



# Heritage College Newsletter



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# Heritage College Cooranbong

## A Christadelphian School

## From the Principal:

### Seniors & Friends Day

Seniors and Friends Day is always lots of fun. The visitors are invited to morning tea, a concert and lunch. It's great to have so many visitors and to share the fun of a school day with them all. Thank you to all the teachers who helped prepare the items. Thank you also to the parents who helped provide lunch. A big thank you particularly to Fiona Carroll who coordinated the catering and the students who assisted.

This year the concert was immediately followed by an opportunity to share a favourite book in the library. Our librarian, Ruth Lynch, was promoting the Premier's Reading Challenge and encouraging students to enter the challenge and read the number of books required to meet the challenge requirements. Yesterday the Primary Class went to Sydney to view an "Under The Sea" movie at the IMAX Theatre and also went to the Sydney Aquarium. This was a very exciting day for the class and fits with their theme this term. On Tuesday the High School Swimming Team went to HRIS Swimming Carnival and competed in the HRIS zone swimming carnival. The students all participated really well and gained some excellent personal and team results. Our school won the trophy based on school size, which is an excellent achievement. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who attended and assisted on the day. Last Friday was "Crazy Hair Day". Students and teachers were invited to wear crazy hair in support of the leukaemia foundation. Those students and teachers with crazy hairdos donated a gold coin. This was organised by the Student Representative Council. The school captains presented prizes to the best hairdos. Congratulations to all those who took part.

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*Theme for the Term:*

**OVERCOMING  
OBSTACLES BY  
FAITH**

**Racism** - Peter learned that all men can be saved (Acts 9)

Yesterday the year 7 students were vaccinated for free as part of the government program to provide all students with vaccinations. It is a fantastic program and ensures the prevention of contagious diseases in our community.

On Monday we had a number of Primary girls try out for the HRIS Primary Netball team to compete at the CIS Championships. The girls had fun and it was a great experience to be involved in such a prestigious selection trial.

Next Wednesday the infants class are going on an exciting excursion to the Walkabout Park in Gosford. This should be a great day for the class. Thank you to everyone who was involved today with Seniors and Friends Day. It is always a great community event and lots of fun for everyone.

Simon Dodson,  
Principal

**LAMINGTON  
DRIVE:**

**Place Order by  
Friday 25th**

**Award winners this week were:**

**Wills Madden** – Improved listening skills

**Charis Luke** – Excellent work in Jolly Phonics group work

**MATHS**

This week we have been focusing on addition and have been playing lots of games to help us learn how to add up. We have also had a ten facts test and been using mathletics. Kindy students have been doing very well with their numbers and have been cleverly adding groups of objects together to find answers.

**ENGLISH**

We have been enjoying acting out some reading group plays this week and have also been learning the ‘Little Red Hen’ reader’s theatre. Everyone is doing very well in their reading group activities.

**SPORT**

For sport this term we have been learning how to play cricket and have been practising lots of ball skills such as throwing, catching and striking. We have been playing French cricket and mini cricket on the bottom ball court. There are some great little cricketers in Infants!

**CAPA**

This week in art the students designed and painted a didgeridoo (thanks to all those mums who sent in cardboard rolls!) All the students were very excited to do this activity and everyone did a great job. They look very striking. We had lots of examples of Aboriginal artwork displayed on the board for ideas. I’m sorry if they get ‘played’ incessantly when I send them home! (some of them actually make a pretty solid sound!)

Well done to everyone on a great performance at Seniors and Friend’s Day-great singing.

Excursion next week! Yay! We are all excited to go on a ‘walkabout’ and learn new things! Please return notes and money ASAP if you haven’t already.

Thanks reading mums, for your time and effort.

Mrs H

**Aquarium and IMAX**

Yesterday our class visited the Sydney Aquarium and IMAX Theatre. We were amazed at what we saw and learnt from the day!! Here are some comments from the students-

“The Great White Shark is one of the best hunters in the sea” Levi Ryan  
 “Something I found interesting to watch was the penguins. Whenever they swim on top of the water, they have their head underneath” Annie Elton  
 “The Dugongs were awesome and I learnt that Cuttlefish have lightning fast reflexes to catch prey!” Laura Richards.

“My favourite thing I saw at the Aquarium was the jellyfish and I liked the colour. Then I saw a sea turtle eat the jellyfish...at the movies!” Tab Collins  
 “I didn’t realise that Rainbow Fish can come in all sorts of sizes!” Ruby Madden  
 “I learnt that some schools of fish travel like a WAVE, taking turns to be in the front” Zac Luke

Thank you to the parent helpers for joining us and thanks Uncle Morrie for driving the bus!

**Senior & Friend’s Day!**

We really enjoyed seeing our grandparents, parents and friends come to our school today and we loved giving you a concert! Thanks for coming :oD

*English Homework*

Soon it will be time for SPEECHES. Double check your homework book to find out when this is due! Start PREPARING!

*Maths*

Division- This can be tricky if you haven’t mastered your times tables, so keep on practising!

**Student of the Week**

**Felix Tappouras**



Some things the class said about Felix:

- ☺ He is funny
- ☺ He is good at sport
- ☺ He is a fantastic friend

Mrs S

**SPORT: TOMORROW  
X-country  
running training**

**How Many Agapanthus  
Do you Think? ...**

Yr. 9-10 recently conducted a population estimation on the number of agapanthus in the school’s front garden.. The figure, 7,760 individual plants!

**Senior Biology:**

Biology teacher, Mr. Hindmarsh, has recently installed a “drop box system” accessible by all students to receive files and submit their work via the internet. The drop-box is accessible to HCC Biology students, Mr. Hindmarsh and Mr. Dodson. This has facilitated better communication in the Senior years. Though not mandatory, the students using laptops in the class have a lot more flexibility.

**P & F ACTIVITIES**

**FUNDRAISERS:**

**Lamington Drive:**

Place Order by Friday, 25/3/11  
Delivery, Friday 1/4/11

**Family Bottled Water**

**Special:** Available all term.  
Send in your order with money.

**CANTEEN MEAL DEAL  
TOMORROW**

**Chicken & Vege Rice  
Paper Rolls with  
Plum Dipping Sauce  
\$3.00 Or**

**Ham, Cheese & Lettuce  
Roll/Sandwich \$3.00**

## General

### Seniors and Friends Day TODAY!

Thanks to all the students for their help and performing in the Concert. Special thanks to Fiona Carroll for organising the catering, and all the helpers for making and serving the delicious food.

All our Senior friends enjoyed the day!

Photos next week!

### FAMILY TWILIGHT MARKET Saturday, 2 April 2011 5.00—10.00pm

CCORANBONG PARK

Still looking for parents and students to help with:  
Set Up, Making food for the Café, Pack Up

Please contact Priscilla Dodson  
0439 773 301, or 4977 3301

Your help would be appreciated in contributing to this fun family activity.

### Mary Poppins Excursion:

On 31st August the Yr. 3-10 students will be going to a matinee performance of  
"Mary Poppins"

the "Supercalifragilistic Musical"

If any parents or other students would like to come tickets are available at a cost of \$40. Please book and pay at the office by 24th March.

## Administration

**IMPORTANT:** Family Database check forms need to be returned.

Could **ALL** families please return their forms.

**PERMISSION NOTES:** Primary Excursion

**SPORT LEVY FEES:** For those who have not paid attached is a copy of your invoice. Please send in payment.

PERMISSION NOTES FOR INFANTS and PRIMARY EXCURSIONS have been sent home please return.

**FEES:** Invoices have been sent home please pay by due date. Thankyou.

Vicki

Administration

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**\*\*PLEASE SEND IN RECEIPTS TO SCHOOL TO NOTIFY OF THE DIRECT PAYMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: THIS IS IMPORTANT**

Main account - Westpac Bank

BSB: 032-524 Acc. No: 12-2339

Fees and High School Sport Levy only

Expense account - Westpac Bank

BSB: 032524 Acc. No: 12-2515 -

Excursions, Sport, School Assessments, Camps, Bus donations etc.

We have an EFTPOS FACILITY FOR THIS ACCOUNT.

Payments can be made at the Office by using Credit or Debit cards.

P&F account - Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 062 628 Acc. No: 1009 7780

Uniforms, Fundraisers etc. Trivia Nights, Fair, Canteen.

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## PHOTO GALLERY - HC MELBOURNE

Happy  
Birthday to:  
**Zac Alchin**  
7 today!  
**Shem**  
**Carroll**  
8 on Sat

**CANTEEN MEAL DEAL  
TOMORROW**

Chicken & Vege  
Rice  
Paper Rolls with  
Plum Dipping  
Sauce \$3.00  
Or  
Ham, Cheese & Let-  
tuce Roll/Sandwich  
\$3.00

**CANTEEN MEAL DEAL  
MONDAY**

**CROISSANT WITH  
HAM & CHEESE +  
FROZEN JUICE  
CUP  
\$3.50**

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article to the  
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↑ The Main  
Entrance to  
HC  
Melbourne

→  
In the  
Infants  
Classroom



We recently visited Heritage College Melbourne. It was a great experience. The school is at a wonderful setting in the hills. Truly amazing. Bill Lunn, the Principal, gave us a tour of the school. Pauline Lunn teaches Kindy, Jonathan Fry the Primary and Bill Lunn the High School students. Their Food Technology and multipurpose classroom is a new addition which is outstanding. This visit was a highlight of our holiday. May God continue to bless this work.

**Joan and Barry Bowen**

### Future Events:

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| <i>Thurs 17th March</i> | <i>SENIOR AND FRIENDS DAY</i>                  |
| <i>Tues 22nd March</i>  | <i>Yr. 9-10 Art Excursion to Redhead Beach</i> |
| <i>Wed 23rd March</i>   | <i>Infants Excursion— "Walkabout Park"</i>     |
| <i>Thurs 31st March</i> | <i>Interim Reports issued</i>                  |
| <i>Fri 1st April</i>    | <i>Primary Excursion to Norah Head</i>         |
| <i>Mon 4th April</i>    | <i>Parent/Teacher Interviews</i>               |
| <i>Fri 8th April</i>    | <i>Last Day of Term 1—school ends at 2pm</i>   |
| <i>Thurs 28th April</i> | <i>Term 2—Students return</i>                  |

## Premiers Reading Challenge Launch

### Librarian's Introduction at Seniors Day. 17/3/11

I am sure Reading has "**opened doors**" in your life.

You can surely remember times when it has helped you learn a new skill; or new facts; or has even changed your opinion about something.

Education research suggests that **80%** of what you learn academically, you will learn via Reading. As grandparents and seniors I'm sure you know this from experience, and you have a vital role in encouraging our children to read.

PRC is about encouraging children to "open doors", to read widely, to give the screens a break, and "fuel their minds" with books.

PRC issues **new lists of books** each year which they consider to be good literature. Heritage College, as a school endeavouring to follow Christ's commandments, has reservations about **some** PRC books. We ask parents to use discretion in this area if getting PRC books from Public Libraries.

These lists contain "new" publications, but also each year add "old" favourites. For example, this year they have added **Tom Sawyer** and the old favourite **Grug** series for Infants.

The **P&F** at Heritage College have generously donated \$500 dollars towards buying suitable new books for the Challenge, which I am presently in the process of purchasing.

These will be covered and have coloured labels attached, by our fantastic "**Book Blitz**" team who have an enjoyable and productive time every second Tuesday at school. Any other helpers, young or old, are welcome to join in next Tuesday, or just turn up on any "Book Blitz" day you like, for however long you can spare. Each contribution is appreciated.

Each child is required to read and record online a certain number of books and at the end of the challenge receives a **Certificate from the Premier** (we are not quite sure who that will be at the moment!)

In 2010, a record of 195,142 students in NSW completed the PRC, and read over 5 million books in the process. Thirteen of our students were amongst this number, but we would like to challenge our students to create **our own record** this year with your help, and increase this number.

Kindies are required to have **30 books read to them** and all other grades Year 1-9 are required to read **20 books** themselves. Five of these books **do not** have to be off the PRC lists, but can be personal choice books. All books need to be entered online by **25<sup>th</sup> August**.

We are thankful for the enthusiastic and efficient support of **Dee Tappouras** who is our **PRC Coordinator**. In the next few weeks she will be sending all parents **user name** and **passwords** for your children via email. Dee does a great job of encouraging the students with little treats. She will also help train parents enter the books online, if you wish her to.

Dee will be training the **Year 3-9 students** in how to enter the books online **themselves**, either at school or at home. You may like to check occasionally how they are going and encourage them to complete the Challenge. Perhaps offer your own family **incentive**. The Year 3-9 students will be keeping track of their books on a list at school (or at home if you prefer).

We encourage you to take up the challenge with the **Kindergarten children** and read PRC books to them. You can enter them straight online. The Kindies will also have books read to them at school by Mrs Hardy and towards the end of the challenge **we will send an additional list home** of these, and ask you add them to the ones *you* have read.

**Year 1-2** students are at a very **crucial stage** in learning to read. They are at the beginning stage and need all the encouragement grandparents and parents can give them, to read daily.

We will be sending K-2 PRC list home **today** and we will be encouraging them to borrow some PRC books. Please keep good track of the books they read and start entering K-2 students books online **at home**. If you are unable to enter them on, Dee is prepared to help here.

One thing we all admire about Grandparents (& Parents!) is their patience. While lunch is being prepared, we are asking you to **now** spend ten minutes of your time to launch the challenge and read a book to a Kindie, or have a Year 1-5 child read to you. Students then have to enter it on to their PRC list. Year 3-5 lists need to be returned to Mrs Simkus today, unless you want to take them home. K-2 lists can go home with you or be returned to Mrs Hardy and will go home in the Newsletter today.

Thankyou for listening to all these vital details. Let's all pull together in this Challenge. All the best for your child's success in the **Premier's Reading Challenge 2011**.

**Ruth Lynch,**  
Librarian

# TWILIGHT FAMILY FESTIVAL

HERITAGE COLLEGE COORANBONG

**April 2**

**5pm**

Junior & Senior Soccer Matches

glow in the dark toys and showbags

Cooranbong Park

lollies

BBQ

cafe

Heritage Band

Junior 5-12s Soccer Match 5.00 – 5.30pm

Senior 13s – Open Soccer Match 5.30 – 6.00pm

7.30pm Outdoor Family Film "Surfs Up" G Rated

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Lolly Stall

Lantern Making