NAPLAN Testing Concluded

This week was a big week of testing for all our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The NAPLAN Testing, which is nationwide literacy and numeracy testing, took place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The students all did their best and I’m sure they have reached their potential. No-one was absent, so we thank our parents for ensuring their children all attended school.

This week the winter uniforms were all looking fantastic for most students. Well done, students and parents, for organising your uniform items so well. Thank you, Aunty Chris Ryan, for the great job you do with uniforms. Parents, please be reminded of the necessity of naming all your children’s belongings.

Yesterday the Infants class went on an exciting excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo. They had a great time getting up close to many of the animals there. They learnt a lot about their habitats and feeding habits. The students even got to pat and feed some of the animals, which was a lot of fun. Thanks to Mrs Hardy for organising the excursion, and to the Mums who attended to help out with supervision.

We had a visit this week from Lisa McCorrie, a sister from England who is working in the psychotherapy field, and she talked to the older students about emotional intelligence and resilience, as well as other personal development issues. We thank Lisa for her time and look forward to other opportunities of talking with her next time she is in Australia.

We also had a visit yesterday from Bill and Pauline Lunn, who sailed into Newcastle Harbour in their yacht. They are sailing from Adelaide to northern Queensland on their 38 foot yacht – an exciting adventure. Bill was the first Principal of Heritage College Adelaide, the first Christadelphian Heritage College in the world. Next year, God willing, Uncle Bill will be the Principal of Heritage College Melbourne, and his wife Pauline will be the Infants teacher.

Today the Year 9-10 students are going for a sail on Uncle Bill and Aunty Pauline’s yacht. It should be a great experience, teaching teamwork. Yesterday Uncle Bill spoke to the Year 9-10 students about his sailing adventures and the science and geography of sailing. He also mentioned the amazing current world-record attempt of a 15 year-old girl who is sailing solo around the world. There are no Senior classes next week due to the Youth Conference in Brisbane. We pray for the safe return of all our young people who are travelling north for the week of Bible study.

Next Monday is a P&F meeting at 1:30pm in the library. All are welcome.

The HRIS Athletics Carnival, combined with Sydney Heritage, will take place on Monday 25 May. Please note carefully the arrangements for travel which were explained on the note sent home. Essentially the buses are leaving very early in the morning so the carnival in Sydney can start on time at 9:00am.

The MS Readathon speaker, who was due to speak to the children last Monday, postponed their visit until Tuesday 26 May. Students can still register for the Readathon on the website.

May God continue to bless the work of Heritage College and our families who are endeavouring to serve God and each other in humility and kindness.

Simon Dodson, Principal

Theme for the Term:
— ISRAEL — THE APPLE OF GOD’S EYE —
“The Sea of Galilee”
- Major Water Supply for Israel
- Home of Peter, Andrew, James and John
- Jesus Preached There
Infants had a great time at the Hunter Valley Zoo yesterday! We saw lots of animals and learnt about the animals and their shelters. We were entertained by spider monkeys and watched the man feeding them some delicious fruit and vegetables. It didn’t take long to realise that they love avocados, they love climbing and they are a bit cheeky! They were very cute. (I think I might have some little spider monkeys in my class!). We watched the wombat ‘Maisy’ munch her food hungrily and the man even gave us a pat of her. We had to make sure we didn’t touch her head though otherwise she was a bit unfriendly! We were very lucky to be able to feed and pat some kangaroos, emus (although they weren’t so keen on the pats, and the kids soon decided they weren’t so keen to pat them!) and goats. We even saw a little Joey in its mother’s pouch which was pretty special. ‘Goody Goody Gum Drops’ the koala was very good to us and sat placidly in the tree munching leaves whilst many pairs of hands stroked and touched her! All the students were able to have their picture taken with her. It was a beautiful sunny day and a great treat to be outside enjoying creation.

This week we have also been working on an artwork of tree blossoms, butterflies and bees. The paintings look fantastic. When they are finished we will put them up for everyone to admire. We are enjoying our HSIE unit and very interested in it which is great!

Years 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN Test this week. Writing and Language Conventions were on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday.

The students tried their best, even when under test conditions and lots of coughing going around the room! :0)

This week in SPACE, we learnt that the Sun doesn’t actually move when we say it rise and set. It is us, on Earth, that are turning!!! Very tricky! Students completed a map of Australia and drew the states, territories and capital cities. They also wrote an explanation on why PERTH has night time AFTER us!

Thank you to everyone who handed in their Homework! Well done! Don't forget to start shopping for your SOLAR SYSTEM Project.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grace Madden

Some things the class said about Grace:
☐ She’s good at “Bin Attack” (a game)
☐ She’s really pretty.
☐ She's good at handball
☐ She helps people
☐ She’s a good SRC
☐ I like her because she is very funny!

Have a lovely weekend,
MRS S

The Infants Class at the HV Zoo.

Mrs. H
COMBINED ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WITH SYDNEY HC:
MONDAY 25TH MAY
A flyer has been sent home with all the details including bus times.
We are seeking volunteers from the parents to help out for a few hours on the day.
Please ring Vicki if you can help.

UNIFORMS:
Vests available this winter for High School. Please send orders to email address asap. Any items needed can be ordered by writing required information in the book in the office, or emailing cryan@heritage.edu.au

P & F Entertaiment Books
Cost: $60.00 orders:
If you would like an Entertainment Book please return Order Form with payment and one will be sent home.
Lots of new offers in this year’s book as well as the regular ones.

Announcing the startup of an informal
BIBLICAL HEBREW READING GROUP:
The group's purpose is to help those who have a basic knowledge of Biblical Hebrew to practice reading the narrative portions of the Old Testament during weekly meetings in Cooranbong at a time to be arranged.
Expressions of interest to:
Steven Thompson
email: steven.thompson@ozemail.com.au
phone: 4977 1200

MS Read-a-thon: Please register on-line. Any enquiries should be directed to the office.

IT POLICY PARENTAL DECLARATION:
Before the April holidays a letter was sent home regarding the HC “Acceptable Use for Student Access to Technology and the Internet”. The policy is designed to promote responsible use of the computer infrastructure by all students. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with your children and sign and return the “Parental Declaration” to the school. If you have not yet completed and returned the form please do so by Monday 11th May.
Thanks to the many parents that have already completed this task. Ari Ryan

PERMISSION NOTES: Sent home Thursday, 30 April:
6–10 HEBREW: Excursion on Thursday, 28 May to Sydney Jewish Museum: Due back Wednesday, 20 May, with payment.
6–8 GEOGRAPHY: Fieldtrip on Wednesday 17 June: Due back Wednesday, 10 June, no cost.
OUTSTANDING: Due in 6 May, 2009
CANBERRA CAMP NOTES Years 3–10: We still have a lot of Canberra Camp notes outstanding PLEASE send in on WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY.

GOSFORD FAMILIES: We are still waiting on Transport Forms from the following families to be returned to school: Eltons, Sheads and L & A Tappouras. Please send in by Monday, 18 May. The school needs to send these forms into the Ministry of Transport.

Please note: NO Students are to bring food into school that needs to be heated up OR to use the Staff Room facilities
ALSO NO MOBILE PHONES are to be used in class time. Please make sure your phones are turned off.

Thanking you
ADMINISTRATION

PHONE NUMBERS:
SCHOOL: 4977 3456
VICKI: 0431264792 Note: This is a new number
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.
School Address: 45 Kings Rd, Cooranbong. NSW 2265
E-mail: office@heritage.edu.au
Phone: 49773456 Fax: 49773337
Assignments Due:

**Mon 18th May**  P & F Meeting 1.30pm School Library

**Mon 25th May**  Combined Athletics Carnival with HCS

**Wed 27th May**  ICAS Computer Skills Test

**Thurs 28th May**  CIS Cross Country
High School Holocaust Museum Excursion

**Mon 1st June**  Yr.6-8 History Excursion

**Tues 2nd June**  Yr. 9-10 History Excursion to Fort Stratchley

**Mon 8th June**  Public Holiday

**Wed 10th June**  ICAS Science Test

**Thurs 11th June**  HRIS Primary Soccer and Netball Gala Day
School Council Meeting

Future Events:

**4th June**  Yr.9-10 Science—Genetics Assignment

**Yr. 9-10 Students with Bill and Pauline Lunn.** These lucky students were treated to a day of sailing on Newcastle Harbour onboard the Lunn’s yacht today as part of their Sports program. Bill is the Principal of HC Adelaide and is on long service leave and will be taking up the position of Principal of HC Melbourne next year.

**Students hard at the NAPLAN tests!**

**Some of the girls with visitor, Lisa McCorrie**

Happy Birthday to

Hannah Davis
17 next Tuesday 19th May

Kyria Mansfield
17 next Wed 19th May

TOM MANSFIELD
17 next Wed 19th May

Get Well wishes go to

UNCLE LUKE TAPPOURAS
Uncle Luke has whooping cough and has been really sick. Hope you’re feeling better soon.

We wish all our students who are attending the Brisbance Youth Conference a safe trip.

NEW MOBILE NUMBER FOR VICKI SPARK:
VICKI : 0431264792

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