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Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

From the Principal:

HRIS Secondary Swimming Carnival

Well done to all the High School students who took part in the HRIS Swimming Carnival that was held yesterday. The students all participated in as many events as possible and they **WON** the Champion Trophy based on school size. Well done to all our students for this achievement. And thank you to the parents who helped out at the carnival.

The Primary HRIS Carnival is being held at Lambton Pool next Thursday. A separate note has been issued for this activity.

Swimming has concluded for High School students. Next Monday they will be doing a special activity at Soldier's Beach. "Learn to Surf" program helps students handle themselves in the beach and this will be a trial of this activity to see how the students respond to it. We had a visit from one of the coaches last Monday to talk about safety. She covered a range of safety issues related to the surf, including: rips, cross currents, flash rips, what to do if you get into trouble, being safe amongst board riders, what to do if stung by a blue bottle, etc. This was really helpful information and many of the students learnt a lot from this session. Students will need to bring: swimmers, towel, water bottle. Rash shirts will be provided. Students should not bring their own boards.

Next Thursday there are immunisations for Year 7 students. Parent will receive information about this.

The ELLA Test was sat by students in Years 6-8 on Tuesday. The results for that test take a month or two to come back to the school. Please note that the SNAP Test was sched-

Theme for the Term:

**"Glorify God in Your Body" -
Worship God with Your Whole
Heart**

uled for the wrong date. It will be held on May 8.

Mike Champion has been doing some painting in the school building to freshen up some of the rooms. Thanks, Mike, for your support.

It is great, from time to time, to hear news of the possibility of new Heritage Colleges starting up around the place. We are hearing news of a possible school in Melbourne and New Zealand. Whilst these projects may be in the early stages, and may not eventuate, it is nice to hear that the possibility is being seriously discussed.

The Infants and Primary reading program is being run each morning by busy mums. We appreciate seeing the regular support of this program which has now assisted our children's progress in reading for many years. Thanks, mums.

It is now only 3 weeks to Miss Jackson's wedding. Parents in the Infants class should please note that Miss Jackson (or Mrs Digney at that stage) will not be available for parent interviews in the last week of term as scheduled. Parents can make an appointment prior to 26 March or early next term for an interview if they wish.

*Simon Dodson,
Principal*

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This week in MATHS we have been jumping up and down number lines. We made our own number line to keep in our desk and worked on some very hard adding 'stories' (algorithms) from the whiteboard. We discovered that when you add numbers you jump forwards on the number line (numbers getting bigger) and when you subtract, you just backwards on the number line (numbers getting smaller).

In GRAMMAR we have looked at 'tense'. We have sorted words into past, present, or future tense. We know which is which because it sounds funny when you confuse them. Very tricky!

In case you haven't guessed yet, our theme for this term is ENVIRONMENTS. We are comparing deserts, wetlands, Antarctica, rainforests, cityscapes and oceans. What are the identifying features of each? How do they relate to one another? What special features of plants and animals help them to live in their environment? Can they survive anywhere else? Why, why not? Are people helping, changing or interfering with environments? What can WE do?

As mentioned last week, we have been trying out a new HOMEWORK routine.

**Homework due IN on Mondays
Homework given OUT on
Tuesdays.**

(Home-reading every week-night as usual)

Let me know how it's going at your house.

I have three piles of art work and some HSIE/Science to get up on the walls, (Come on, Miss J!) Watch out for a super-colourful, super-symmetrical butterflies, some cityscapes and some 'wet and dry' environment pictures. You will love them.

Take care, everyone - Miss J

The Primary class has been very busy this week and some students would like to tell you all about it....

Brochures in English

We started brochures on an animal. I did it on a toucan. Did you know that toucans have feathery tongues? By Megan Pearson

Multiplication

In the primary class we are doing multiplication, which is adding up quickly. With the two times tables you just double the number! By Tekoah Ryan

Group Projects

On Monday afternoon we started a group project. We were put in groups of 3 and 4. The projects had to be done on the rainforest. A lot of people were researching on the computers and looking in books. Miss Relton gave us some cards that have things you have to include in your project, like researching for a particular animal. By Annie madden

Dancing (Eagle Rock)

Well, for PE this week we were put into groups of 5 or 6 and we had to make up a dance to a song called Eagle Rock. It was lots of fun. In our group we had some cool moves made up by Sam Kirkwood. By Isabella Elton

Art

In Art we finished of our vines and we painted them brown. Did you know that Auntie Jenny Higgs thought they were real snakes outside our classroom! By Jose Richards.

Felisa

SPORT:

The long awaited "Surf Skills" activity at Soldiers Beach is on next Monday. The preliminary information day held by one of the coaches this week was very informative and helpful. Bring swimmers, towel, water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

Immunisation: The Year 7 will have immunizations against Hepatitis B next Thursday. Please send in the forms with the Information Pack that was sent out last week. This is a Hunter Area Health program.

Inspiration Corner:

The Love of Parents

The spiritual life is made or marred in the home; and the ties of fellowship (partnership) in God's eternal purposes can be firmly forged in the unity of family life.... Parenthood is no easy task today. To be loving, yet firm; generous, yet just; kind, yet chastening, requires great wisdom, especially when children of families around them do not live in the atmosphere of the spiritual life. Children respect a fine and consistent example; they will take punishment without resentment, provided it is just, on the spot as far as possible, and not too frequent.....

John Marshall—"Portrait of the Saint" p81-94

BE FIRM, BUT FAIR !

Bro. Gordon Jamieson

GENERAL

Trivia Night: Saturday 24th March NCYC Hall—6pm

Come along and join the fun.

Cost: \$30 per person

Or make up a table of 10 for \$250

(must be booked in and paid for by 16/3/07)

Seats are filling up fast—book in asap or you might miss out!

If you have special dietary requirements please tell the Office when you book in.

Child minding available—book your child in when you book your seat. Children

need to have had their meal before arriving. Please send along a plate for supper.

This week's practice question: What is the only planet to rotate clockwise?

Last week's answer: You have 28 knuckles in your hands

10 Year Anniversary Celebration:

Invitations have been sent out to families and local community.

If you would like to send an invitation to grandparents and family please contact the Office.

Book in directly at the Office.

Merit Awards

Bronze Awards: Jena Bradley,
Joanna Dodson x 2, Crystal Lord
x2, Tom Mansfield x 3, Jordan
Ryan

Silver Award: Tom Mansfield

Administration

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS:

PERMISSION NOTES:

Swimming Carnival Notes: Still outstanding - Could the following families please send in permission note **WITH money** by **MONDAY, 5th March**: Jacob Carroll, Crompton, Davis, Duperouzel (permission note only), A. Tapouras, Kristi Wiltshire.

DATA BASE FORMS: We are still waiting on Family Data Base Forms. The following families please send in by Monday, 5th March: Blacket, Bradley, Crompton, Elton, Madden and Shorter

MORNING: Parents are reminded that there are **NO** teachers on duty before 8:40am please do not drop your child/children off before this time

AFTERNOON: Parents are also reminded that school finishes at 3:05pm, parents need to pick their children up by 3:15pm. after this time there are **NO** teachers on duty.

REMINDER: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS - 2007: Information went home regarding the above competitions on 16th February, and as yet we are still waiting on replies: below is the information for the competitions. If you would like your child to participate in any of the below please return with payment by the below dates or your child will miss out.

Computer	—	Closed	
Science	\$6.60	12/03	3-12
Maths	\$6.60	16/04	3-12
Writing	\$12.10	24/04	3-12
Spelling	\$8.80	24/04	3-7
English	\$6.60	9/05	3-12

YEAR 7 VACCINATION PROGRAM - 2007

Letters and information went home yesterday, 28th February, for vaccinations for Year7 students please return by the due date: Wednesday, 7th March

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

Last Thursday the 1st of March, another meeting of the S.R.C was held. It was very successful with the majority of tasks set from the last meeting completed. We talked about some more issues around the school that we hope we can improve. Some of which include: more rubbish bins in the playground, hand ball competition, playground for younger children, and bullying. We agreed all the topics discussed had definite room for improvement, which hopefully we can do.

A treasurer was also appointed – Eliza Davis.

Our food suggestions for the canteen were taken on very positively by the canteen helpers and will be ordered in soon. So look out for those new munchies.

If you have any ideas to improve our school please fill them out on the survey sheet located on the pin board next to the toilets.

Jessica Ginn—Secretary

PHOTO GALLERY



HRIS HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL

We won the Small Schools Trophy!

Full report next week.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

TO:

**Asher
Carroll**

**14
TODAY!**

**Tamara
Wilson**

**7 next Monday
12th March**

**JOSH
MONGAN**

**12
Next Tuesday
13th March**

**Pantry/Garden
Evening for
Miss J and Phil
Digney**



**Tuesday
27th March
7.30pm
Morisset Multi
Purpose Centre**

“WEDGES DAY” TOMORROW

Wedges Only: \$2.00 Milkshakes: \$1.50

Future Events:

Thur 15th March	HRIS Primary Swimming Carnival
	Yr. 7 Immunisations
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:

March 29	Computers	Yr 9-10	Assignment
?	Geography	Yr. 6-8	Assignment
?	Geography	Yr. 9-10	Assignment

**Primary Class
Yr. 3-5**

**“AUTHOR
PROFILES”**

Now to be finished at
home

**DUE: 29TH
March**

LIBRARY NEWS:

Thank you to the P & F for the donation of \$500 for High School novels. The students have been surveyed to see which books they would like added to our Library. A list has been made up of books we would like to purchase. This week I had intended to purchase some books at Borders 20% sale but a closer examination of E-bay, Amazon.com and abc books I have changed my mind on this. I'm sure I can spend the money more effectively by chasing them secondhand.

Before I buy any books I am publishing a list of books we are after. I would be delighted if any of these were donated to the Library. That would save us even more money. I will wait 2 weeks before I purchase any books.

Ruth Lynch

Author	Title	Series
LEMANY SNICKEL	SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS	(have 1-3) Need 4-13
BRIAN JACQUES	High Rhulian	
	Angels Command	
	Castaways of Flying Dutchman	
	Taggerung	
	Any Redwall series	REDWALL SERIES
	Rakkety Tam	
WILLARD PRICE	Cannibal Adventure	
	African Adventure	
HERGE	TIN TIN	Any of these series—very popular
EMILY RODDA	DELTORA QUEST	Nos 1-8 (would appreciate a 2nd set)
	Cavern of Fear	SHADOWLAND SET
	Isle of Illusion	“
	Shadowlands	“
	Dragon's Nest	DRAGONS OF DELTORA
	Shadow Gate	“
	Isle of the Dead	“
	Isle of the South	“
JIM DAVIES	GARFIELD	Popular with reluctant readers
Unknown	FOOTROT FLATS	Popular with reluctant readers
GOSCINNY AND UDERZO	ASTERIX	Any in this series—very popular
DIXON	HARDY BOYS	CASEFILES
ALEX RIDER (Students 14+)	Stormbreaker	
	Skeleton Key	
	Eagle Striker	
	Ark Angel	
LI CUNXIN	Mao's Last Dancer	
	Dragon Keeper	
ISOBEL CARMODY	The Keeping Place	
	Obernewtyn	
EOIN COLFER	The Artic Incident	
	The Eternity Code	
DUNCAN BALL	ANY 'SELBY' BOOKS	