



Heritage College Cooranbong



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Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

From the Principal:

Parent Information Sessions

Today the Parent Information Sessions for each class group are to be held in the afternoon. Infants class at 2:30pm, Primary at 3:15pm and High School at 4:00pm. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The School Captain Student Representative Council is a new initiative this year being introduced to the school. This will be a body of students who commit to being part of a Student Leadership group who will take responsibility for a number of areas of the school, particularly in order to represent student's interests and perspectives. The nominations and elections are currently taking place. The School Captain will be from the year 11-12 group.

High School students will be doing swimming for sport for the next few weeks. Please remember to bring swimmers, goggles and towel on Monday. Please don't forget goggles. It is very difficult to swim laps effectively without them. This swimming will prepare the students for the swimming carnival in a few weeks.

The NEW Heritage College Website (cooranbong.heritage.edu.au)

has been upgraded and now contains more information and teachers will be able to post class news. The school calendar is also on the website and this is automatically updated whenever changes are made here at school. Please have a look at the website and make it a regular thing to pay it a visit for news and reports on events. We also want to publish student work on the website, so watch this space

Thank you to all parents who have resolved their child's uniform issues. Please make sure your child's equipment is clearly labelled with their name because this allows us to return it if it is misplaced.

I had a complaint from a neighbour that there were toddlers poking the horse next door in the face with sticks. The toddlers were trying to climb into the horses paddock. Apparently the parents were nowhere to be seen. Parents please

Web page:

cooranbong.heritage.edu.au

Theme for the Term:

"Glorify God in Your Body" -

Be Careful What we do with our Hands

ensure you take good care of toddlers you bring up to the school. We don't want any injuries or grumpy neighbours.

The School Council has set up a sub-committee to investigate the feasibility of the school purchasing its own site, rather than continuing to lease the site. This is merely an investigative process at this stage to see what is possible. As we enter the second decade of the School's operations, the School Council is taking a longer term view and sees the long-term benefit in having a stable asset-base which grows as the years go by, should the Lord remain away (which we hope he will not!). This may not result in any changes to the current arrangement, but it is a worthwhile process for the school to undertake.

Parents of students in Years 6-10 should regularly check their student's diaries and ensure homework is being done. Please sign you child's diary each week. Parents will be telephoned by teachers when homework is not done. This is because several parents have said their children don't have homework, when in fact they do. In the child's interest, we will let parents know when this is the case.

Heritage College offers Distance Education to K-6 students around NSW. The program has grown to include over 20 students this year. Ingrid Ryan is the teacher responsible for this and the success of this project is largely attributable to her hard work. We welcome all the Distance Education students to our school community.

Thank you to all those parents and friends who have assisted in so many ways in getting the school up and running for our eleventh year. We appreciate all your help.
Simon Dodson, Principal

We have all been having a great and busy time in the Infants Room this week.

The new Kindies are settling in fine.

See you all at the Information Session this afternoon where I can pass on all the essential info.

Don't forget

Wednesday is Sports Day (wear your Sports Uniform to school this day!)

Thursday is Library Day. Take Care—Carrie

CHANGE OF DATE:

The special
"10 Year
Celebration
Event"

will now be held on
Saturday
12th May

Keep this date free!

Thank you to all items brought in that relate to **RAINFORESTS.**

The students have enjoyed listening to rainforest music, looking at refreshing images and sharing information. Keep it coming!

This week, the Primary class finished completing their "PAT" tests in comprehension and vocabulary. This will determine what level of work they will be doing in the Literacy block.

Students also published their Journal entries on computer this week. Once collecting all work samples, these delightful entries will be put together in booklet form for our class to keep. Everyone has done a wonderful job, keep it up!

In Maths, we have been busy working on whole number. Students looked at numbers in the hundreds, thousands and tens of thousands! We practiced counting on and off the decade, cracked codes and figured out patterns.

The Year 5 students looked at larger figures in real life scenarios, such as the Population for major cities of Australia. Year 3/4 created their own scenarios, estimating what numbers could represent in real life, eg what can 550 represent in real life?

In HSIE, students examined different features of a 'tree' and why they are so important for our planet? Students discovered that one tree can be like an entire home and supermarket for lots of different kinds of animals and insects. Imagine how much a whole rainforest provides! 'Woah!'

Felisa

Sport:

This year we continue with our House Teams. Students remain in the same team as last year with the exception of James Higgs who has moved to Masada team to even up the numbers. New students have been allocated to a team:

Masada: Joanna Dodson, Andrew Pogson, Kyla Bradley

Gamla: Ben Olsen, Jesse Carroll, Johanna Dangerfield

Team Captains:

Masada: Tom Mansfield and Hanah Davis

Gamla: Jonny Tappouras and Kyria Mansfield

House Points to Date:

Masada 13

Gamla 12

Softball Results, Week 1, House Sport:

Our sport program got off to a flying start with a very exciting softball match. After the first inning Masada had 4 home runs to Gamla's 6

In the second inning Masada had 2 out for only 2 additional home runs. But by the end of their inning had managed to get 9 home runs giving them a total of 13. Gamla's 2nd inning started shakily with an early out. Needing 8 home runs in this inning they were bundled out for 6 with the final out being a home runner being tagged on home base.

Masada won 13 to Gamla 12.

Well done both teams!

Next week swimming at Toronto.

Please bring in any permission notes or you won't be going on the away from school activities!

World Vision Sponsor Child:

Some of the High School students participated in the 40 our famine last year to raise money for World Vision.

The students are also "sponsoring" a child from Kenya. Her name is Pendo and she is 6 years old.

A letter from Pendo was received last week—it's on the noticeboard for anyone to read it.

HOMEWORK POLICY: If students have not completed homework their parents will be rang the next day so they are aware of requirements

GENERAL

CANTEEN:

Canteen starts on Monday.
Please see the attached Price List and Information Sheet.

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 this afternoon:

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.

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 form 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.

Merit Awards

This is how the Reward System works for each section of the school.

Infants: Class divided into 3 teams and students earn points for their team. Each week the winning team gets a prize and a certificate in Assembly. If another teacher gives out a Bronze Award to a student this counts to the child's team. The winning team for the year is issued with a GOLD certificate at Presentation Night.

Primary: Students receive a Bronze Award for a particularly good work or activity, attitude etc., 10 Bronze Awards receives a SILVER AWARD, and then 3 Silver Awards means the student receive a GOLD AWARD!

Yr. 6— When a task is finished the student receives a sticker! Their name goes in the "BANK" and each Thursday a draw is taken and the student whose name is drawn out receives a treat! The same High School rewards apply.

HIGH SCHOOL: 1 Sticker for a task/good work/commendable act or attitude etc.

10 Stickers = 1 Bronze Award

3 Bronze = 1 Silver Award

3 Silver = 1 GOLD

This weeks awards:

Bronze Awards: Joseph Richards, Isabella Elton, Johanna Dangerfield, Joanna Dodson, Anthony French, Jacob Ginn.

WELL DONE TO THESE STUDENTS!

Inspirational Points:

If you want your child to be happy spend half the money on them and double the time spent with them.

**The best thing you can spend on a child is
TIME**

PHOTO GALLERY



Year 6 Students—2007.
These students have moved up to the Yr.6-8 Middle School

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
to:
UNCLE JAMES
HIGGS
40 Today!**

**Belated Birthday
Auntie Meg
Wolstencroft
turned 70 during
the holidays
(11th Jan)
Congratulations!**

New
Heritage College
Website Address:
[cooranbong.
heritage.edu.au](http://cooranbong.heritage.edu.au)

**Please start using this
new address as the
old one will soon no
longer be in
operation**

**Lost Property:
1 Coleman Folding
Chair.
(The tube cover is a
different colour to the
chair)
Left at the Fair last year.**

**Is there anything you
would like to see added
to the Newsletter?
Please send in any
suggestions.**

WEDGES DAY START FRIDAY (TOMORROW) \$3.50

**Send in your order on the attached sheet
with money!**

Fiona Carroll and Jenny Higgs

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
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

Assignments Due:

HSC	Biology	23/02	Theories of Evolution Assignment
Yr.9-10	Science	14/02	“Motion” Assignment
Y. 6-8	Geography	16/03	“World Heritage Sites” Assignment

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**

Canteen news:

The School Canteen will re-open for business on Monday 12th February.

Please find a price list in the newsletter for your information, there have been some very slight price changes due to increases in product pricing, we are still selling many items below retail price.

We have implemented “wholemeal bread” for those who cannot eat white bread, or wish to make a healthier choice. This is to be the first of the changes we intend to make to the menu this year.

We are attending a School Trade Expo tomorrow which will be very interesting to see what we are now legally allowed to sell in the Canteen. There is a very big push for “Healthy Canteens” by the Government, and we are planning on trialing new products in line with the new regulations.

Please make sure that your child’s order is written out on a paper lunch bag (if orders are written on a piece of paper there will be a 5 cent charge for the bag). Please enclose the money for the order and place the bag in the tray at the school Office. If payment is not made with the order, we will invoice you. Unfortunately there is still money outstanding for orders from last year, and we would ask that these be fixed up with the office as soon as possible.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the Canteen each week, this is a weekly fundraiser for the P& F to assist with providing things for our School.

Warm regards,
David, Kathy and Audrey French

Getting IT ALL TOGETHER!

To help your child remember to bring all the requirements for each day try this tip:

Make a chart with each day of the week on one side— on the other side write what they need for that day.

Pin it up near the front door so children can check they have everything for the day before they leave.

Example:

Monday	CANTEEN ORDER James: Sport
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Kate: Sport James: Clarinet
Thursday	LIBRARY
Friday	Wedges Day Order Kate: Music
HAVE YOU GOT	YOUR LUNCH ?

Jo Wiltshire

ELECTION OF SRC AND SCHOOL CAPTAIN:

There has been much positive interest in these new initiatives at our College.

The nomination process period is almost ended
(Monday 12th February)
and we have received several nominations in each category.

Students nominating for School Captain will be required to address the assembled Yr. 6-12 students on the

Election Day next Wednesday (14th February)

morning for 2-3 minutes explaining what they think the position requires in terms of duties, and also why they consider themselves a suitable candidate.

There will be no “electioneering” as such, but this requirement is intended to enable students to cast a more informed vote.

The results of the secret ballot by students will be combined with a secret ballot by staff and the results sent to Mr. Dodson for final approval, resulting in the appointment of Office bearers in the new SRC.

It is really wonderful to receive so many nominations. Unfortunately, as in any election, some worthy students will miss out this year. However, there will be opportunities to serve in subsequent years.

Rick Pearce