



# Heritage College Cooranbong



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## Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

### From the Principal: Canberra Excursion

The Year 9-10 students went on a very enjoyable trip to Canberra on Sunday and Monday. They visited Old Parliament House and The War Memorial as part of their preparations for the School Certificate Tests. We thank Ari Ryan for organizing the trip, and Morrie Pogson and Gail Wiltshire for attending the trip.

The School Certificate Tests are only two weeks away so the Year 10 students should be studying hard, as much as possible, to prepare for these tests. The Tests will be taking place at the Cooranbong Community Centre.

The HSC exams continue and tomorrow the HSC Music students will be sitting for their music exam. Next Monday there is HSC Hebrew exam and next Wednesday the Chemistry and Business Services exam. Keep up the good work, girls.

On Thursday Nov 3 there will be a Kindy Orientation Session at 9:30am. Parents of students commencing in 2006 are invited to attend the session in the Infants room, where Miss Jackson will give parents information about what to expect in the Infants room and how best to prepare. Morning Tea will be provided and information on uniforms will be available.

There will be a P&F meeting next Monday at 1:30pm. All are welcome.

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*Theme for the Term:*

*Fruit of the Spirit*

**“JOY”**

Don't forget that Daylight Saving starts this Saturday night. Put your clocks forward one hour.

Please be reminded that Friday 11 November is a student-free day. Please put this into your calendar so you don't send your children to school for nothing on that day.

There will have to be a change to the date of the Solos Concert due to unforeseen circumstances. It is on the calendar for Nov 17, but it has been moved forward one week to Thursday Nov 10. Everyone who learns an instrument is invited to play a solo. The Concert will commence at 7pm.

Simon Dodson,  
Principal

**P & F MEETING  
MONDAY**

**31ST OCTOBER  
1.30pm  
in the Library**

The transitions had a wonderful day today learning about colours! Annie Elton came for her first day which was so nice for all of us and she seemed to have a wonderful day too. We had Auntie Vicki Schubert as our helper—thank you! We played with the parachute which the children loved and we went into Miss J's class and learnt about birds. I was impressed with all the children's knowledge on colours and their book work was excellent. You are welcome to look at their work and my file on your child when you are down as helper for the day—or any time for that matter.

Next week our helper is Auntie Irene Yearsley and we are learning shapes. See you then God willing

Auntie Naomi

**ORIENTATION  
DAY FOR NEW  
KINDIES:**

**THURSDAY  
3rd November**

### Bird Saying This Week:

'*A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush*'. This means, to be grateful for what you have so you aren't focused on what you don't or can't have.

Uncle Simon visited us this morning to read from a big book we had made about our September holidays. This book will be left for parents to enjoy over the next week or so, in the front of the school.

Our BIRD theme continues to take flight this term. **We have a very EXCITING EXCURSION coming up, so watch this space** in coming weeks—dates and times are yet to be confirmed. We will also have a very special MYSTERY MEAL at school on our Bird Theme. You will be receiving your invitations soon children....

Today we talked about some of the more unusual and spectacular birds round the world. We talked about the day in Creation when birds were made, and how God sent out the angels to make all these wonderful creatures. Have you ever wondered what kind of bird YOU would design if you were one of those angels working for Yahweh? Today we had a go at designing our own birds. We will be putting these imaginative flying creatures on display very soon.

Thanks for sending along all the right gear for gymnastics on Wednesdays. (Girls really do need shorts or track-pants for this.) Children are having a BALL at these sessions. Special mention of Elizabeth, Isaac, Tekoah, Phoebe, Kenith, Caleb B and Sophia who sat so beautifully on bus trips to Glendale. Thank you so much!

Also on display are some Chinese Lanterns and fans that were made as part of a Guided Reading lesson with the Seals group. Read all about it!

Take care, Carrie

This week the Primaries have been working extremely hard in their reading and writing skills. Year 5 students are busy working on Literary Units, with some about to begin their last novel for the year...Redwall! It is great to see students enthusiastic for reading. This motivation will help improve their skills in English and also give them a chance to escape into their own imagination. (A much higher level of thinking than that used in a computer game!) After reading so many stories, I have given the class an opportunity to write a story of their free choice, so let those creative juices flow!

In Maths, Year 3 & 4 have been working on double digit by single digit multiplication and applying their own mathematical strategies. For example, when asked  $14 \times 6$ , one student (8 yrs) answered 'half of 14 is 7, so  $7 \times 6 = 42$ . Now double it to get 84! Another student answered  $10 \times 6 = 60$ . Now add  $4 \times 6$  which equals 84. The students enjoyed playing with the numbers and applying mental strategies. The Year 5 students worked on Long Division and after many practices, have finally mastered it. However, unless practiced continually, this skill could possibly be forgotten, so there will be lots of revision in future lessons! Students enjoyed another Gymnastic lesson yesterday at Glendale with two more visits still in store.

Basic Skills Test Results came in yesterday and I am very pleased with all the students' results, especially when sitting the exams just days before Seussical. Well Done! Felisa

## "Secondary Stuff"

**Sport:** The High School will be continuing gymnastics for sport for the next two weeks.

**HISTORY:** The Yr. 9-10 enjoyed their excursion to Canberra. We visited Old Parliament House where the students particularly enjoyed the Portrait Gallery. We also visited the War Memorial focusing on displays involving WW1 and Vietnam. It was United Nations Day while we were there so we glimpsed some dignitaries and some of the celebrations connected with this. We stayed at a very nice Unit accommodation and enjoyed a swim in the pool and a BBQ tea on Sunday night. The students put on a very delicious supper. The students were all very well behaved and good ambassadors to our school showing respect at the places we visited. Thanks to Gail Wiltshire and Morrie Pogson for helping out and to Ari Ryan for organising the excursion, and especially for his culinary skills. It was much appreciated.

### **Yr. 11 Course Selections:**

Parents are advised that the Yr. 11 students in 2006 have been given forms to fill in for their TAFE VET course selections. These need to be sent back tomorrow so we can make the bookings with the various TAFE Colleges.

Please take some time tonight to discuss this with your child and send in all the required signed documents  
**TOMORROW.**

### **GYMNASTICS MONEY:**

Parents are reminded that the cost for the Gymnastics sessions is \$3.50 per week. If you are paying weekly please make sure to send in the money each week. Cost for the whole session is \$14.00 per child. If you haven't not paid please send in money asap.

### **UPDATE ON VICKI:**

Good news—Aunty Vicki is in the Rankin Park Re-hab Hospital and making good progress.

Vicki is hoping to go home for a visit this weekend so ring if you plan to see her.

Reminder: There are containers available in the office if you wish to send food parcels home for Vicki and family.

**UNIFORMS:** We are expecting the new white shirts in very soon. I will let you know when they are in and you can see them and try them for size. The new sports uniform will not be available until next year, but if you are in desperate need of shirts we are selling the green polo tops for \$6.00 each. Send in a note if you require any of these.

Jo Wiltshire

### **COMBINED SCHOOL PHOTO:**

Orders for the combined school photo need to be in  
**tomorrow**  
**(Friday 28th October).**  
Cost: 14.00

Please send in money with the order.

### **NEEDED URGENTLY:**

**A FIREPROOF CABINET TO STORE FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AS REQUIRED BY OH&S STANDARDS. THESE ARE YELLOW IN COLOUR. IF YOU HAVE A SUITABLE CABINET OR KNOW WHERE WE CAN GET ONE FOR A REASONABLE PRICE PLEASE SEE SIMON.**

**THIS IS URGENTLY REQUIRED BY**  
**12TH NOVEMBER**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO:-**

**Tekoah Ryan**

27th September

Sorry we missed your  
birthday!

**Aunty Julia  
Duperouzel**  
for last Monday.

Tomorrow  
**HARRISON LUKE**  
will be 6.

**GIDEON RYAN**

1 on 30th Oct

David Olsen

Oscar Olsen

both on 31st Oct

**Jesse**

**Duperouzel**

12 on 1st Nov

**JAMES**

**LYNCH**

15 on 2nd Nov

**Babies Born:**

Congratulations to  
**Matt and Leah Elton**  
on the birth of their  
son Riley. 7lb 12oz  
last Wed.

Mother and baby  
are home and  
doing well.

The twins are here!  
A boy and a girl  
born yesterday.  
Congratulations to  
**Jamin and Janet  
Ryan** on the birth of  
**Joshua and Talitha.**



Job Tappouras with the "Bird Display" in the Infants Room. The theme this term is "Birds". There are several stuffed birds, nests and books on display in the room. Come and take a look.

**Future Events:**

<b>Mon 17th Oct</b>	<b>HSC Exams begin</b>
Monday 31st Oct	P & F Meeting (note change of date)
Wed 2nd Nov	Infant/Primary Gymnastics for Sport
Thurs 3rd Nov	Orientation Day for New Starters 2006 High School Gymnastics for Sport
<b>7-8th Nov</b>	<b>School Certificate Exams</b>
Wed 9th Nov	Infant/Primary Gymnastics for Sport
Thurs 10th Nov	HRIS Chess Competition High School Gymnastics for Sport 7pm SOLO'S CONCERT— Note change of date
<b>Friday 11th Nov</b>	<b>Staff Planning Day—Pupil Free</b> HRIS Tennis Gala Day—Broadmeadow
Tues 15th Nov	Board of Studies Site Inspection
Thurs 17th Nov	School Council Meeting 4.30pm
Mon 28th Nov	Senior Formal
<b>Monday 5th Dec</b>	<b>EXAM WEEK</b>
Thurs 8th Dec	School Council Dinner
Mon 12th Dec	Presentation Night
Thurs 15th	Last Day of School—Out of Uniform Day
Friday 16th	Staff Function