Welcome to Heritage College 2009

It’s fantastic to see everyone starting school with such a positive spirit this year. The children are all smiling and having a great time in their new classes. It really is terrific to work with such great kids.

Welcome to a new teacher – Miriam Hardy is teaching Infants this year. Welcome, Miriam! We hope you have an enjoyable time with our youngest students. Welcome also to David Morgan, who is teaching Senior Science subjects, including Biology.

Welcome to a new family – the Pogsons. We have four new students – Alyce (Yr9), Francine (Yr 7), Imogene (Yr 5) and Anais (Yr 3). We also welcome Phil and Mignon as parents of our school community.

Welcome also to all our new kindy students – Shiloh Tappouras, Carter Stretton, Shem Carroll, Lewis Ryan, Eden Luke and Bert Ryan. They all look happy and keen to learn.

Last year’s HSC results were excellent. We had 2 of our 6 students who were Distinguished Achievers with results in the 90s. Our school also gained a place on the list of Top 200 Schools in NSW – we came 89th. Congratulations to the students and teachers for the excellent academic results. It’s great to hear that all of our students gained university placements and we wish them all the best for the future.

Thank you to all the parents who helped at the working bee last Saturday in the extremely hot conditions. It’s great to see the school looking tidy after the summer holidays.

Please ensure all clothing, lunchboxes and personal equipment are clearly labelled with names. This will prevent the loss of expensive equipment. Already we have a small collection of lunchboxes without names.

It’s great to see all the students looking neat and tidy in their uniforms. Please be advised that black runners or skate shoes are not acceptable footwear. Shoes must be black leather polishable shoes.

Most students have hats, but some don’t. please purchase a school hat or your child will be sitting on the verandah during breaks. No hat, no play.

There will be parent information sessions held for each class group next Thursday afternoon. A separate note will be issued in relation to this.

The Development Application for the new site at Ironbark Road has been submitted to Lake Macquarie City Council and was open for public comment until yesterday. The matter will now progress gradually through the arduous process that Councils have to follow in relation to applications. We anticipate a response in a few months. We pray for God’s blessing on all our plans.

May this be a good year for the school and your family.

God bless.

Simon Dodson,
Principal
Incredible Infants:

Well what a great start to term 1! 20 bright, happy faces eager to learn and have fun. We welcome 6 new kindergarten students, who look just dashing in their new school uniforms – Shem Carroll, Lewis Ryan, Shiloh Tappouras, Eden Luke, Carter Stretton and Bert Ryan.

On Wednesday we shared news about what we did in the holidays, and then wrote about our experiences in our journals. There were lots of interesting stories, such as visiting a haunted house! Infants are very fast learners and have already learnt (and nearly mastered) a new song! If you ask about ‘Dig a potato’ I’m sure you’ll get a rendition 😄

Everyone was very excited to meet our class mascot - ‘Harpy’ the harp seal. He will be visiting your home one or two weekends this year infants parents, so look out for him!

Our topic for this term is ‘Celebrations!’ so we will be having lots of fun! We will be learning about a variety of celebrations from all sorts of different cultures. We have lots of great art projects to do during our unit too. If you have any old magazines, please bring them in so we can use them.

Reminders – hats and lunch boxes need to be clearly labeled. Hats are to be left on the labeled hooks in class. Scrapbooks need to be brought in as soon as possible please. Library is on Thursday (library bag) and sport is on Friday (sports uniform).

Thanks to all those super mums who have already ‘signed up’ to help with reading! Reading will start next week.

Looking forward to a great year!

See you around!

Mrs Hardy

PRIMARIES FOR 2009!!

What a start to the year! 27 students fill the Primary room with 20 girls and 7 boys! This makes us the biggest and best class in the school :0)

Here are a few comments to tell us what happened on our first day back....

“It was really fun and I liked doing the art” - Lori.

“I liked doing art” - Tabitha

“We had fun doing everything yesterday” - Tammy

“It was the funnest day” - Abi Dangerfield

“I liked doing the art.” - Anais

“It was really fun doing Maths activities and the belly button game because I won!” - Abi Dodson.

“I liked the M&M game” - Celina

“I loved my lunch...thanks Mum!” - Molly

“I liked colouring in the Title pages of our new books.” - Laura Richards

“It was exciting to finally be in Primary” - Elli

“I liked the Belly Button game and the m&m game” - Annie

I would like to mention the new Year 3 students - Tabitha Collins, Abi
Dangerfield, Abi Dodson, Annie Elton, Laura Richards, Carmel Schubert, Celina Shead, Elli Stretton, Molly Tappouras, Tammy Wilson. Not to mention a new family- Anais & Immy Pogson. Welcome to our class!!!

Our THEME for this term is GOLD! We will be learning lots of things about the Gold Rushes and the impact it had on Australian History. If you have any books, magazines, pictures, posters, websites, etc, please send them in!

Sport is on Thursdays!
PS We are planning to go to Bathurst Goldfields for an overnight excursion linked to our Theme GOLD! So jot down 'Thursday 5th March' in your calendars!!! A permission note will be sent home soon.

Student of the Week.
Belle Tappouras

Some things the class said about Belle:
“She always finishes her work on time.”
“She is really, really funny and makes up the best jokes.”
“Her writing is good!”
“She is very neat”
“She is very kind.”
“She's a great cousin”
Felisa Relton

GENERAL:
Due to the computer and software upgrade (don't get me wrong – we are very pleased with this!), our Newsletter this week will be in a different format until everything gets worked out.

Welcome back to Heritage College and a BIG welcome to our new students and teachers.

New teachers to HC this year are:
Mr. David Morgan – Senior Biology and High School Science
Mrs. Miriam Hardy – Infants
Welcome back to:
Mr. Stephen Hindmarsh – Hebrew (along with Hannah Mansfield) and DT
Mrs. Kerrie Boddey – Senior Chemistry
Mrs. Lisa Sheridan – Senior English
Mr. Ari Ryan - Secondary History, English, Music
Mr. Scott Madden – Secondary Geography, Sport
Mrs. Karen Wallace – Secondary Maths
Mrs. Michelle Villis – Secondary Design and Technology
Mrs. Felisa Relton – Primary Hebrew
and of course................Mr. Simon Dodson, our Principal!

We also welcome back Auntie Vicki in the Office and all the helpers and volunteers. We appreciate so much all the work that goes on with bus-driving, yard maintenance, keeping records, reading mums, canteen and fundraising, School Council, advisors etc etc. The school relies on volunteer work and is deeply indebted to all who come and help regularly or periodically – it all is appreciated! If you are looking for something to do at school please come in and see Vicki or Simon. Keep your eyes peeled to the Newsletters as this is where jobs are posted!

With saddened we farewell Johanna Lynch as a teacher at HC. Jo has decided that she needs to concentrate fully on her uni studies. Thank you, Jo and all the best.

We welcome Phil and Mingnon POGSON and their family – 5 girls – Monique, Alyce, Anais, Francine, and Imogene. Monique has left school but the other girls are all at HC! Phil grow up in the Newcastle area and moved to Adelaide when he and Mingnon married.


UNIFORMS:
Everyone looked very neat and tidy for the first day back at school. There were a few students without the proper school shoes but hopefully everyone will get this sorted out asap. Parents: please remember that “skate” shoes are not acceptable – school shoes need to be black, polishable (leather or vinyl), and have a separate heel section on the sole, and have a buckle, velcro or lace up device. Boots are not acceptable. It would be appreciated if parents took this into consideration when...
PURCHASING NEW SHOES.
(Students who already had “skate” shoes have permission to wear them until new shoes need to be purchased, but it is hoped that everyone will have the proper style shoes by end of Term 1).
If anyone needs further items of the uniform please see Chris Ryan at school or write down required items in the book at the Office counter and Chris will send them home as soon as possible.

BOOK BLITZ:
Starting next Tuesday 3rd Feb, we have a new group of helpers starting called “Book Blitzers”!
Any parent, grandparent or community member is welcome to attend. It will run from 9-3pm every fortnight on a Tuesday.
No need to ring or book in – just show up anytime and stay for as long as you are available.
We are aiming this year to work on the School Resources. This will involve:
Book Covering, Book mending, Book shelving, sorting out the Picture File, Working on the Teacher Resource Room, filing and computerising the videos, CD’s, and DVD’s.

SPORT:
HIGH SCHOOL SPORT WILL BE AT SCHOOL TOMORROW.
YVONNE PULLLER WILL BE CONDUCTING FITNESS CHECKS - BRING WATER BOTTLES.
Sport next Friday will be held at school. The following 2 weeks sport will be held on Mondays and students will be doing swimming.

Yr. 9-10 Science:
For the next 4 weeks or so we will be studying “How Things Move” - What happens when a car speeds up or slows down.

BIRTHDAYS:

• Laura Richards 9 on Monday 2nd February

TRIBUTE TO AUNTIE NANCY McCLURE
Auntie Nancy passed away on Sunday Jan 18th, after a long illness with cancer. The funeral was attended by 100’s of people, including her neighbours, which shows the love and feeling everyone had for her. Auntie Nancy was a quiet, behind the scenes type of person, who nonetheless had great stamina and energy to see any job performed. She was known for her example, diligence, care, and hospitality and as a “servant to all”. She never wanted recognition – but praised everyone else, especially if you did something for her, like the boys who put the bins out at the hall – she made them feel like “kings” for doing this chore.
Auntie Nancy and Uncle Basil ran the Young People’s class in their home for a long, long time before it moved to Punchbowl Hall. Auntie Nancy will always be remembered by those Young People for her great example in Godliness and service, and especially for the suppers – Pavlova being her speciality!
We would like to offer our condolences and sympathy to her family.

THINGS ARE MADE UP OF TINY CELLS, ALL FUNCTIONING PERFECTLY SO THAT AN ORGANISM CAN LIVE AND GROW. MOST CELLS ARE SO SMALL WE CANNOT EVEN SEE THEM!

SECONDARY STUFF
DAVID MORGAN

Ruth Lynch
ADMINISTRATION:
Welcome back:
A couple of administrative matters:
Could all Family DATABASE check forms be returned by the due date: 30/01/09.
To make everything run smoothly could everyone please return permission notes when they are due in. Place in an envelope with family/child's name and enclose any monies.

New Students to HC:
Alyce, Francine Imogene and Anais Pogson

New Infants:

Secondary School Achievement Awards
Watch this space for notice of Student Achievement Awards!
Over the course of the year, high school teachers will be on the lookout for students to be praised in the weekly newsletter and at assembly.
We would like to honour students from years 6-12 who produce excellent work, participate well in class, demonstrate commendable behaviour or motivation and willingness toward school, or perform other praiseworthy activities.
We’re looking forward to an exciting year!
Ari Ryan

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge
In 2009, years K-10 will be participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. This is very exciting!
Included with the newsletter is a copy of the Reading Challenge Rules, and a few Reading Log Sheets for your children to use.
Students can either register from home using the following internet address: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html, or alternatively, students will be assisted to register at school during class time.
We can't wait to see some serious reading taking place!
Ari Ryan
that are due.

For students who have received calculators, invoices will be sent home on Monday.
Thank you,
Vicki Spark, Admin

**BUSES:**

Gosford: Uncle John Russell  
0437 370 480

Newcastle: Uncle Morrie Pogson  
0416 223 877

Timetables attached.
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The High School Teachers.