From the Principal:

Parent Information Afternoon
This afternoon all parents have been invited to a series of information sessions to be convened by the teachers of each class. These information sessions are designed to provide information about class routines, rules, schedules, curriculum, home work expectations, and anything else considered to be helpful. All parents are welcome. We hope you enjoy the sessions.

Mothers and fathers are being invited to assist with the daily reading program for our younger students. It is very important that our infants and younger Primary students are able to read aloud every day. Please assist with this if possible. If you are able to dedicate one hour per week, please let Miriam Hardy know as soon as possible.

The High School class is going swimming this afternoon at the Avondale College Pool. Please note that High School sport will occur on Thursdays rather than Fridays for the duration of the swimming lessons during the beginning of Term 1. Parents are encouraged to organise private swimming lessons at their local pool to ensure their children improve their swimming for safety and health reasons, quite apart from the swimming carnivals. The Bible Theme for this term is Bible Values and we are discussing with the students the meaning of a number of key character traits and what they mean for us. We have already talked about “fairness” and “doing my best” in week one and two. These values are very important and practical. The year six students are loving their new experiences with the middle school class. They are really settling in well and are rising to the challenges set for them in their new class environment. Well done, Year 6!

The HSC students are encouraged to get into positive study routines very early in the year. It is imperative that they all study hard if they want good results. The music students should all be doing 40-60 minutes practice every day on their musical instrument in preparation for their HSC Performance exam.

It has been very hot and sticky weather lately, but the students have all settled into their classes well and are enjoying the first part of the school year.
Students have received a handout outlining their 'Gold' assignment that they will complete in pairs during class as part of our themed studies. The assignment consists of two parts.

**Part A** is the construction of either a Website, Powerpoint or Document that presents the information requested in the first 11 questions/sections.

**Part B** is the construction of a model, drawing or series of diary entries. Students have been given the opportunity to choose one of the options and complete it for display in the class. Along with an end of unit test, this assignment (both A and B) will be assessed to identify students understanding and learning of the topic 'Gold'.

Also this week students started learning some songs that we look forward to sharing with Seniors and Special Friends on the 15th of March.

**Student of the week...** Students in year 5 present speeches outlining why they should be voted class captain and urging students to vote for them.

Natasha Wilson was chosen as the 2012 Primary Captain.

"Tasha is a wonderful girl, caring, loving and all that sort of stuff. Tasha will be a wonderful class captain!!"

"She’s a great friend to have anywhere…she will be a great class captain… she cares for everyone that gets hurt or just if they feel lonely."

Mrs. McMurray
Music Lessons:

**Violin:** Thursdays - Eliza Morrison
**Piano:** Mondays - Danny Hardy Contact: Phone Number 0423 073 797
(If you would like your child to have piano lessons you can contact Danny on the above number) There are limited spaces available.

**Guitar:** Wednesdays - Patrick Tappouras Contact: Phone Number 0450 489 467
**Piano:** Thursdays - Rachel Madden (existing students only)

**LIBRARY**

New Library Bags available - $7
Bookblitz next Tuesday 14th

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank Branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking. You must take identification for you and your child (e.g. Drivers licence/child’s birth certificate, you will then receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and the next business day you can start banking.

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you can open the account on line, just follow the instructions. From January 2012 when children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive a $5.00 commission.

Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good saving skills.

**SCHOOL BANKING EVERY TUESDAY**

If there are any willing hands to help produce the weekly Newsletter it would greatly be appreciated.

“ANNIE” TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

If you would like tickets please contact Susan Tappouras on her mobile number: 0435 266 457

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**Administration**

**Welcome back to 2012:**

**IMPORTANT:** Family Database check forms need to be returned. Would ALL families please return their forms.

**FEES:** Invoices will be sent home during next week.

**PERMISSION NOTES SENT OUT WEDNESDAY:**

Year 6-10 Victoria Camp
ICAS: Competition
Seniors: “Annie” Musical

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Year 7 and 10 Immunisation Forms.

**SCHOOL HATS**

We strongly suggest that you write your child’s name/initials on the rear band of their school hat in liquid paper as we are having difficulty finding/identifying lost hats.

Thanking every one for your cooperation.

Vicki

**Administration**

**PHONE NUMBERS:**
SCHOOL: 4977 3456  FAX: 4977 3337
VICKI: 0431 264792
NEWCASTLE BUS: Morrie Pogson 0416 223877
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, 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.

**School Address:** 45 Kings Rd, Cooranbong. NSW 2265
E-mail: office@heritage.edu.au
Phone: 49773456 Fax: 49773337
Website: www.cooranbong.heritage.edu.au
Happy Birthday for today
Bert Ryan who turns 8

Happy Birthday to
Milly Ryan
who will turn 5 on 14th Feb
and
Daniel Vokurka

If you wish to submit an article to the Newsletter please send by e-mail to:
newsletter@heritage.edu.au

Canteen tomorrow

Recess:
Finger Bun: $1.00
Choc Muffin: $1.00

Lunch:
Pies: $3.00
Sausage Roll: $2.50

Drink:
Moove: $1.50

Thank you Alison for volunteering to be Canteen Manager

Menu in next weeks newsletter

Want to contact the Editor?
newsletter@heritage.edu.au

Future Events:

Tuesday 14th Feb  HRIS OPEN Tennis Competition
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BOOK BLITZ

Wednesday 15th Feb  Immunisation Yr 7 & 10 students

Thursday 16th Feb  School Council Meeting 7.30pm

Monday 20th Feb  P & F Meeting—1.30pm in Library

Friday 25th Feb  Swimming Carnival at Morisset Pool

Tuesday 28th Feb  BOOK BLITZ

Wednesday 29th Feb  HRIS Primary Swimming

Check this space for “Assignments Due”