



Heritage College Cooranbong



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Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

From the Principal:

Mid Year Concert

The Mid-year concert was held last Thursday night and it was a huge success. All the students had an opportunity to participate in a range of items and there were some real highlights. Well done, everyone. I would really like to encourage students to take up learning band instruments this year because the band going to receive a focus next semester and all students who play instruments will enjoy the experience of playing in the band. There will also be opportunities for students to get involved in a choir – particularly high school students. Admission to the choir will be by audition.

If students want to take up an instrument, please contact the office. We have several flutes, clarinets and even a trombone that students can begin using immediately.

The Combined Athletics Carnival took place on Monday on the one day in recent memory when it has rained continuously in Bankstown. Despite the inclement conditions, the students were all keen to participate in as many events as possible and they were all extremely well behaved and cooperative. Unfortunately postponing such an event is almost impossible, so the event went ahead and events missed will be conducted as part of each school's sports programme. Thank you to everyone who made a special effort to help out in many ways on the day.

The Soccer Gala Day which was meant to be held yesterday has been postponed till July 19, the first Wednesday of next term.

Today the year 8-10 students went on a brief excursion down the road to the local cemetery as part of their local history unit.

Tomorrow the 8-10 students are going on a tour of the Eraring Power Station as part of Science studies.

Web page:

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Theme for the Term:

"Thankfulness"

Paul thanked God every day for his brothers and sisters - 1 Tim 1, Col 1

Next week exams are being held for year 6-10 students. An exam timetable has been distributed.

The P&F have organised a chocolate drive as a fundraiser. Please sell as many chocolates as possible to raise funds for this worthy cause. This is the one time you can eat as many chocolates as you like with a clear conscience.

Congratulations to Joseph Richards and Patrick Tappouras for participating in the CIS Cross Country Run at Eastern Creek. They both performed really well.

Next Friday I will be in Adelaide meeting with the Principals of the other three Heritage Colleges, including the new school in Perth. We will be comparing notes on progress in the four schools.

I will be visiting Lismore on Sun 18 June to speak to interested parents who may wish to enrol in our new Distance Education Program for K-6 students.

Next Monday is a holiday. Don't come to school or you will be very lonely. Have a relaxing long weekend, if possible. And drive safely. God bless.

Simon Dodson,
Principal

**PIE DAY
TUESDAY 13TH
Send in orders
TOMMORROW**

**Last weeks winners were
THE SPY KIDS**

On Friday Felisa and I travelled to Sydney for a teacher's meeting about Maths with the Association of Independent Schools (AIS). We continue to build up a valuable set of resources take the opportunity to compare the progress of children at our school with children elsewhere. Wasn't the **Athletics Carnival** a drippy, sloshy, puddly, shivery day! Those are some of the describing words we collected in our Adjective Bank in class the following day. We have also composed **Carnival Reports** and are in the process of publishing these on the computers. So watch out for some great reports from our roving journalists – here to tell you Who, What, When, Where, How and Why! **Children will also be bringing home their certificates tomorrow** from the Swimsafe Session they had, run last week by the Surf-lifesavers from Newcastle. As mentioned, our **'Mermaids'** reading group (K's) are working through books at level two. Students are doing well to remember their 'tricky words' and sounding out words they haven't met before. We've made a bird, a dinosaur, and a V V V van picture from early Guided Reader Activities. Our **Spy Kids group** read a (fictional) story today about a great horse with a faithful keeper, who finally got old and peacefully passed away at the end of the story.... BUT then the last few lines of the story told us he was prancing round on paddocks & roads with trees in the sky??!!!! We didn't think that sounded right! We had a lively discussion about the beliefs some hold about Heaven-going looked at how the author had wrote it in at the end without some people realising what he was saying. Then we had a go at re-writing the end of this lovely story – with a little less prancing after he died! Really interesting morning with this group. Have a safe Queens Birthday Weekend everyone. See you back at school next Tuesday – Yiphee! Carrie



The students really enjoyed the Mid-year Concert last Thursday and are very thankful to everyone who came and watched! We had a ball!



Things didn't slow down for us though, as we all hopped on buses at an early hour in the morning, on Monday, to travel down to Sydney for our combined Athletics Carnival with Sydney Heritage College. Despite the rain, we all enjoyed ourselves and send a special 'thanks' to the coordinators for this event.

Last Friday, Carrie and I went to Sydney for a Maths Conference with the AIS (Australian Independent Schools) where we shared and gathered some great Maths lessons to implement within our classrooms.

Thanks to Uncle Simon, the Primary class has now received their new bookshelf, which has made our class (and me) more organised! Thankyou!

Athletic training with Yvonne is still continuing, helping us keep fit and build on our skills for the track and field.

In English, students have been busy creating Powerpoint presentations, writing stories and speeches that are all based on our theme 'Space'.

In Maths this week, we have created our own surveys, tallying the results and recording these in different graph formats, eg column, picture, line and pie graphs.

Just a little reminder to make sure your child's Homework Book comes in tomorrow, as it is a Friday!

Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend!! Felisa

**HRIS Soccer Gala Day:
POSTPONED DUE TO THE
RAIN.**

The day is re-scheduled next Term — 19th July.

HISTORY:

The High School Students had an excellent excursion to Martinsville to see the Cemetery and Anglican Church today. This fits in with the unit of Local History and enabled the students to get to know the names, employment, health of the early settlers of the Cooranbong Martinsville area. It's amazing how much knowledge can be gained from reading tombstones and piecing all the information together!

SCIENCE:

Friday 9th June.

Uncle Rick Pearce will be taking our Year 8 and 9 students to Eraring Power Station to develop an understanding of the impact of Power generation on the Lake environment. This is part of the Science Topic they are undertaking called

"Living in Lake Macquarie"

SPORTS RESULTS:

GAMLA: 1615.5

MASADA: 1627

**SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
EXAMINATIONS:**

**School Certificate exams will
be held Mon, Tues, Wed
13,14, & 15th Nov.**

**Note change from dates on
School Calendar.**



"The Middle School Minstrels"

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SUESSICAL MUSICAL DVD'S :

Limited number now available. Cost: \$30.00

If you did not receive your copy please call Vicki in the office.
Many thanks to Stuart Bowen for all his time and effort that went into producing these DVD's. Thank you !!

CIS CROSS COUNTRY EVENT:

Joseph Richards came 2nd in his category race.
CONGRATULATIONS!

COMBINED ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

It was a wet day but everyone still joined in and had fun!
There were some records broken—a full report next week!
Thanks to the bus drivers Ari, Jo and Morrie—and to the teachers and volunteers for their work in the rain.
Thanks to all the students for their cheerful enthusiasm.

WESTFIELD SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL:

The Prizes this year are FABULOUS—including a
PLAYGROUND MAKE-OVER
by the Channel 7 Home Beautiful Team.
Get all your family and friends shopping at Westfield and
send in all the docketts!
We are coming 1st at the moment so keep up to good
spending.

NOTE: FRESH FOOD BONUS POINTS

Boost the school's tally and earn 5 points for every
dollar you spend at fresh food stores and supermarkets
between 29th May and 11th June.

(docketts must be submitted during this time)

“Referrals” - refer a friend to become a participating
shopper and earn our school 100 points. Plus the first
150 people to refer 4 people will win an ipod shuffle!
Use the form on the Westfield Newsletter (attached)

UNIFORMS:

The new long sleeve girls blouses are now in!
Come into the office and get what you need.
Cost: \$24.50

New tunics have also arrived. If your Primary girl
needs a new tunic please see Jo or Vicki.

SPECIAL PIE DAY:

A SPECIAL PIE ORDER DAY WILL BE HELD
NEXT TUESDAY

(AFTER LONG WEEKEND)

PIES HAVE TO BE PRE-ORDERED—
PLEASE FILL IN THE ATTACHED COUPON
(TAPED TO A PAPER BAG) WITH MONEY
TOMORROW.

MEAT PIE \$2.00
CHICKEN PIE: \$2.00

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

REMINDERS: Return permission notes for:

- ☺ Secondary HRIS Soccer Gala - Year 6-11 this has been postponed till 19th July
- ☺ Infants Excursion to Pinocchio
- ☺ Immunisation Records
- ☺ Absentee Notes

Entertainment Books: Cost \$60.00

If parents or friends would like another Entertainment Book can you please contact Vicki at school to arrange for a book to be sent home. Accounts will be going out on Tuesday, 13th June

CADBURY FUNDRAISER:

(see letter attached to newsletter)

Our second term fundraiser is Cadbury Chocolates. Each family has been given one box today to sell. The boxes have been mixed so that everybody has a tasty assortment. Please do your best—take them to work, sell them to friends and neighbours—everything helps!! In each box is an envelope to collect the money (a box totals \$48). Please return it to school as soon as you have sold all the chocolates—you could even take another box to sell! We should raise over \$1200 if we sell all these chocolates.

See attached recipe for
“Cherry Ripe Mudcake” and
“Crunchie Cheescake Slice”

- more recipes using Cadbury chocs next week! Send in if know any nice recipes. You should be able to use up all those chocs fairly quickly!

Library Corner:

What a wonderful surprise this morning to be greeted by so many fantastic “Explorers” projects from the Primaries. Well done, students and parents!!!

The projects contained some terrific covers, information, maps, title pages, contents pages, pictures, glossaries and bibliographies. I will have a busy time in the next few days marking them all.

Ruth Lynch

If you didn't manage to get yours finished please bring it along TOMORROW and give it to James or David.

Ruth Lynch.

Spread the Word!

Students in other parts of NSW can now enrol for Distance Education in years K-6 from Heritage College Cooranbong. Ingrid Ryan will be the overseeing teacher. Christadelphian families with K-6 children are eligible to take part.
Contact the Office for details.

PHOTO GALLERY

Combined Athletics Carnival—Monday 8th June



Umbrellas were the fashion of the day!



INFANTS CLASS ITEM



The Brass Band members

Jordan ? from the Middle School Minstrels

Thanks to all the Students and Teachers for the great Concert and to Aunty Lisa and Aunty Vicki for organising the supper and drinks.

MID YEAR CONCERT

Happy Birthday
to:-
Elizabeth Schubert
For Saturday
10th June.
Elizabeth will be 9

AND TO

Grace

Madden

12 on Sunday 11th

And to

UNCLE ARI

For next Tuesday
13th June

SPECIAL PIE DAY:

**TUESDAY
13TH JUNE**

BUSES:

Phone numbers:
Newcastle:
0416223877
Gosford:
0418686387
Vicki:
0439068992

Future Events:

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| Thurs 8th June | School Council Meeting |
| Monday 12th June | Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 13th June | PIE DAY MID YEAR EXAMS |
| Thursday 15th June | English Competition |
| Friday 23rd June | Last Day of Term 2—finish at 2pm Mid Year Reports Issued |
| Tuesday 18th July | Students return |

Attachments:

- ☺ **Westfield Newsletter**
- ☺ **Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser Details**
- ☺ **Recipes for Cadbury Chocs**
- ☺ **Pie Order Form**