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Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

From the Principal:

Life Education Van

On Monday the Infants and Primary students took part in activities and lessons in the Life Education Van designed to assist them develop personal skills. This is an annual event and we appreciate them coming to our school.

Last Thursday the High School had a special boating afternoon for sport which they all enjoyed. Rick Pearce and Wayne Wiltshire brought their boats and the students all had a fun time enjoying water sports. Thanks to everyone who assisted, and thanks to Uncle Scott Madden for organizing the day.

The swimming program for K-5 students is taking place this week and next. This program is designed to assist children develop vital life-saving swimming skills. But we recommend all families book their children into swimming lessons each summer to improve their children's swimming skills and fitness levels.

Today the students are attending an event of historical significance. The Rathmines area is being declared a Heritage area due to its significance as a Catalina base during WW2. A flyover of the only functional Catalina will be taking place at 11:45am and the students will be seeing it.

Next Monday the Senior Formal will take place at Awaba House. It com-

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Theme for the Term:

Fruit of the Spirit

“Goodness”

mences at 6pm. Please address any questions to Aunty Gail Wiltshire, or contact the office. Could those bringing partners please ensure they are well informed regarding the details of the evening, including directions on how to get to the location.

In the next few days the Annual School Survey will be sent to parents. Please assist us by completing the survey and returning it to school by the due date. We utilise feedback in our planning for next year.

The School Council dinner and Annual Report will be taking place on December 8. All parents and friends are invited. Please let the office know if you are attending.

High School exams commence on December 5. Presentation Night is on December 12.

Staff return in 2006 on Jan30 for a two day conference and students return on Feb 1.

Simon Dodson,
Principal

SENIOR FORMAL

AWABA HOUSE
MONDAY 28TH
ARRIVE AT 6pm

Parents and friends are welcome to come at 6pm for “nibbles” and photos before the function.



The EXCURSION TO AWABAKAL

was great! Education Officer, Sue Saxby was waiting to welcome us into her 'classroom' - a lab which was set up with a six activity stations including computer programs, preserved snakes/plants/insects (in resin or jars), puppets, aboriginal artifacts and treasure boxes of seed pods, turtle-shells and seashells. After some time spent 'investigating' in class and discussing what we know about BIRDS, we were dropped off at the beginning of the trail that lead along the headland which Sue called the 'Heather environment'. She stopped frequently to show point out birds, nesting places, and the range of food available for birds (breaking open seed-pods and identifying plants unique to that environment). Then we turned and walked away from the ocean and into a rainforest reserve. Sue lead us along a forest trail that lead to a beautiful 'secret' lagoon hidden in the centre. We stopped along the way to see more nests, birds, and interesting plants. There was lots of walking. We got puffed!

Hanukah happening this Tuesday.

We have been learning our songs with Jo Lynch.

Swimming has kicked off this week.

Everyone has remembered their gear which is great. I have sloshed your children in sunscreen (just ask them! Ha ha) each morning before they have jumped in to their coaching sessions. All children have made progress this week - even in the first three days. This is especially evident with younger children getting heads under and legs kicking and then those in 'squad' who are more effective at establishing a rhythm to help them with stamina.

Happy Harold was here on Monday morning.

He left us with some special project books that we are working through today, as well as stickers, pencils and colouring competitions. Harold had been camping in the weekend and his tent had leaked! But he told us all about healthy foods, crossing the road, keeping safe in public parks and the role of vital organs in our bodies.

Take care till next week. Carrie

The end of the year is fast approaching and the Primary class have been busy wrapping up worksheets, activities and tasks. Students have been working hard in the water each day this week at Morrisset Pool with qualified Auzswim instructors. This is an extremely important learning experience as children gain vital skills for survival in the water. (Especially with Summer just around the corner.)

Today we had the opportunity to witness the Catalina Fly Past at Rathmines. The children enjoyed this eventful occasion despite the weather.

Another reminder for all Primary students to bring their own personal **floppy disk** for publishing their creative stories.

All year the Primary class have been working towards a very special award of a day out for Ten-pin-bowling due to good behaviour as an entire class. Each time they have sat quietly, behaved well on bus trips/excursions, worked hard, cleaned up etc, they have earned one point on The Hundred Chart. Currently they are sitting on 97 points with Ten-pin-bowling close at hand.

I have complete confidence that they will achieve their goal of 100 points very soon, so expect a permission note to arrive shortly.

We are really looking forward to celebrating Hanukah with Aunty Pam this coming Tuesday morning. Felisa

**Transition
Class**

Enrolment Forms:

For those who have not submitted an enrolment form - another will be posted out today. Please fill in and send to school asap

Helper next week:
Aunty Irene Yearsley
Yeah!

Naomi Richards

SENIOR FORMAL:

The Senior Formal is to be held at

Awaba House at Marmong Point on

Monday 28th November.

Parents and friends are welcome to come at 6pm for "nibblies" before the function

**PIANO
NEWS**

A final 2005 newsletter and account will be sent home this week with your child - (please finalise accounts by last lesson).

Many comments were received after the Solo's concert regarding how much everyone had progressed with their playing this year - so all that extra practise really does show! Thanks to all those who helped make the night a success.

2 more students sat the recent AMEB exams and received excellent results.

CONGRATULATIONS TO :-

* Tom Mansfield
-Music for Leisure Grade 2
- a pass with Credit (B+)

* Kyria Mansfield
- Piano Grade 3
- a pass with Honours (A)

New students starting in 2006 need to confirm so with me as soon as possible please. I have a few vacancies but am offering these first to Melissa's students as she will not be teaching next year.

Thanks,
Aunty Sharon

**CANTEEN NEWS:
\$2 PIE & DRINK DAY
WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

**Send in the attached order (with money) by
Monday 28th**

Non—Canteen Day Ice Block Sales:

Aunty Priscilla has kindly offered to sell ice-blocks on the non-canteen days. The ice-blocks will be sold from the Senior Common Room. See the attached list for varieties and prices. Profit from sales go towards purchasing sewing machines for the Textiles class.

BUS DRIVERS:

Urgent appeal for more bus drivers!
At least one more driver is needed for each run and extras for excursions, sport activities etc. Please consider obtaining a bus drivers licence, even if you could only fill in for “emergencies” and excursions.

**EXCURSION TO
RATHMINES HERITAGE LISTED PARK**

Today we went to the ceremony to commemorate the handing over of the Rathmines Park to the Heritage Foundation. The children listened to speeches from local politicians and former RAAF personnel and watched the last remaining Catalina plane fly over the site. It was very interesting considering that the Bible School is part of this area that is now Heritage listed.

After the flyover several of the RAAF men spoke privately to the children and showed them their medals. If you can watch NBN news tonight as you may see some of the school children on the broadcast and also look at the Newcastle Herald for photos tomorrow.

FRIDGE WANTED

If anyone has a large fridge (in working order) that they could donate to the school it would be greatly appreciated. It is needed for the Staff Room and used for everyday purposes plus when we have special functions at school.

**MONEY BOXES
for play equipment !**

Each family has been given two money boxes today. We are aiming to raise as much funds as possible to replace the play equipment that had to be removed due to OH&S reasons. Please pass the money boxes on to family and friends to fill.

There are more boxes at school if you require more.

Please return to school end of Term 1, 2006.

Thank you for your help.

HEAD LICE ALERT:

Parents are advised that we have had some cases of head lice at the school. Please check your children’s hair and treat if lice or nits are found.

PERMISSION NOTES:

Parents are reminded that the school must have a signed permission note for any outings away from school. Please make sure that all permission notes that are sent home are returned promptly.

If “verbal” permission is given a note still has to be sent in.

It would be appreciated if money was sent in with the notes.

Parents Please Note:

**Term 1, 2006
commences on 30th Jan.
Staff will return on this date.
Students return on 1st Feb**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO:-**

**ELLI
STRETTON**

**For
Tomorrow
Elli will be 5**

**RHONDA
POGSON**

**For next Monday
28th Nov**

**LIBRARY
BAGS:
FOR SALE IN
THE LIBRARY
\$4 EACH.**

**BOOKS CAN
ONLY BE
BORROWED IF
CHILDREN
BRING IN A
CLOTH
LIBRARY BAG.**

**BUS PHONE
NUMBERS:
Cut out and keep
on the fridge!**

**Gosford Bus:
0418686387**

**Newcastle Bus:
0416223877**



HIGH SCHOOL BOATING DAY

Thanks to Wayne Wiltshire and Rick Pearce for the use of their boats and their time and effort in making this activity a great time.

Future Events:

Mon 28th Nov	Senior Formal
Wed 30th Nov	\$2 Pie and Drink Day at Canteen
Thurs 1st Dec	High School Swimming for Sport
Monday 5th Dec	EXAM WEEK
Thurs 8th Dec	School Council Dinner High School Swimming for Sport
Mon 12th Dec	Presentation Night
Thurs 15th	Last Day of School—Out of Uniform Day
Friday 16th	Staff Function
Mon 30th Jan	Staff Return
Wed 1st Feb	Students Return