Parent Information Sessions
This afternoon there are Information Sessions for parents. The Infants session commences at 2:15, the Primary session commences at 3:15 and the High School session commences at 4:00. We thank all those parents who have made the effort to attend.

The Swimming Carnival is two weeks away. It is recommended that students take swimming lessons to ensure they can do their best for their team. The best swimmers will be chosen to represent Heritage College at the HRIS Swimming Carnival.

The School Captains and SRC representative elections have taken place and the new representatives will be inducted next week.

There is a DUX assembly on next Monday morning at 9:00am. We invite all Year 12 students from 2008 to attend. We will be awarding various prizes, including a trophy for DUX of the School. Parents are also welcome to attend.

This week the new Gosford bus commenced bringing students to and from school on the Gosford run. The new bus has 37 seats, air-conditioning and seat belts. It is a huge step forward in the quality of transport that the school offers students. The Gosford bus run now has one full-time driver - John Russell. Thanks for your work, John. And thank you to Morrie Pogson for his assistance in the bus registration and maintenance process.

The Primary Class are making plans to go on an overnight excursion to Bathurst on March 5-6. This should be a great trip as part of their focus on ‘Gold’ this term. There is a fund-raising morning tea coming up for that, so watch for the publicity.

This year we are planning a trip to Canberra for students in Year 3-10. This will take place in Term 3, so parents should start saving for that camp. We make this trip to Canberra every four years or so, and we find it to be very educational for the students.

Parents please ensure all children’s clothing and equipment is named so it doesn’t get lost. This includes lunch boxes and drink bottles. School shoes must be black polishable leather shoes – not skate shoes or runners.

Thank you to all those people who have been working positively on the project to build a school for our community. Some parents even wrote letters of support for the DA to Council. Thanks for all your hard work.

This Term we are emphasising the importance of “Character”. An important part of character is doing the right thing, even when we think we can get away with doing the wrong thing. Doing the right thing, even when no-one is watching. It is great that we have families in our school who emphasise these important aspects of character and model them for our children. This leads to children with strong personal characters, which strengthens our community’s integrity and brings glory to God. It is a delight to see this quality in children every day at Heritage College.

Simon Dodson,
Principal

Theme for the Term:
“Developing a Godly Character”

Persistance—
The parable of the Unjust Judge
We should pray always and not Faint.

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P & F MEETING
MONDAY 16TH
1.30PM
IN LIBRARY
We have had a wonderful second week and all students are starting to really settle in. We have a new job roster and everyone is taking their jobs seriously - our pets and plants are VERY well looked after!

This week we started our unit on “Celebrations” with a small class party, which was originally just a ‘start of term party’ but fast turned into a birthday party for Harpy! (Silly me for not thinking of that…. never mind, the kids are onto it! He’s definitely been a hit J). We talked about birthdays and read some books about how people celebrate in other countries. The two best countries to have your birthday according to Infants, is China, because you get to eat long noodles, and Chile because piñatas are a tradition.

Reading has started off very well. Thanks to those people who have already come. You have helped the reading program run smoothly and efficiently. Important note - Please have a look for any home reading books that may have got lost in your house, and if you find any please return them. We are missing quite a few. Thanks.

“Award” winners this week:
Reuben Tappouras, for being a wonderful example, and
Bert Ryan for getting on with work without being asked.
Well done boys!

I asked Infants what they have enjoyed doing this week and here are some responses:
'I liked learning about parties everywhere’ - Ruby
‘I love doing sport’ - Asher
‘I like eating apples’ - Carter
‘My favourite games are King and Buzz’ - Lachy
‘We played instruments’ - Reuben
‘I liked playing games with the teacher’ - Robert
Mrs Hardy

Thank you so much for those parents who attended the Parent Information Session. If you were not able to make it, a pack of information will be sent home with your child tomorrow.

What we got up to…by Imogene Pogson

In science we learnt about what floats and what doesn’t. We tested wood, pumice, a pin, pens, an apple, a candle, ice, eggs, blue-tac. Most of the stuff floated and some of it didn’t. Science is very fun and you sometimes learn things that you didn’t know, it’s especially fun with Mrs. S.

In art we made name posters and there were lots of different types of patterns. Some of the patterns were: swirl, squiggly, spiral and others. It was extremely fun and everyone was happy and a little too noisy!

In HSIE we did the history about the Goldrush. Edward Hargraves was the first to do ‘Panning’. He found gold on his first try, so we had a easy goldrush and Harry had to change his name because he would be Edward Hargraves (Harry found the most gold). The reason we did a mini goldrush is because in a few weeks we are going to Bathurst to look for gold.

A few days ago we finished postcards about our holidays then we did a picture on the back of it. There is a lot of things that everyone did and now our classroom is full of postcards on a wire hanging to the roof.

In Literary Unit some people are starting on a book called ‘Indian In The Cupboard’. When we read some we have to answer a few questions in our book. Literary Unit is fun and a good way to learn how to read.

In Maths we are doing sea level, adding and subtracting, negative numbers and other cool stuff. But Maths is only fun at school when you are with Mrs.S.

Some things the class said about Sophie:

She's kind and she always thinks of others before herself.
She's good at skipping
She's a great friend
She's very Godly and very helpful
Always positive!

Student of the Week
Sophia Richards

The boys line up for the “BeepTest” conducted for sport last week.

Note this Change: For the next two weeks Sport will be on Mondays instead of Fridays.

Monday 9th and 16th—Swimming (in preparation for the Carnival). Please bring appropriate swimming gear and googles.

ENGLISH: Missing—copies of Roald Dahl’s book—“Boy” which was issued to Yr. 6-8 last year. Please return any found copies to school asap as they are needed by students this year.

Special Assembly to Honour High Achievers for HSC, 2008 will be held on Monday 9th at 9am. All former students and parents are welcome to attend.

The new School Captains and SRC for 2009 will be announced and inducted at the Assembly on Monday.
**GENERAL**

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

**TODAY**

- Infants— 2.15pm
- Primary— 3.15pm
- High School—4pm

**Stationery Starter Packs for 2009:**

- Infants: $10
- Primary: $12
These kits have everything your child needs for school.
(except a pencil case)

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL:**

- 20TH FEB—MORISSET POOL

**CANTEEN:**

Canteen Starts tomorrow!
New Menu attached to Newsletter.
If anyone has a fridge they could donate for Canteen purposes please ring Vicki in the office, or Fiona Carroll. Thanks

**UNIFORMS:**

If you require any items please write them in the book on the counter in the school office and they will be sent home at the earliest opportunity. Invoices will be sent home.
Please ensure that your child’s belongings are clearly labeled so they can be returned to them if they are misplaced.

**NEW BUS:**

We now have a new bus for the Gosford run. The bus is bigger (37 seats), has air-conditioning and seat belts! WOW!
Thanks to all the team who were on the “lookout” for a new bus and to Uncle Morrie and Uncle John for arranging it’s transport to the area and all the subsequent work involved in having it ready.

**ELECTIONS FOR SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND SRC:**

Elections have taken place and the new representatives will be announced and inducted at a special assembly next Monday.
Also at this Assembly there will be a segment to honour our high achievers for 2008.
We will be awarding various prizes, including a trophy for DUX of the School.
Parents are also welcome to attend the Special Assembly, and are reminded that they are welcome on Monday mornings at 9am for the regular weekly School Assembly meetings.

**OVERDUE:**

**FAMILY DATA BASE FORMS** were due in 30th January. These forms are important so if you have not returned them please send in TOMORROW even if details have not changed. These are official records. If you have missed placed the form please contact me and I will issue another.

**PERMISSION NOTE:**

Permission notes for High School Sport were due in TODAY with Payment. There are still quiet a lot outstanding please send in TOMORROW.

**STUDENT TRANSPORT FORMS:**
Forms and information sheets are presently unavailable, but have been ordered and will be sent home asap.

**PHONE NUMBERS:**

- **SCHOOL:** 4977 3456
- **VICKI:** 0439 068992
- **NEWCASTLE BUS:** Morrie Pogson 0416 223877
  (Jo Wiltshire On Thursdays): 0409 153115
- **GOSFORD BUS:** John Russell 0437370480

**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, 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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Happy Birthday

To: Bert
Ryan
5
on Monday 9th Feb

Canteen Specials
for
TOMORROW
6TH Feb
Pie $1.50
Sausage Roll
$1.50
Wedges $3
Milkshake $1.50

Welcome to our New Teachers:
Mr. David Morgan and Mrs. Miriam Hardy.

Future Events:

Thurs 5th Feb  Parent Information Sessions
Mon 9th Feb  Special Assembly, Induction of Captains and SRC, 2009
Mon 16th Feb  P & F Meeting—1.30pm School Library
Tues 17th Feb  HRIS Secondary Tennis Gala Day
Fri 20th Feb  Swimming Carnival—Morisset Pool
Tues 3rd March  Immunisations
Wed 4th March  HRIS Primary Swimming Carnival
5th-6th March  Primary Excursion to Bathurst
Tues 17th March  HRIS Secondary Swimming Carnival

Got a birthday, article or photo to go in the Newsletter?
Send to office@heritage.edu.au marked for the attention of Jo Wiltshire.

HC NEW BUS!
This lovely maroon bus will replace the old Gosford bus. It has 37 seats, is air-conditioned and has seatbelts. Uncle John Rusell is very pleased to now be the “Big” bus driver, and is delighted with the bus.

Uncle Scott with The Swimming Carnival Trophy. Who will win this year?

Attachments:
😊 Canteen Menu