



Heritage College Cooranbong



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Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

From the Principal:

Board of Studies Inspection

The Board of Studies inspection was a huge success. The inspectors were very impressed with our school site, our policies and procedures, our teaching programs and the student's work. There were aspects of our schools operation that they had not seen so effectively arranged than at our school. Some of our teaching programs were so well developed that one inspector even suggested we market them because other schools and teachers would surely love to purchase them.

The Chief Board of Studies Inspector complimented the happy environment in which the children were learning. He noted that the children were obviously happy, the staff are an enthusiastic team and the whole atmosphere of the school is positive. He considered the students very blessed to have such a school to attend. He also said that many schools of our size claim it is impossible to implement all the BOS regulations and that he would love to bring those schools on an excursion to our school to see how it can be done.

The chief inspector took a leaflet from the library entitled, "Who are the Christadelphians and what do they Believe?"

All this means that the Inspectors had no hesitation in recommending that our school be registered for the maximum term possible – five years. They also gave our school registration to run Distance Education K-6. This was an additional application that our school submitted 6 months ago and this inspection also dealt with that proposal. Heritage College will now be able to enrol students in NSW rural areas who want to study curriculum from K-6. This program will commence at the beginning of Term 3. At this stage we cannot take students outside NSW.

So Congratulations to everyone who assisted with the preparation for the BOS visit. The Inspectors asked me to thank everyone who was involved, particularly the teachers who did a great job. They also asked me to thank those involved in catering for them while they were here. So thanks everyone!

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Theme for the Term:

"Thankfulness"

*Jesus gave thanks before feeding the
4000 — Matt 15:36*

Moving on ...

Tomorrow is the Maths Competition for those who have enrolled to do the test.

Ari Ryan will be driving the Newcastle bus tomorrow morning as Jo and Morrie are not available.

Miss Jackson and Miss Relton are both going to a Maths training day on Friday. Miss Presswell and Aunty Ruth will be taking their classes.

Next Monday is a P&F meeting, commencing at 1:30pm. All are welcome.

Next Thursday we will be visited by Bro Paul Billington who will speak to the students.

Welcome back to Uncle Rick who has spent three weeks in Canada. He will be showing his slides of his trip to the High School students and interested adults next Friday (May 19) at 10:00am.

The Sydney Heritage Fair is on May 27. Please support our sister school in Sydney.

Simon Dodson,
Principal

P & F Meeting

Mon 15th May
1.30pm in
The Library

Last Week's Winning Team – HORSES!

Well, if you've been out of the loop for a while and haven't heard... the **BOS** thought our class programs were some of the **best they'd seen**. They suggested we could market the plans! Children were so well behaved on the day and eager to show inspectors their reading & Hebrew work. Inspectors read the displays, thumbed through exercise books and portfolios of children's work... They were so impressed that such progress is made in a busy multi-level class & had much praise for our bright, happy students. Thank you so much Infants! Great job! Thanks too, to our 'Reading' Parents and those who helped me with displays and filing work in the lead-up to the visit from Board of Studies.

We continue our Term 2 theme of **AFRICA**. Children have begun African animal puppets and are beginning to isolating familiar features of the African continent – where the rivers are, the high mountains, forests, the deserts and biggest cities. We've talked about the Nile and the things we know happened in the Nile (eg) Moses in the basket and the river turning to blood with plagues. Next week we will be looking at African drums (anyone lend me some ear-plugs, please? ha ha ha)

This Friday Felisa and I are trekking into the Sydney CBD to the Association of Independent Schools (AIS). We'll be attending another **MATHS** session with specialist consultants of Maths for young children. We'll hear about the latest research results and proven approaches for teaching syllabus outcomes in Maths. Always a very valuable & practical session with much we can apply immediately in class. Pip Preswell will be teaching in the Infant room on Friday.

Looking forward to **Pinocchio, and our interview with the cast?** Me too!!

Wonderful to see everyone returned from holidays safe and relaxed. One lucky family have an extended holiday however – the Richards family (with our Sophia and Laura) are flying to China as this goes to press, and will be away this week. Have a magical time Richard's – come back soon.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. Miss J.

The Primaries had two very special visitors to our class this week; Joanna and Jacob Edgecombe. We hope they had a lovely visit and pray that they travel safely back to Adelaide.

In English this week we have been focusing on the 'text type- Explanation'. Students explained the process of how milk gets to the shops. There were some fantastic opening paragraphs, with general comments leading the reader to fuller explanations.

Students have been busy working on Multiplication for Maths this week. We have looked at Multiples and Factors, with Year 5 students concentrating on 'Composite and Prime' numbers. *Remember to practise your tables!* For our 'Space' theme, we have used different drawing tools such as oil pastels and charcoal to represent Day and Night. We also analysed some artworks illustrating shadows in paintings and drawings.

Last Friday the Primary class competed in the HRIS Cross Country in East Maitland.

Everyone gave their best effort, with no one pulling out! Well done.

Wishing all the Mums a very special Mother's Day for this Sunday. I hope you get lots of treats!

Felisa

Infants: We are learning about food and drink in Hebrew. Last Friday we had a lesson in front of the BOS Inspector. She was quite impressed and we gave her a lesson on how to count in Hebrew! The students were very well behaved for which I was very thankful!
Jo Lynch

Hebrew Stars Of the Week:

Wills Duperouzel and Grace Madden

**Secondary Stuff**

SPORT: The High School students enjoyed ice-skating for sport this week and were much better on their feet this time! The student's behaviour was fantastic and worth mentioning in this column. Next week we will be holding a game of ice-hockey between Gamla and Masada for house points.

Just a reminder, that unless we receive written notice, all students will return to the school on the bus at the completion of this activity.

HRIS Cross Country Results: Jacob Carroll came 8th overall and will go to the AICES Carnival and Patrick Tappouras in the Primary came 11th and will go to the CIS Carnival. Joseph Richards will also represent the Region at the CIS Carnival in the category for children with disabilities.

Yr. 6 & 7 TECHNOLOGY

We are sewing this term! Boys included We will be having lots of fun!

Materials for projects will be provided in class with a cost to each student to be determined at a later date.

Students will need to bring along equipment to be kept at school for the Term. The equipment would be easily kept in a snap-lock bag. Following is the equipment they will require:

- ☺ Sewing scissors
- ☺ Packet of pins
- ☺ Tailor's chalk or temporary fabric marker
- ☺ Quick—Unpick
- ☺ Hand-sewing needle
- ☺ Tape measure (cms)

Students will be able to manage without these until next Friday 19th May but I would like them to have them asap.

Thanks, Michelle Villis

Water Safety Program:

"A Matter of Seconds"

Wednesday 31st May

This program will be presented by the LMCC to help teach children about water safety Issues targeted at K. Yr. 3 and Yr. 6. This is a free activity.

BUS APPEAL MONEY BOXES:



We are currently running a new money box appeal for funds for the new larger bus. Please fill with loose change or notes and send into school when full.

Entertainment Books:

The new book has been sent home today. Cost \$60.00 (a percentage of this money goes to the school) If you are interested to purchasing the book please send in money asap. If you do not wish to keep the book please send back to school IMMEDIATELY so it can be re-issued.

WESTFIELD "SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL" COMPETITION:

Its on again—starting 16th May. If you register before 16th May our school will receive bonus points!

Prizes this year include a make-over of school grounds by Channel 7 "Better Homes and Gardens" program, plus Apple iBook computers with software, Lexmark printers, Panasonic Technology products including LCD projectors, electronic whiteboards, digital video cameras, digital still cameras, DVD players and sound systems!

Well worth shopping at Westfield!

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Permission notes: If you have a permission note for High School Sport for Term 2 attached to your newsletter please complete and return by Friday, 12th May. Also if you have a permission note for Cross Country attached please complete and return to school with money.

Attachments: SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM—**Dental Screening:** Attached find separate Dental Screening forms for each of your children. The Hunter New England Area Health Service is providing a **FREE DENTAL ASSESSMENT** and they will be visiting our School on **Wednesday, 24th May.** Please read carefully and complete the **CONSENT FORM** and return by **Friday, 19th May.**

Please note: This is **not** a dental examination in a clinical setting or a check up it is only a Dental Assessment and does not replace yearly examinations.

Sydney HC Fair and Musical:

This year you can attend the Sydney HC Fair and watch their Musical Performance all on the one day!

The "Noah" Musical - "Raining Cats and Dogs" will be performed at 10.30am and again at 3pm—please book by phoning the school. (Ph: 98262116) . See below for costs.

Performances are held at the Kemps Creek Public School which is adjacent to HC Sydney.

The Fair opens at 12 noon, and concludes with

fireworks at 6pm.

Great food—including Pies, Thai, Curries, Potatoes, BBQ, Chips and Hot Dogs. Plan to have lunch, afternoon tea and dinner at the Fair!

Stalls include: Craft, Baby, Jewellery, Kids, Bible, Stationery, 2nd Hand, Cakes, Lolly, Fruit and Veg and a new Dad's Stall selling camping, fishing, hardware and electrical goods!

You can also attend the Musical on Thursday 18th May at 1pm.

Cost:

Child:	\$10.00
Pensioner:	\$15.00
Students:	\$15.00
Adult:	\$20.00
Family:	\$60.00
GOLD SEATS:	\$50.00

PHOTO GALLERY

The Teachers Celebrate the BOS Inspection Success



Fish Tank:
Designed and manufactured by
James Lynch in
Design and Technology classes.

**Happy
Birthday
to:-**

**JENNA
BRADLEY**

13 on 13th!
Congratulations.

PRAYER LINE:

Please include
**Jake Egginton and
his family**
in your prayers and
try to encourage them
during this time.

Jake is very unwell
following his bone
marrow transplant
and treatment.
The good news is that
his blood count is
improving.

BUSES:

Phone numbers:

Newcastle:
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Vicki:
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Gosford:
0418686387

Future Events:

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| Monday 15th May | P & F Meeting 1.30pm |
| Friday 19th May | HC Principals Meeting—Adelaide |
| Saturday 27th May | HC Sydney Musical and Fair |
| Tuesday 30th May | Spelling Competition
Writing Competition |
| Wed 31st May | K, Yr.3 and Yr.6 Water Safety Program |
| Thursday 1st June | Mid Year Concert |
| Monday 5th June | Combined Athletics Carnival—Pennant Hills |

Combined Athletics Carnival:

The Athletics Carnival this year will be combined with Sydney HC and will be held in Sydney on Monday 5th June.

We are calling for volunteers to help out on the day. If you can help out please fill in the form below and send in asap.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HELPERS:

I am happy to help at the Athletics Carnival on Monday 5th June.

Name.....

I am happy to do whatever job is needed

I am happy to help with: