



Heritage College Newsletter



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From the Principal:

HRIS Cross Country

The HRIS Cross Country Event was held on Monday for High School students, but was postponed for Primary students. The High School students participated in the event which was held at Walka Walka Works in Maitland. All the students performed really well and gained very pleasing results. The outstanding runner for our school was Patrick Tappouras who came third in his race. There were about 50-60 students running in each event, so a third place is an excellent achievement. Well done to all the students who took part.

The Primary Cross Country Run was postponed till 23 May.

Next week the students in years 3,5,7 and 9 will participate in the **NAPLAN** testing for this year. This testing takes place over three days and includes tests in reading, spelling, comprehension, vocabulary and numeracy. The tests take place in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. There is a **careers expo** for students in years 9-12 scheduled for 19 May. Students will travel by bus to the expo in Newcastle and be able to research any careers in which they are interested. Parents should take the opportunity to discuss career options and ensure that students make the most of their opportunity to research a variety of career interests. John Russell has been caring for the school's **chickens** and there have been a number of little chickens hatch and they all look very cute. We look forward to further growth of our little flock of egg-layers.

Parents should ensure that students are wearing the **correct winter uniform** every day to school. Uniform items can be purchased through Chris Ryan. If students are out of uniform they should bring a note from a parent providing an explanation.

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Theme for the Term:

Character Matters

Responsibility

Abraham Obeyed God --
Gen 22:1-4

There is a **P&F Meeting** in the school library on Monday 16 May at 1:30pm. All parents and friends are welcome. Thank you to all the parents and friends who help out around the school on a regular basis. We appreciate all your help.

Many students are participating in the **Premier's Reading Challenge** and students are able to enter the names of books that are read as part of the challenge. Please encourage your children to read as many books as possible, regardless of the challenge. Literacy is the most important academic skill a child can acquire. It will affect their success at school and beyond. Students should do some reading at home every day.

Mother's Day is this Sunday. We hope all our mothers have a great day. I'm sure many will receive breakfast in bed and pampering all day – richly deserved. Where would we be without our hard-working Mums?

Happy Mother's Day!
Simon Dodson,
Principal

**NAPLAN
TESTING
10-12th May**



“She’s got an awesome smile”
“She’s a great friend”
“She’s awesome at playing in the playground”
“She’s always positive and smiling”
“She’s always really funny!”

Mrs S

SENIOR SCENE

**HIGH SCHOOL SPORT
TOMORROW**
Ice Skating at Erina

CAREERS EXPO
Broadmeadow Jockey Club
Thurs 19th May

HRIS Cross Country
Congratulations to all the students who finished their run at the X-country event.

Special mention to Patrick Tappouras who came 3rd in his age race. HCC once again came home with the Champion School (based on School Size).

Well done, everyone. Thanks to Uncle Morrie for driving the bus and the teachers and helpers who attended on the day.

The Primary HRIS Cross Country will be held on Monday 23rd May

Award winners this week were:

Carter Stretton – beautiful artwork

Abigail Scott – trying hard at all times and excellent reading skills

Jordan McKinlay – excellent maths work

HSIE

We have started our unit on ‘Workers in the Community’. On Monday we completed a group work exercise where we made two posters – ‘needs and wants’ and ‘workers’, which show the link between our needs and the people who provide for them. We have a very interesting DVD to watch soon which has interviews with various workers who explain what their job is - should be very interesting.

ENGLISH

The news topics for this term have been sent home. If you have not yet received it, look in your child’s reading folder or ask them to ask me for a new one ☺. If you could help the children come up with ideas for each week’s news topic that would be much appreciated.

We are learning how to write a procedure at the moment. This morning we wrote a procedure on how to make a paper flower. Everyone did a great job!

MATHS

We have been learning about multiplication – ‘groups of’ and ‘rows of’. We have been drawing arrays, playing matching games and using bears, marbles and mini blackboards to solve multiplication problems.

ART

We have some beautiful artworks in our classroom at the moment. They are close up drawings of a bird’s head. The head is cool coloured oil pastel and the beak is warm coloured oil pastel. The background is a blue wash. I was a little concerned that the activity would be too hard, but K-2 proved me wrong! Super stars! They look amazingly good.

HOMEWORK

Kindy have started to receive homework now. If you could please cover the homework books it would make them last much longer. Thanks to those parents who have already covered the books. Homework is due every Friday.

Mrs H

What’s been going on in the Primary Class?

Lots!

Firstly, we have been practising our Maths, Spelling and Grammar in preparation for NAPLAN. We have been working hard with revision and I am pleased with everyone’s efforts! Students who are struggling in some of these areas are encouraged to do a little revision at home. This can be achieved by hopping on to the NAPLAN website.

British Colonisation!

What a start we have had with this topic! Last Friday, we read a story ‘The Rainbow Serpent’ to help us understand what Aboriginals believe through their Dreamtime stories. This week, we worked in pairs and researched the ‘discovery’ of Australia by the early explorers. (Parents - ask your child why I have put ‘discovery’ in inverted commas?) We looked at the lives of Abel Tasman, William Dampier and Dirk Hartog to name a few!

Art

As a whole class, we created *The Rainbow Serpent* as mentioned above! I am so impressed with what my class created as one huge team! Check out the photos - I didn’t even draw the outline! It now lives in our room.

We are about to begin our own Aboriginal artworks by created patterns around certain Aboriginal symbols. Students will continue to work on this next week.

HRIS Cross Country

The HRIS Primary Cross Country has been postponed to Monday 23rd May, which gives us a couple of weeks of training!

Thank you to all the Reading Mums for your help and in particular, Auntie Caz Alchin for her extra effort with the Primary class this week!! Thank you! ☺

**CANTEEN MEAL DEAL
TOMORROW**

**Jaffles - fillings include: Ham, Cheese
(Cheddar or processed), Pineapple,
Tomato or Baked Beans \$2.50.**

The Canteen will be open each day during 2nd
half of lunch for 15min—selling Hot Milo, Garlic
Bread, Noodles, Drinks and Iceblocks.

**CANTEEN
MEAL DEAL DAY**

**MONDAY (9th May)
Pizza & Garlic Bread
\$2.50**

PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY:

The event was postponed last Monday and
has been rescheduled for Monday 23rd.
More details about time etc. when
arrangements are finalised.

NITS:

Parents please check your child's
hair as we have had a few cases of
nits. To stop the spread of nits
we need all families to diligently
check their children's hair and
take appropriate action if they
discover any evidence of nits.

Cadbury Chocolate Drive

**Chocolates will be arriving
on Monday. 1 Box per family.
They will be sent home for
sale asap.**

(if you would like more please let
me know - Priscilla 0439773301)

HC SYDNEY FAIR:

The Fair is on May 28th May.
We have special "unlimited" ride vouchers
available. Cost \$20 (\$25 if purchased on
the day). Send in money to the office.

**Years 6–10 SPORT TERM 2: If you
have a permission note attached to
your newsletter please sign and
RETURN TOMORROW.**

**CAREER EXPO NOTES: Please return
permission notes with money asap**

ATTACHMENTS:

**** IMMUNISATION for Year 7 Hepatitis B
- return Tuesday, 17 May.**

**** IMMUNISATION HISTORY: Please re-
turn Thursday, 12 May.**

**This Immunisation History is very important
so please fill in the details and return by
due date (with copies of report if your child
has been immunized).**

***UNIFORMS: Don't forget to finalize
your Uniform Accounts.***

PHONE NUMBERS:

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VICKI : 0431 264792

GOSFORD BUS: John Russell 0437370480

NEWCASTLE BUS: Morrie Pogson 0416223877

****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

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PHOTO GALLERY - CHICKS & RAINBOW SERPENT

Happy Birthday to
**Josh
Schofield**
17 today!

Get Well Wishes
go to
Uncle Tony Colgan
(Molly's dad)
as he is not well.

Get Well Wishes
also go to
Felix Tappouras
Felix is recovering from his
recent operation and
hospital stay.

Happy
Mothers' Day
(on Sunday)
to all our
fantastic mums.
Hope you all
have a lovely
day and get
pampered!

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Newsletter please send by e-mail to:
newsletter@heritage.edu.au



Chickens! CHICKENS! CHICKENS!
Uncle John Russell is proud to presents his new family of



The Primary Class creation of
"The Rainbow Serpent" - WOW!



Future Events:

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| 10—12th May | NAPLAN TESTING—Yrs. 3,5,7,9 |
| Mon 16th May | P & F Meeting - 1.30pm in Library |
| Thurs 19th May | Senior Students Careers' Expo Excursion |
| Mon 23rd May | HRIS Primary X-country |
| Tues 24th May | Immunisations Computer Skills Test |
| Sat 28th May | HC SYDNEY FAIR |