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Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

From the Principal: Heritage Athletics Success

Last Thursday our High School students took part in the HRIS athletics competition at Glendale. Our students competed well and manifested a positive spirit of sportsmanship. They all went in as many events as possible and achieved some good personal results. As a consequence, our school won the Trophy for Champion School, based on school size. This means that, taking into account the variation in school population, our school performed the best. Well done, High School students!

Yesterday our HSC Hebrew students visited Moriah College to receive some tutoring from Michael Benstock, the authority in NSW on HSC Hebrew. The day was also attended by myself and Pam Mansfield. This is the second such visit to Moriah, the last one being last Friday. It is hoped the girls may be able to make another visit during the holidays.

We were pleased to receive a visit on Monday from Malcolm Cross and his wife, from England, who spoke about Bible Mission Work in Africa. The children were entranced by the stories he told of life in Africa. There are more Christadelphians in Milawi than in either England or Australia. A great work is being done in those African countries.

Last Thursday we had a visit from Jump Rope for Heart demonstrators who showed the infants and primary class some impressive skipping skills.

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent-teacher interviews last Monday evening. It is a great opportunity to discuss the progress of students.

Next Monday is the HRIS Primary Athletics carnival. Good luck to all the students involved. Those students not in events will come to school as normal.

Next Tuesday and Friday are all-day Seussical

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Theme for the Term:

Parables of Jesus

"Be ready for the bridegroom could arrive at any moment"

rehearsals. Students can go straight to Warners Bay by 9:30, or come to school as normal and be transported by bus. Please note: We do NOT want lots of parents in the rehearsals. We do not need the distraction of an audience. Parents should wait until the performance before expecting to see the show.

Parents need to be aware that on Monday 7 August there is an evening rehearsal for Seussical at 6pm-10pm at Warners Bay.

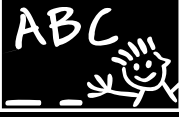
Next Wednesday the year 9-10 students will be attending a Sydney Theatre Production of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar". This should be a rare experience. Details are listed in the note. Don't miss it!

Thank you to Ken and Sue Whitehead for the donation of books to the school. These included some hard cover copies of books on Hebrew and Jewish culture that are much appreciated.

Don't miss out on Seussical tickets! Thank you to everyone who is involved in the preparations for Seussical.

Simon Dodson,
Principal

**HRIS PRIMARY
ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL
MONDAY
1ST AUGUST
GLENDALE**



Uncle Malcolm Cross visited our class and told us about his Mission work in Africa. Read the attached 'Memories' sheet to find out what your child thought of it all ...

Jump-A-Thon. This will be run (by me) at school. No fixed date yet until Seussical is over. Please keep your sponsorship forms in a safe place though. We will need them later. Prizes for sponsorship money can be seen on posters outside our classroom door.

Thanks so much to all the Mums and Dads who came in Monday evening for Parent Interviews. I appreciated you coming in to see what your children have been up to and to discuss their progress/reports. Thanks too, for all the lovely feedback about our displays. I have passed on your compliments to the class—they were stoked!

HAROLD GIRAFFE IS COMING! Confirmation came today that the Life Education bus is visiting our school in Term 4. Something else to look forward to in the 4th term—if indeed there is life after Seussical and the Fair!! This fabulous and well organized resource includes a big bus/classroom, a talking giraffe (puppet), two health teachers and a lot of fun hands-on activities for children. A big hit in the past. Can't wait.

Home Reading Tracking sheets. I have a file for them—if you have any at home, please send them in. Thanks a lot!

Carrie

A big thank you to the Infants Class for letting me come and learn how to develop into the best teacher I can be. You are all helping me learn many new things. I also want to thank Miss Jackson for being so willing to share her great teaching ideas with me and for working with me and helping me to incorporate these ideas into my own style.

We have been having lots of fun in the Infants room together. Some of you may have seen the wonderful fruit and vegetables on Monday night. These were stuck onto the bottom section of our Healthy Food Pyramid. We had a great time thinking about how we could construct these items and then had more fun actually trying to do it. Thanks, Infants, you did a wonderful job.

I look forward to spending the next couple of weeks in this classroom and am also really looking forward to seeing you all perform in Seussical !!!

Debra Topperwien
(Miss Topps)

What a week AND there is still lots more to come! We received a visit from Brother Malcolm Cross and listened to him talk about missionary work in Africa. Our class was particularly interested in the story of the two sisters that bit off a lolly into four pieces so that they were able to share it with others. What a lesson! This really opened our eyes to "Loving our neighbour as ourselves."

We also have been busy working on our Basic Skills Tests, starting with our Writing Assessment, which was held yesterday. Some students were a little nervous, but managed to get through it! Those students who were away for this test can have a 'catch-up' session on Monday morning with me. (Providing they are not attending the HRIS Athletics Carnival.)

Speaking of Athletics, today we had another training session with Yvonne in preparation for Monday. The HRIS Athletics Carnival for Primaries will be held at Glendale this year. Also this week, we have been busy working on and finishing off 'The News' in between Seussical rehearsals.


Thankyou to all the parents who came to the Parent Interview night, it was great to talk about your child's progress and discuss where we can go from here in regards to their educational experience.

Remember: the next Basic Skills Test (Reading, Spelling and Maths) will be conducted on Thursday next week.
Miss Relton

Primary Post

Infants/Primary Reading Program

Due to illness, holidays and babies the reading program has suffered over the past few weeks. I know several volunteers have swapped days. The following is a list as I understand it at the moment. Would you please ring me if there are any changes. (Ph: 43402210)

Monday: Keren Blacket, Priscilla Dodson, Jodie Shorter
Tuesday: Fiona Ginn 

Wed: Vicki Schubert, Naomi Richards, Betty Pearson, Rebekah Pearson

Thursday: Alison Tappouras, Anna Stretton

Friday: Rachel Madden

We urgently need a volunteer for Friday and one for Tuesday and Thursday. If one of Wednesday's volunteers could swap to another day that would be great. Any parent or grandparent could volunteer. You don't have to have a child in that age group. Looking forward to hearing from volunteers,
Susie Tappouras

SUPPORT SCHEME:

The Support Scheme has been functioning very well in the first two terms of 2005. We have been fortunate to have some reliable helpers.

Unfortunately, one of our mothers is not available now on Friday.

If anyone could help out on Fridays between 10-11 am please phone Rhonda Hardy. (Ph: 49505175)
Ruth Lynch

Secondary Stuff

Hebrew:

Last Friday and this Wednesday our HSC Hebrew students were very privileged to be able to go to Moriah College—the most prestigious Jewish school in Sydney. Here they were coached in Hebrew, the background and the real meaning of Deut 21, Ruth, and the Mishna (the Jewish understanding of the OT)

They were very apprehensive and a little overwhelmed. Moriah has 1,400 students on campus and is the largest concentration of Jews at any one point on a daily basis in the Southern Hemisphere. Security is very tight. We were met by an armed guard and though not obvious there are two armed guards on duty at the campus. The girls joined HSC students for 2 periods and then were tutored by themselves. They also attended Assembly. This was a little different to what they are used to. At the beginning the assembly opened with a grand piano accompaniment to the school song, 3/4 of which was in Hebrew, and a s a finale “Ha Tikvah” sung in Hebrew by the whole school (and some of us)
All up it was a very valuable experience.

Pam Mansfield.

Secondary Stuff

Sport:

An Archery Competition was held this week for sport between the two teams. It proved to be a very close affair on this occasion with Masada scoring 373 and Gamla 360. Top scorer for Masada was Nathan Dodson with a personal tally of 84 points and for Gamla it was Ben Dodson with 75. (Watch out, Uncle Simon)

All competitions scored well with Gamla being the most improved in archery on the day.

Team scores for this event were:

Gamla	120
Masada	124

We also had the company of Aunty Jane Mitchell who shot a personal score of 217. Way to go, Aunty Jane!! There was a great fear in the Masada camp when they thought she was shooting for Gamla.

In PE we played Volleyball with Masada winning the first game 15-6 and Gamla the 2nd 15-11.

Progressive score:

Gamla	268
Masada	311

Scott Madden.

HRIS ATHLETICS

CANRIVAL

Great work everyone!

Some outstanding placings our students received were:

Jake Carroll: 3rd 200m, 2nd High Jump, 2nd Javelin

Emma Higgs: 2nd 200m, 1st Shotput, 3rd Discus, 1st High Jump, 1st Long Jump, 1st 100m

Tom Mansfield: 2nd Long Jump, 4th 400m

Johanna Lynch: 4th 200m, 3rd Javelin

Melissa Carroll: 2nd 200m, 2nd Shotput, 3rd High Jump, 2nd Long Jump, 3rd Javelin, 3rd 100m

Hannah Mansfield: 3rd Shotput, 4th Long Jump, 4th 100m

Jacquie Spark: 4th Long Jump

Matt Wiltshire: 4th Shotput, 2nd High Jump, 4th Javelin.

We won the Champion School Trophy (based on school size)
Congratulations!

SEWING MACHINES:

Urgently needed for Fridays for the High School Textiles class. We need 6-8 sewing machines. If you could spare your machine each Friday for Term 3 & 4 it would be much appreciated. Please send in with a note saying who the machine belongs to and when you require it to be returned.
Thank you,
Tarlæ Bradford.

SEUSSICAL POSTICAL COSTUMES AND PROPS:

Could every child please send in a cardboard box to school with their name written on it in thick texta. This is to put their Seussical costumes in. If your child has a few changes, please send a bigger box!

1. Could anyone with a reasonable size clothes hanger please send in to school by Monday 25th July. This is to be used to hang costumes on for the performance.
2. If anyone has a nice shining silver scooter that they are willing to loan for Seussical please ring me. Ph: 49773301
3. We also need a child's tricycle (the ones with the passenger at the back). If you have one we could use (and you don't necessarily want it back in the same condition) please send in to school.
4. We also need a stuffed elephant toy
5. A red and white striped umbrella (hand held)
6. A red and white striped beach umbrella
7. Autumn leaves (in nice fresh condition)
8. AA batteries for the microphones (the microphones use a lot of batteries). If you don't mind donating a couple of packs please send in to school
9. Voluntary donation of \$10.00 (or more) towards costumes. The costumes are costing a lot of money—so if you can make a donation it would be appreciated.

Aunty Priscilla.

ALL DAY REHEARSALS:

Reminder that the all day rehearsals are on 2nd, 5th, 10th and 11th August. Please do not miss any of these days if possible. Some of these days will be FULL DRESS REHEARSALS so that will be very exciting.

SPECIAL NIGHT TIME REHEARSAL AT WARNERS' BAY PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE:

We are planning a special night time rehearsal at the hall so we can make sure the lighting and special effects will work well. This rehearsal is scheduled for Monday ~~1st~~ August. A separate note will be sent home with details. Please note that this is for the students only—parents are asked not to stay once dropping off their children as it is an added distraction. Please do not ask for special exemption—this applies to all parents.

T-SHIRTS—Seussical t-shirts for the students, orchestra and helpers have been ordered.

Cost: \$15.00 (special price for families with 3 or more students). These proved to be very popular with our other productions. Please send in money asap.

HELPERS: Aunty Joan Bowen is seeking volunteers to help with the sale of refreshments on both nights of the production. Please phone if you can help out with this. Ph: 49 732122. Thank you.

"CAT IN THE HAT" HATS: We will be selling the striped Cat in the Hat hats and other Seussical merchandise at the Musical. Nights. Thanks to Chris Ryan for organizing this.

LIMITED SEATING—seats filling fast—BOOK NOW 11TH AND 13TH AUGUST

COST: Child	\$15
Student:	\$20
Adult:	\$25
Family:	\$70 (Immediate family)

Due to most Sydney families wanting to attend on Saturday night it would be appreciated, if possible, for local families to book for the Thursday night concert.

COUNTDOWN TO SEUSSICAL

**14
DAYS
TO GO!**

BIRTHDAYS:

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO:-**

**Jacob
Blacket**

for Tomorrow
28th July
Jacob will be
9

Have a lovely day!

**PLEASE CHECK
THE ATTACHED
FLYER WITH
CHANGES TO THE
BUS SCHEDULE
OVER THE NEXT
WEEK**

LICE ALERT:

Parent please be advised that there have been some cases of head lice at school.

Attached is a flyer concerning treatment of head lice.

**Collect—A —
Cap
Keep those caps
rolling in.**

10c
per cap

— Photo of the Week —



**Gwandalan Public School students
(The Gwandalan Geckoes Skipping Troupe)
with our Primary students.**

**These students gave an excellent skipping display
and were promoting “healthy hearts” for the
“Heart Foundation”**

**For pictures of the Seniors’ visit to “Moriah” and
Bro. Malcolm Cross visit to the school
see the web page: www.heritage.edu.au**

Future Events:

Mon 1st August	HRIS Primary Athletics Carnival Note: change of date from Calendar
Tues 2nd August	Full Day Seussical Rehearsal—W. Bay
Wed 3rd August	Yr.9-10 “Shakespeare” Excursion (Sydney)
Fri 5th August	Full Day Seussical Rehearsal—W. Bay
Wed 10th Aug	Full Day Seussical Rehearsal—W. Bay
Thurs 11th Aug	Full Day Seussical Rehearsal
August 11 & 13	Suessical Performances
Mon 15th Aug	P & F Meeting
Sat 27th Aug	Working Bee
31st Aug –2nd Sep	Great Aussie Bush Camp
10th Sept	Country Fair and Fun Day

Photo Gallery

Senior HSC students visit to “Moriah College” in Sydney.

Moriah College is the largest Jewish school in Australia. Our students received tutoring in HSC Hebrew, particularly in the “mishnah” (Jewish commentary on the Old Testament)

Pam Mansfield, Hannah Mansfield and Amy Schofield with Michael Benstock and Pam from Moriah College



Bro. Malcolm Cross speaking to the Infants Class about mission work in Africa.

The students found this talk fascinating. See the page of their comments attached to the newsletter.