are now for sale. Please contact Jo Wiltshire for details.

Next Tuesday the ELLA literacy test will take place for year 7&8 students. On Thursday the SNAP numeracy test will take place for the same group. These are both statewide tests.

There is a working bee on March 18 which will help prepare the school site for the BOS inspection.

The Trivia Night is being held on March 25.

On March 27 we are having a visitor to our assembly to explain the MS Readathon to students.

The P&F have purchased a new ride-on mower for use at school. We are very appreciative of this as the old mower has certainly struggled to keep up over the last 12 months.

Simon Dodson,
Principal

**TRIVIA NIGHT
SAT 25TH MARCH**

KEEP THIS DATE FREE.

In line with our FAMILY theme this term, children have been creating family crests (or emblems) today. They have included drawings of family members, pets, homes, holiday spots, involvement in Ecclesia's and favourite pastimes. They were shown several examples of emblems that included a phrase, so many chose to include one in their own designs. One child wrote "The Bible Is Strong", another wrote "We Always Want the Truth", and another wrote "Thinking of Others".

Thanks for returning Homework books. It was a mucky week with us being away from school at the Swimming Carnival the day it was due to be returned, and then I was absent for most of Monday. I am keen to get this Homework routine happening however, so thank you for persevering with all our new students.

Thanks too, to all those Reading Mums who have our morning program running so well. Many are here every week like clockwork at 8:55pm to get our children reading and give such positive feedback to the students. We all appreciate your commitment and encouragement. Take Care—Carrie

It has been a very busy week in the Primary class. In Literacy the students listened to a traditional Indian children's story called 'The Clever Jackal'. Students wrote their own short story based on having a Clever Jackal of their own. These will be published and put on display in our room. Also, our Guided reading groups are up and running smoothly, challenging comprehensive understanding as well as practising reading skills. These groups also determine your child's list words for the week which will appear in homework books. These groups may still alter during the year, depending on your child's progress.

During Mathematics, our class has been focusing on Measurement. Students have discussed the need for rulers rather than the use of informal units, such as hand spans. We have been measuring length, width and perimeters in cm, m & mm. Year 5 students have also been looking at the Km.

While still focusing on Asia, this week we have concentrated on India and China. On Monday, we visited the Taj Mahal via the internet and went on a Virtual Tour, on Tuesday we danced to some energetic Indian music and painted some Chinese letters. On Wednesday, we created Chinese lanterns and fans that are now colourfully displayed in our room. Next week we hope to 'travel' over to the continent of Africa!
Felisa Relton

Shalom Shalom

The Hebrew letters in the foyer over the Library door "b'roocheem ha ba'eem", meaning literally "blessing on the coming ones" and are the Hebrew idiom for "welcome".

In Israel it is so funny to see these Hebrew letters on door mats and on wrought iron gates, yet we so easily accept "welcome"

on our door mates or gates!

K-8 have enacted the Friday Shabbat ritual which includes, interestingly, bread and wine. They have compared how the Jews spend the Sabbath and how we spend our Sundays. The articles of Jewish life board in the foyer have been studied by k-8 and they will be able to tell you all about them, including what they are in Hebrew. Please ask them (and report to their teachers if they don't know!!) Get Yrs. 6-8 to name the things that the foremost Israeli educator says are what kept the Jewishness of the Jews through the ages.

Thank you for your help at home with the conversation vocabulary. There is much research to say that the best way to learn a language is to follow what happens with our native language—learn to speak.

Next, they master the alphabet, then learn to write and finally when that is mastered move onto reading, here

it has to be in later Primary and High School as we don't have enough time with the children.

Thank you again for your help.

Pam Mansfield

Secondary Stuff

ART SHIRTS: Yrs. 6-10 need to have an art shirt or smock to cover uniforms when painting. Please bring in asap. URGENT

JARS NEEDED: If anyone has any empty jam jars (500g) - lids not necessary—please send in for art class. URGENT.

General

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

What a great day—thanks to all who helped in the organising and running of the day. The students participated enthusiastically, but there can be only one winning team.

This year the winners were:
MASADA.

HIGH SCHOOL HRIS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

The following students will represent the school at the HRIS Carnival at Lambton Pool on Monday 6th March: Tom Mansfield, Kyria Mansfield, Nathan Dodson, Jonny Tappouras, Jesse Duperouzel, Jake Carroll, and Jordan Ryan.

A note has been sent home with details.

There is school as normal for the rest of the High School students on this day.

POSITIONS VACANT:

- ☺ **FLOOR POLISER**
- ☺ **WHIPPER SNIPPER OPERATOR**
- ☺ **CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS.**
- ☺ **READING MUMS**

SENIORS' AND FRIENDS' DAY: CANCELLED

Sorry but this has been postponed due to the heavy commitments prior to the Board of Studies assessment. This event will be scheduled later on in the year.

BRASS AND WOODWIND LESSONS:

Lessons will commence TOMORROW

Friday 3rd March

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

UNIFORMS:

The new sports uniform has arrived and they look great! There is a sample of each size in the Office. Parents can come to school and try the uniforms on their child or send in a note stating what they require and they will be sent home. Jo Wiltshire will be at school tomorrow afternoon if you need any assistance.

An order form for winter items will be sent home soon.

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

STRING ENSEMBLE GROUP:

Starts next Thursday 9th March at 8am at school.

These students are involved at present:

Nathan Dodson, Kyria Mansfield, Joseph Ginn, David Lynch, James Lynch.

Any other students who are proficient at a stringed instrument and would like to be involved please register at the office.

Please bring a folder to put music in.

For those students interested in starting violin:

Only 2 terms of lessons needed before being involved in the String Ensemble Group.

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 and let Ken or Vicki know.

Administration

- ☺ **The following families need to send in the Family Data Forms. Please this is URGENT! : Schofield, Shorter**
- ☺ **Please remind your children to sign the late book if late—there are discrepancies in the role due to students omitting to sign the late book. If you miss the roll call and haven't signed the late book you remain marked on the roll as "absent" and this is recorded on reports etc.**
- ☺ **Please be vigilant in sending permission notes back. Check school bags and ask children if they have any notes for you.**
- ☺ **Forms due: Immunisation Forms, School Competitions Forms and money.**

PHOTO GALLERY

**Happy
Birthday
to:-**

**NATHAN
DODSON**

for next Saturday
5th March
Nathan is
Turning 12!

and to:

Lori Stretton

For next Wednesday
8th March.
Lori will be 7



Heritage College Swimming Carnival 2006

BUSES:

Phone numbers:
Newcastle:
0431128817
Gosford:
0418686387

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**

Future Events:

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
Saturday 25th March	TRIVIA NIGHT— MEXICAN FEAST
CANCELLED	Seniors' and Friends' Day

Assignments Due:

9th March	Library	Yr. 3-5	Assessment Task—Interviews
7th March	History	Yr. 6-7	Students need to bring in their artefacts that will be buried See the note sent home last week