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Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

From the Principal: HRIS Chess Competition

Today we had several team of students from years 2-6 participate in the HRIS Chess competition. This is an annual event and we are pleased to see so many of our students willing and able to take part. Thank you to Miss Relton who organises our participation in the tournament. Well done to all the participants!

Gymnastics is the sport that students are currently participating in from infants to High School. Each week they travel to Glendale Gymnastics Centre and receive coaching from trained gymnasts and the students are all doing a great job in taking part.

The Life Education Van will be at school on Monday and Healthy Harold (a large giraffe) will tell the students about basic life lessons like hygiene and healthy living.

Next Monday the School Certificate Tests commence. Students need to be at the Cooranbong Community Centre at 9:00am. Students can travel to school as normal on the bus and then we will transport them to the venue, or alternatively, students can go directly to the Community Centre. After the Tests are complete, the students will be picked up and returned to school.

The test times are as follows: English (Monday 9:20-11:30); History/Geography (Tuesday 12:50-3:00pm). The Computer Skills Test is being held at school on Wednesday morning.

TOMORROW is a STUDENT-FREE DAY. Please don't send your children to school as they will be very lonely. The staff are participating in a training day in relation to Quality Teaching and Strategic Planning. There will be a session run by the Dean of the Faculty of Education at Avondale College.

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Theme for the Term:

“Soldier of Christ”

Having your feet shod with the preparation of Peace—Ephesians 6

Year 10 students should spend tomorrow revising for their School Certificate Tests.

The School Camp is now very close. It commences one week from next Tuesday (The Primaries don't leave until the Wednesday). A permission note was sent home for parents to sign yesterday. Please return this note, with payment, as soon as possible. We will be sending a “what-to-bring” list next week.

New HSC subjects will commence on Monday 27 Nov.

Also on 27 November, a daily swimming program will commence for the Infants and Primary students. This will take place at the Morisset Pool each day and students will strengthen their swimming skills as summer approaches.

Well done to all the band students who are taking part in the after school band practice on Wednesday afternoons. The band is sounding great and students enjoyed a very tasty afternoon tea yesterday. Well done, maestros.

Simon Dodson,
Principal

**Tomorrow is a
PUPIL
FREE DAY**



We had a great day today learning all about Animals! We had animals for news, painted animals on the easels, made animal masks and sang lots of animal songs—with LOTS of energy. The children are learning their prayer so well (which we say before morning tea and lunch):

“Dear God,

We want to thank you for this day, we want to serve and you obey. For food and friends both big and small, we thank you for you give us all. We thank you God that Jesus came and ask this prayer through his dear name. Amen!”

Maybe you could practice it at home or ask your child to say a prayer for you—you may just need to start them off.

Thank you Auntie Rachel for your help today and William. It was a bit cold today but the children were so busy they didn't even seem to notice.

PLEASE remember hats. Today we only had one or two with hats and it is school policy— ‘No hat no play’

Can't wait to see you next week
Helper: Mia Luke
Topic: Transport!
Thanks Auntie Naomi

**LIBRARY:
FREE CHOICE
PROJECTS
Yr. 1-5
DUE NEXT
THURSDAY
16TH NOV**

Last Weeks winners—**HYENA'S**

This week in **SPORT** we headed up to do gymnastics with the coaches at the fantastic Glendale facility. There is such a wide range of equipment for children to try - all in a safe, well-padded environment – we had a ball!

Coming up in about 3 weeks is **SPEECHES**. There is a note attached to this Newsletter today for K – 2 students with some tips and a speaking schedule. The speeches are to take place from 28 – 30 November (Tues/Wed/Thurs) with a number of students presenting each day. Now's a great time to select your topic and begin to gather some facts and pictures.

This Monday we will be with **HAPPY HAROLD** on the Life Education Bus! Our session begins straight after Recess and goes through to just before lunch time. I wonder if Harold has gotten any taller since last year?...

Ask your child about the **WATER MUSIC** they have composed with Miss Preswell. There are some bottles with coloured water on a table in our room. The water level in each bottle is different and so that makes the notes a different pitch. Children have written “music” using coloured dots that match the coloured water in the bottles and have made their dots big or small to indicate whether notes should be played loudly or softly. This (and other) water-based instruments will be in our classroom for children to explore during our Water theme this term.

Did you know there is a **DROUGHT** in Australia? The Infants do. We also thought of a **Bible story** where there was a great drought and Jacob had to send his sons into Egypt to buy food. Boy, did **THEY** get a big surprise when they saw who was in charge of the grain stores!! We will be talking about ways we can use water carefully and thoughtfully next week. Do you know of any great water-saving tips?

Take care this week – Carrie.

What an exciting week it has been!

During English, there have been some exciting stories being published as well as Johanna Dangerfield and Jesse Carroll finishing their Literary Unit on the book ‘The Silver Sword’. Well done.

In Maths, students have been working hard on Fractions and Decimals. All students have shown great improvement in this area and are currently doing extension work; such as ‘finding the lowest common denominator’ as an introduction to Middle School work. Excellent work everyone! We have had some tough problems with percentage, trying to work out the value of discount items and working out savings when shopping. A great tool for the near future!

Today the Primary Chess players were at the HRIS Chess Competition at Newcastle Town Hall. The students are having a great time with lots of positive results. I am extremely pleased with how they are representing our school. Keep it up! The final results will be published in next week's newsletter, but at the time of printing we were in 1st place!

GYMNASTICS CONTINUES ON NEXT WEEK – 16th Nov

Felisa Relton

Secondary Stuff

Sport:

Masada 1740
Gamla 1723.5

TECHNOLOGY NEWS:

This term we are looking at mixed materials in the context of interior design and furniture. Students are researching various interior design styles. If you are able to donate any old interior design/living/country/furniture magazines for the students to look at and cut up we would really appreciate it.

Thank you, Michelle Willis

Senior Scene

SENIOR FORMAL:

AMENDMENT: NOW ON AT THE
Squid's Ink Restaurant
4th December
Invitations with details will be out soon.

GENERAL

Aunty Fiona Carroll is running special fundraising days each Friday until the end of Term.

Friday is "Wedges Day"

No school tomorrow - so no
Wedges tomorrow!

GENERAL

THE FAIR:

The stall at the Morisset Showground Markets last Saturday was not held due to the rain. As the December market will clash with other end-of-year activities we will not be holding a stall at the markets until 2007

Administration

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- ☺ **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.**
- ☺ Please note that there are no A4 work books available at school. You will need to purchase these from Big W/K Mart/Newsagency.
- ☺ Please note: Primary Gymnastics for 9/11 will be held on 16/11 due to the Primary HRIS Chess competition.
- ☺ **HEBREW Excursion to be held next Thursday, 16th November, notes and money due in TOMORROW, 10th November.**
- ☺ **INFANTS AND PRIMARY: Life Education Van coming on Monday, 13th November, still waiting on permission notes and money to come due in TODAY, please bring in on MONDAY, 13th.**

Thank You
Office Admin.

PHOTO GALLERY

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
to:**

**Caleb
Mongan**

**8
on Saturday
12th Nov**

And to

BEN OLSEN

**11
Next Thursday
16th Nov**

Up coming events:

**Wedges
Day**

**Each Friday until
the end of Term
See attached flyer**

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



THE HRIS PRIMARY CHESS COMPETITION AT NEWCASTLE TOWN HALL

Future Events:

FRIDAY 10TH NOV PUPIL FREE DAY

13th –15 Nov	School Certificate Exams
Monday 13th Nov	Life Education Van Visit
Thursday 16th Nov	School Council Meeting
Monday 20th Nov	Primary/Infants Swimming begins
22nd— 24th Nov	Whole School Camp
Monday 4th Dec	Senior Formal
Thursday 7th Dec	School Council Dinner
Monday 11th Dec	Presentation Night
Thursday 14th Dec	Last Day of Term—Mufti Day. Finish 2pm
Friday 15th Dec	Staff Luncheon
Monday 29th Jan	Staff Return
Wednesday 31st Jan	Students Return

Assignments Due:

4th Dec	Yr. 6-7	Geography	Assignment “Access to Water”
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**PUPIL FREE DAY TOMORROW
THAT MEANS NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
TOMORROW**