



# Heritage College Cooranbong



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# Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

## From the Principal:

### Welcome Back to Heritage for 2007

It's great to see all the students returned to school so enthusiastically. Everyone has obviously had a refreshing break and they are all keen to see their friends again. Welcome back to all the staff and students.

It's great to welcome nine new students this year. In addition to our six new Kindy students, we have Isabella and Annie Elton back with us, and Kyla Bradley (Jenna's sister) has joined the Year 6 class. Welcome to all these students.

Our new Kindy class includes the following students: Zachary Luke, Natasha Wilson, Annie Ryan, Stephanie Shorter, Felix Tappouras and Mary Richards. They have started school without any problems at all because they have already had a term of Transition Class with Aunty Naomi last year.

The Year 6 students have entered middle school and they are being taught Maths and English with Mrs Dangerfield. They are located in the School House.

The school is introducing this year a Student Representative Council, including a School Captain selected from Years 11-12. Included with this newsletter is a summary of the initiative. This will involve an election process that will involve students.

It is a pity we are still missing a significant number of students who are still on holidays. They have missed possibly the most important three days of the year. We encourage parents not to take holidays in the first week of school as the orientation for the whole year takes place in the first days of Term 1. The Year 11-12 students who are away have missed a lot of work and will need to catch up.

High School students have a diary, which we ask parents to sign each week. Parents are asked to ensure that they are aware of the homework expected of their children through the diary and assist their children complete the work.

Web page:

[cooranbong.heritage.edu.au](http://cooranbong.heritage.edu.au)

## Theme for the Term:

*"Glorify God in Your Body" - 1 Cor 6*

Next week the Infants/Primary reading program will commence. Students will be bringing home readers each day. We ask that students read every day at home and that parents sign the reading record. This is an essential part of a student's success in learning to read.

Next Thursday there will be an Information Session for parents to attend. Each class will hold a session and parents are encouraged to attend. The Infants session will commence at 2:30 pm, the Primary at 3:15pm and the High School at 4:00pm.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the working bee held last Saturday to get the school cleaned up ready for the start of school. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Our theme for Term 1 is "Glorify God in Your Body" and we will be considering how we use the parts of our bodies in God's service - e.g. hands, feet, eyes, ears, mouth.

Some students don't have a school hat. These students spend all their recess and lunch breaks on the verandah. Parents are asked to please purchase a school hat for these students.

Simon Dodson—Principal

**WEDGES DAY  
START  
FRIDAY 9TH FEB**

**CANTEEN STARTS  
MONDAY 12TH FEB**

**Hello and welcome to the Infant Class, 2007.**

We are delighted to welcome **Mary, Annaliese, Stephanie, Natasha, Zachary and Felix as K Students to our Class.**

They were very excited to 'belong' in our room after so many visits as Transition students last year.

Children arrived on Wednesday morning to assembly, then through to a class with desks of lovely new pencils, rubbers, books, bright red water-bottles and (sshh) chocolate koalas too. We put together our new Homework books and took them home for the first time. We named our other school books, had news time to tell our friends about the holidays and drew holiday pictures. We wrote on big school bus pictures about our first day at school, had new classroom readers and tried some new spelling work. Today in Maths we are making mobiles with 2D shapes. Did you know a rhombus looks like a square that's been pushed over? Did you know that a semi-circle is a circle cut in half? Did you know hexagons give us a clue about how many sides they have – h-e-x sounds a bit like s-i-x.

Our class is divided into three teams – The ROO'S, The TWISTER'S and The SHARK'S. Teams accumulate points for their great work, attitude, co-operation kindness to others and manners in class. The team with the most points at the end of each week gets a special prize on Friday afternoon. Bronze Awards from other staff also qualify for 5 extra points for their team. I will be keeping track of the winning teams so that we can reward the most frequent winning team at our Presentation Night in December. Go Infants!

Home-Reading begins in earnest this upcoming Monday 5 February. Thanks to all those Mums who come in for this. We have a fresh list for this year (you know who you are). Thanks a lot for your time.

A very busy and exciting term lies ahead of us. Can't wait!

Take care everyone, Carrie

Welcome back to school for 2007! The Primary class students all had a fantastic holiday. Many stories were shared and were written in their Journals. It looked like everyone had an enjoyable time.

As a class, we discussed the rules that were to be obeyed in the classroom. The students created the following-

**Follow Wisdom & Instruction**

**Show Compassion to Others**

**Work Hard & Keep it to Yourself**

We also talked about the reward systems, which I will cover in fuller detail during the Parent Information night.

**The theme for the term is 'Rainforests'.**

This interesting topic will branch off to 'Trees' and 'National Parks'. So if you have any interesting pictures, books, posters or magazines based on this topic, we would love to see them!

In Maths, we completed a couple of worksheets refreshing our brains in counting, adding and multiplying. We also played some games that relate to this skill.

For art, we started a 'Name' poster to put on display in our room. We looked at the different techniques used when colouring with pencils. Yes, there is more than one way!

The class has been significantly changed with the arrival of the new **Year 3 students and we would like to give them a special mention-**

**Hayley-Rose Dangerfield,**

**Sam Dodson,**

**Wills Duperouzel,**

**Grace Madden,**

**Caleb Mongan,**

**Sophia Richards,**

**Tekoah Ryan,**

**Lori Stretton &**

**Phoebe Tappouras!**

Welcome to the Primary Class!

Felisa

**Sport:**

The sports program was sent home yesterday. Please sign and return the permission note.

**Next week: Softball**

From 12th Feb we will be going swimming at Morisset Pool for 4 weeks and then a special sports activity at Soldiers Beach to learn "Surf Skills"

Training for the Cross Country Running Event will take place for the last three weeks of Term.

Important Sports Events for the Term:

HC Swimming Carnival:  
23rd Feb

HRIS Swim Carnival:  
7th March

HRIS Tennis Day:  
27th Feb

*Senior Scene*

**English:**

Students commence study on the Shakespeare's

**"Othello"**

tomorrow.

If anyone has any copies of "Othello" or study material on the topic could they please send into school.

Lisa Sheridan

## GENERAL

### NEW WEB SITE

The Heritage College Website has been upgraded to make it more user friendly and has a lot of extras included. Use this address:

[cooranbong.heritage.edu.au](http://cooranbong.heritage.edu.au)

The newsletter can be accessed through the website (if ever you don't receive your copy) and you can also see all the photos of events that are happening at school

Thanks to Jared Wiltshire for all his work in upgrading the site and keeping it in good working order.

### STUDENT BANKING:

**BANKING WILL BE EACH WEDNESDAY.**

Contact Anna Stretton for details:

PH: 0410594441

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:

An information session for parents will be held next Thursday.

Infants: 2.30—3pm

Primary: 3.15—4pm

High School: 4—5pm

All parents are encouraged to attend.

### P & F Meeting:

All parents are invited to attend the first meeting of the P & F for the year on Monday 19th February in the school Library at 1.30pm.

Any matters for the Agenda should be sent in by next Thursday so the Agenda can be printed.

Nominations for the positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the P & F are being sought.

**WORKING BEE: SATURDAY 3RD MARCH**

**10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:**

**10TH March**

**Keep this date free**

## LIBRARY

Welcome back to 2007. Great to see all the children turning up today, many with their Library bags. If you don't have a bag yet for your K-5 child they are available for purchase at \$4 each. High School students don't need a bag but need to be careful drink bottles don't leak onto their books. Last year we had a record of 21,866 books borrowed! We still have some books overdue from last year, so

### **FEBRUARY is AMNESTY MONTH!**

Please return all overdue books—no fines—no questions asked!

Please remember to put any returned books in the blue bin marked "RETURNS". If they are put on the trolley they get put back on the shelves without being marked as "returned".

Yr. 6-8 class also have a Library Research period this year. Please let me know if your students are struggling with information for any assignments given by their teachers. I will be spending time in the lesson on Research skills on specific topics if requested by the teacher on a day previous to the Library lesson.

I can help any children with specific problems on Thursdays at lunchtime.

Ruth Lynch—Librarian

**PLEASE  
RETURN ANY  
OUTSTANDING  
LIBRARY AND TEXT  
BOOKS TO SCHOOL**

### **Administration:**

Could all families that have not already sent in their **FAMILY DATA BASE** (which was posted out with the Information Pack in early January) please send into the office **URGENTLY**.

Parents regarding the Student Transport Scheme for those who are waiting on payment from the Government your payments will be in by the end of February.

Back to School Allowance: This should have been paid for students Yr. 1-10. K and Yr. 11-12 will receive the payment later in the Term.

## PHOTO GALLERY

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
to:  
LAURA  
RICHARDS  
7  
tomorrow**

**And to  
Auntie Fiona  
Carroll  
40 tomorrow**

**And to  
UNCLE JAMES  
HIGGS  
40 next Thursday  
8th Feb**

Welcome to our new  
Kindy Kids,  
Zachary Luke,  
Natasha Wilson, Annie  
Ryan, Stephanie Shorter,  
Felix Tappouras and  
Mary Richards  
and to Kyla Bradley who  
started Yr. 7  
Welcome back to  
Isabella and Annie Elton  
who will be with us for a  
few weeks.

**Thanks:**  
Vicki and Jacquie would  
like to thank everyone  
for the prayers, notes  
and help during Daniel's  
illness.  
Daniel is home from  
hospital and much  
improved. He is not back  
at work but is  
recuperating well.



New Kindergarten Students—2007



Welcome back Isabella  
and Annie—my haven't  
they grown!



Mrs. Dangerfield with  
the Yr. 6 students who  
are now part of the  
Middle School (Yr. 6-8)

**WELCOME ALSO TO  
KYLA BRADLEY—  
KYLA HAS STARTED IN  
YR. 7**

### Future Events:

Thurs 8th Feb	Parent Information Sessions
Mon 19th Feb	P & F Meeting—1.30pm
Fri 23rd Feb	HC Swimming Carnival—Morisset Pool
Thurs 1st March	School Council Meeting—4.30pm
Sat 3rd March	Working Bee
Wed 7th March	HRIS Secondary Swimming Carnival
Sat 10th March	10th Anniversary Celebration
Thur 15th March	HRIS Primary Swimming Carnival
Sat 24th March	Trivia Night
Fri 30th March	Interim Reports Issued
Mon 2nd April	Parent Interviews
Thur 5th April	Last Day of Term
Tues 24th April	Students Return

**PLEASE RETURN ALL TEXT BOOKS  
TO SCHOOL ASAP—THEY ARE  
NEEDED BY STUDENTS!**

## **2 Exciting New Initiatives at HCC— STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND ELECTION OF SCHOOL CAPTAIN**

**It is planned to form an SRC (Student Representative Council)  
and elect a School Captain.**

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL:**

**Most High Schools and Colleges, and some Primary Schools, have a SRC: a group of students elected by fellow students and staff who represent their peers in the school. The SRC provides opportunities for students to have a voice in solving real problems and making real decisions about the school.**

**It is planned to elect an SRC comprising:**

**Yr. 11-12 - 2 students, one of whom will be School Captain and SRC Chairman**

**Yr. 9-10— 2 students**

**Yr. 7-8 — 2 students**

**Yr. 6 — 1 student**

**Yr. 5 — 1 student**

**There are many personal benefits for students who serve on an SRC:**

- ☺ **Develop skills in leadership and communication**
- ☺ **Share in decision making**
- ☺ **Enjoying a fun and rewarding experience**
- ☺ **A statement in a school reference relating to SRC involvement looks great to potential employees**
- ☺ **Learning about joy of service to others**

**The SRC may engage in activities like:**

- ☺ **Improving school spirit**
- ☺ **Suggest improvements in playground/canteen etc.**
- ☺ **Co-operate with staff in running school events and functions**
- ☺ **Fund raising for specific purposes**
- ☺ **Suggesting ways to improve student welfare**
- ☺ **Planning social activities and formals**
- ☺ **Helping to solve problems that staff may not be aware of**

**The Election Process:**

- 1. 31/01/07: Announcement to students on 1st day of school year**
- 2. 01/02/07: Information to parents in Newsletter**
- 3. 05/02/07: Nomination forms available**
- 4. 12/02/07: Nominations close**
- 5. 14/02/07: Election by secret ballot (final approval of reps by Principal)**
- 6. 15/02/07: Results in Newsletter**
- 7. 21/02/07: Investiture of SRC at a morning assembly, followed by morning tea for reps and their parents**

## **SCHOOL CAPTAIN:**

**A School Captain will be elected/appointed who is a leading senior student in the school, and who is a fine example to younger students, of commitment, loyalty and maturity.**

**The Captain will be a Year 12 student, but in the event that no Year 12 student is either willing, suitable or available, a Year 11 student may be appointed.**

**The School Captain will be Chairperson of the SRC and in addition play other important, public roles in representing the College, welcoming visitors, leading school assemblies and chairing School Functions, where appropriate.**

**The staff commend these new initiatives to the College Community and seek parental support in encouraging and supporting students in their interest in the nomination/election process.**

**Simon Dodson  
Scott Madden  
Rick Pearce**