From the Principal:

HSC Exams Have Begun

Congratulations to our students who are sitting for HSC exams at the moment. They sat their Ancient History exam yesterday and they have one more to go, Earth and Environmental Science, which will be held next Wednesday. Not long to go now. Study hard for one more week!

The SOLOS CONCERT is on tonight at 7:00pm. A number of our students are performing solos. All are welcome. Please bring a plate for supper.

Today there was an information session for students doing HSC next year and their parents. Information was conveyed about courses of study over the next two years.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a STUDENT-FREE-DAY on Friday 10 November to facilitate strategic planning. Staff will be looking to set goals for 2006 and a general strategic framework for the next ten years at Heritage College, God willing.

The year 11 Maths exam took place today. Students will now be moving on to year 12 work.

The infants orientation day, for students starting kindy next year, will take place next Thursday at 10:00am. The session will run from 10:00am till 11:00am and then parents are welcome to stay for morning tea.

The arrangements for a Senior Formal are being finalised at present. Students in years 10-11 will be invited with their parents and teachers. The date, venue and cost will be advised.

There is a special PET DAY for infants and primary students next Thursday. Students are invited to bring their pets in from 2:15pm till the end of school. More details will be provided.

Theme for the Term:

“Soldier of Christ”

Gird your loins with Truth—

Ephesians 6

School Certificate Tests will take place on Nov 13-15. Most students are only sitting for English and History/Geography. Luke Carroll is privileged to be doing them all. Our other students sat for the other tests last year.

The Primary students are working hard to prepare for the HRIS Chess Day on Thursday 9 Nov. Some of the students are becoming quite strong chess players.

Thank you to those parents who attended the P&F meeting on Monday afternoon. The Fair was discussed and plans put in place for next year.

There are plans being made for the year 11-12 students in 2007 to go on a camp to the snow in early August. This camp will be a special one-off activity for this group and will cost about $500. In order to assist with the cost of this camp, some mothers are going to run some fund-raising events commencing this year. If parents want to assist with this, please contact Jenny Higgs.

It was great to see the Transition students at school again today. They are having a great time with Aunty Naomi and they are producing some good work. Well done.

Simon Dodson, Principal

SOLOS CONCERT
TONIGHT
7pm
Transition Class

ORIENTATION DAY: 2nd NOVEMBER (NEXT THURSDAY)

We had a lovely cool day looking at shapes and colours. Aunty Fiona Carroll was our helper today—thank you! We had a story on Rahab and the widow’s oil. The children really enjoyed music. We played all sorts of instruments—bells, maracas, triangles, tambourines, wood blocks, castanets and tapping sticks. Some of the children were even conductors. The children did collage and painting along with playdoh and blocks.

Next week Aunty Rachel Madden is our parent helper. Thank you. We will be doing numbers. Looking forward to seeing your happy faces then.

Naomi Richards

Miss J’s Infants

Last week’s winning team was the ... TASSY TIGERS! Congratulations to that team.

We have some new class members ... with tails! Three mice and two fish have joined our class. The fish will help out with our WATER theme this term and the mice were just for fun. We have yet to name them—they are still settling in and getting used to all the new eyes and fingers upon them.

Did you know that the food with the most water in it is the tomato? The Infants do. This week we have been discussing how our animals, our bodies and plants are largely made up of water. Next week we will be finding out more about where our water comes from and how it gets from the sky into our household taps.

Ask your Infant class child the meaning of EVAPORATION (when the water from lakes and oceans goes up to make rain clouds—kind of like ‘sweating’ when the sun’s out).

Coming up soon for the Infants are two special Sport activities. On Nov 8 & 15 we will travel to Glendale to do Gymnastics. Then (daily) from the 27 Nov – 8 Dec we will be doing Swimming at the Morisset pool. Also during that time at the pool we will be practicing some simple water safety techniques (eg) if you fell out of a boat into deep water far from the beach, what can you do? Answer: Float to the top, flip onto your back, lie calmly (sculling) and wait for help. (Flapping about in a panic takes up too much energy!)

Also coming up this term
1. Orientation Day for parents of new K students enrolled for next year – Thursday 2 Nov.
2. Life Education Bus – visiting our school/class first thing on Monday 13 Nov.

Take care this week.

Carrie

PRIMARY POST

During the week, the Primaries have been busy working on Multiplication and Division problems and I must admit I am pretty impressed with the amount of improvement I have observed when compared to their knowledge at the beginning of the year. Keep it up!

On Tuesday the Primary class held their very own Chess Tournament. Students took turns competing against one another, working on strategies and examining each other’s stealth moves. At the end of the day, the top 8 players from Years 5/6 and the top 8 players from Years 3/4 were chosen to represent our school at the HRLS Chess Competition. This event will take place on 9th November at Newcastle Town Hall. Permission notes will be sent out early next week. Congratulations to those students who made it through the rounds and a special mention goes to the winners:

1st – Jacob Madden
2nd – Ben Olsen
3rd – Joshua Mongan
4th – Joshua Schofield

Well done.

This week we have started work on ‘Local Communities’ and will begin organising a special ‘Cooranbong Tour’ later on this term for the parents. The Primary students will be your guides for this exciting day.

Also, after many class meetings and ‘requests’ the Primary class are finally having their ‘Pet day’. Permission notes have already been sent out. This event will be held next Wednesday, 1st November at 2:15pm. We are all looking forward to sharing our love for our pets!

Felisa

LIBRARY:
FREE CHOICE PROJECTS
Yr. 1-5
BRING IN NEXT WEEK TO WORK ON IN LIBRARY. DUE 16TH NOV
**Secondary Stuff**

**Sport:**
This week in sport we had the following results:
Basketball—
Gamla 11, Masada 8
Oz-Tag—
(A Team) Masada 4, Gamla 2
(B Team) Masada 2, Gamla 2
Previous results which have not been published yet are:
25th Sept: Volleyball:
Game 1 Masada 15, Gamla 6
Game 2 Gamla 16, Masada 14
21st Aug: Fencing:
Gamla 55, Masada 44
Next week we will be playing Softball for house points.
Current House Point Score:
Masada 1726
Gamla 1716.5

**Senior Scene**

Congratulations on completing the Ancient History HSC Exam—
now only Earth and Environmental Studies next Thursday.
Good luck—study hard!

Senior Formal:
Milano’s on the Lake—Pelican Invitations with details will be out soon.

**General**

**SOLO’S CONCERT:**
TONIGHT—26TH OCTOBER, 7pm
This is always an entertaining and enjoyable night.
Students are to wear full school uniform.
Could parents please bring along a plate of supper to share at the end of the Concert.

**THE FAIR:**
We had a successful stall at Bible School during the holidays, bringing in another $600 in funds. Thank you to all the mums who helped out with this activity.
We are also having a Stall at the Morisset Showground Markets on Nov 4th.
Anyone with left over “Fair” items are asked to please consider this. If you can’t attend but have goods to sell please let Chris Ryan know.
**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ON THIS DAY!**
Anyone who would like to help out on the day would be welcomed with open arms.
This is a very busy market with lots of potential for sales.
It’s also a lot of fun!
Phone Chris on 49772821

**Uniforms:**
We have received the uniform stock we have been waiting for. If your child needs parts of the uniform please send a note in stating what you need and size.
We have moved the uniforms to one of the rooms in the School Cottage. To assist us in storing the uniforms correctly please send in any spare skirt hangers (we have lots of normal hangers)
For any assistance with uniforms or your account, please contact myself on Wednesdays or Jo Wilshire on Thursdays at school.

Infants Orientation Day: next Thursday. Uniform information and sales will be available on this day for our new starters.

Thanks,
Vicki Schubert.

**P & F NEWS:**
See the attached Minutes from the last meeting held last Monday.

**HEAD LICE ALERT:** There has been a case of head lice reported. Please check your child/children’s hair and treat if necessary.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

HARRISON
LUKE
7 on Saturday
28th Oct

Jesse
Duperouzel
13
Wed 1st Nov
Teenager!

James
Lynch
Sweet 16
Next Thursday
2nd Nov

School Camp:
Yrs 3-11
Nov 21-24
(Yr. 3-5, 22 –24th)
Blue Mountains
including
Jenolan Caves

ADMINSISTRATIVE MATTERS:
😊 Attached Infants Gymnastics permission note and Consents forms please sign and return by WEDNESDAY, 1st November

😊 If your child/children are not catching the bus in the mornings please ring/text message the respective driver to let them know so they do not wait unnecessarily.

😊 Parents please note that if your child/children are not going to go home in their usually way/direction please contact the school to advise them and if they need to go on a different bus we need to let the drivers know. It is not safe to let students decide where they are getting off the bus.

😊 Late/Early Book: School starts at 8.55am if students are late they must come to the Office to sign the late book (otherwise they will be marked ABSENT on the roll) Students must also sign out when they leave early.

😊 Please remember that there is no teacher on duty before 8:40am so please do not drop your child/children before this time.

Thank You
Office Admin.

Future Events:

Thurs 26th Oct
Yr. 11-12 (2007) Info Session—2.30pm
Solo’s Concert—7pm

Wed 1st Nov
Earth and Envir Study HSC Exam 1.55pm

Thurs 2nd Nov
Infants Orientation Day

13th –14 Nov
School Certificate Exams