



# Heritage College Cooranbong



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## Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

### From the Principal:

#### HSC Exams Conclude for Some

Our Year 11 students have completed their final HSC exam for this year. Our year 12 students have TVET exams still to sit, but the bulk of their work is over. Congratulations to all the students for their achievement. It is a huge effort they have made and they now can relax. Well done! Top job!

The Year 6-8 students went on a Tour of the Maitland Gaol on Tuesday. The tour was led by an ex-inmate and it gave the students a very clear idea of how awful jail life can be. The jail has been operational since close to the days of convicts in the Hunter Valley, and only ceased operation 8 years ago. It is a very significant historical site in the Hunter Valley, and the students learnt a lot from the visit. Thank you to Ari Ryan for organising the day.

The P&F meeting was held on Monday. Thank you to those parents who attended.

Infants Orientation is taking place tomorrow. We look forward to seeing all the parents and welcoming them to the infants room at 10:00am tomorrow. Morning tea will be provided.

Next Thursday is the HRIS Chess competition and a number of our primary students are involved in that activity. The details of that excursion have been sent home in a note. Those not involved will have classes at school.

The School Certificate tests for year 10 students will take place on Nov 12-14. Trial tests are scheduled for next week, in order to prepare the students for those tests.

The infants class has an exciting project underway in their classroom. They have a hatchery with 14 eggs and one is scheduled to hatch each day for fourteen days.

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*Theme for the Term:*

**“GODLY VALUES”**

**— Doing Your Best —**

This is part of their animals unit and they are witnessing the miracle of baby chicks emerging from their eggs. It is great fun and a wonderful learning experience. Thanks, Mrs D. for arranging it.

Miss Relton is now Mrs Simkus. A number of us went to Coffs Harbour to witness the exciting moment when Jesse and Felisa said, “I Do”. It was a beautiful sunny day and the bride and groom arrived at the reception at Bonville Golf Course in a horse-drawn carriage. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Simkus. All the children can look forward to welcoming Mrs Simkus back from her honeymoon in a couple of weeks.

The Solos Concert took place last Thursday evening and those who came performed very well indeed. Congratulations to all the students. You did a great job. All of the students can be proud of their musical progress. And thank you to all the teachers for their hard work.

Simon Dodson,  
Principal

**Orientation Day  
for New Starters  
10.30am  
TOMORROW**

**Week 2**

Another lovely day was had by all. We looked at colours and did rainbow prints. Today's helper was Aunty Fiona Ginn, Thank you for your time and lovely 'BLUE' Play dough. Next week our helper will be Aunty Fiona Carroll and our theme will be Shapes.

The children brought some lovely news today and we had a few more hats, thankyou. Some of the children were very excited to be getting something from the canteen and lined up like all the big kids.

Last week I asked each child what they like best in the day. The results were as follows:

Asher - Dressing up  
Benjamin - Playing with my friends  
Ella - Playing with everything  
Jessica - Dress ups  
Eden - My pretzels  
Shem - Coming here with my mum  
Ruby - Painting  
Toby - Playing and reading  
Robert - Playing polices

We are teaching the children the transition prayer, which you may wish to say with them at home so I've typed it out for you:

Dear God,  
We want to thank you for this day, we want to serve and you obey. For food and friends both big and small,  
We thank you for you give us all.  
We thank you God that Jesus came and ask this prayer through his dear name. Amen.

Have a great week and look forward to seeing all those happy faces next week

Aunty Naomi Richards

What an eggs-citing week in our class! Feathers have been flying as Infant class children have observed one of our Creators many miracles unfold before their eyes. With an incubator full of fertile eggs, **12 new lives have emerged and joined the mini chicken-run in the classroom.** The chirping and the pecking have added a farmyard flavour to our daily class activities. We all race to the room in the morning to see if anything has hatched over night. One morning we were greeted by five wet, shaky chicks peering out from beside their broken eggshells. Stories have been written, pictures drawn, life-cycles charted and posters discussed. Language like 'incubator, humidity, brooding and pecking-order' have all become the new classroom banter. Please find a letter to parents regarding this fabulous program, included with this Newsletter today.

**Tomorrow is Orientation Day.** Parents that may begin new students at Heritage College next year will be coming to find out more about our school and early development/education of young students. See you in the Infant Room at 10am.

**Transition students** going through with Aunty Naomi Richards have been visiting our room on Friday afternoons to read stories and tell us what they've been doing. What a lot of things they know about colours and shapes and places they've been!

Also this week we had our third (out of four) session of **Gymnastics at Glendale Sports Centre.** Coaches lead children through a range of balance, coordination, strength and climbing equipment, including lots of games and stretching challenges.

In English this week we have been learning about '**alphabetical order**'. We saw it on our class role and in the Index at the back of our book. We saw how useful it was when we were trying to use the dictionary and found it a much quicker way of finding library books. Please point out any other examples you find at home - (eg) ecclesial contact list. Have a great week! Mrs D ©

The Primaries were very excited on Monday to see some of Uncle Simon's photos from Jesse and Miss Relton's wedding. She looked very happy. Apparently some of the cards we had sent were even read out at the wedding!

The Primaries have continued to work well during the past week. In English we have been writing poems and learning about making them rhyme and keeping the "metre" (beat).

In the next few weeks we will be putting together a Newspaper - "The Primary Post"- which will publish some of our terrific stories and poems. In Maths we have been making progress with our Tables, Mentals, and Multiplication. Knowing your tables makes multiplication so much easier! So far we have tried to learn 2x, 4x, 8x; and 3x, 6x, 9x. Next week we will be doing 5x, 10x, 100x (with some revision as well) Parents please check your children are making progress on these. In Art we made some very cute cards for the wedding couple. Wednesday afternoon at Glendale Gymnastics we had some fun tumbling in the foam pit and on the bars. Next week is our last week at Gymnastics. After that sport will return at school, still on Wednesdays for one more week. Following that swimming will start.

Ruth Lynch

**FREE CHOICE  
PROJECTS.**

**Please finish at  
home.  
Due:  
15th Nov**

## Secondary Stuff

**SPORT:** SPORT IS ON FRIDAYS.  
THIS WEEK IS  
GYMNASTICS AT THE GLENDALE CENTRE.  
Bring a water bottle

**Current House Team Points:**  
Masada 2364 Gamla 2066

### YR 6-8 EXCURSION TO MAITLAND GAOL:

The students enjoyed their special BBQ lunch and graphic tour of Maitland Gaol. They have all resolved to stay on the right side of the law! Handbooks need to be completed and handed in next Tuesday.

**There are two more excursions planned for Term 4. Watch this space.**

### YR 9-10 HISTORY

- ☺ Students need to have completed Booklet 6 and 7 by next Wednesday
- ☺ Essay and Short Paragraph question need to be handed in on Monday

### YR. 9-10 ENGLISH

Students need to write a Newspaper article about a local issue in their street or suburb.  
Speak to parents for ideas.

## SENIOR SCENE

FRI 2nd Nov HSC CONSTRUCT  
TUE 13th Nov HSC BUSINESS

### **SENIOR FORMAL**

19TH NOV

### **BLACKSMITHS SURF CLUB**

MONEY CAN BE SENT IN CLOSER TO  
THE DATE, BUT WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY ASAP

**Senior Jerseys: Money Outstanding—  
please send in.**

## MERIT CERTIFICATES

**Bronze: Reuben Ryan**

## GENERAL

**35 hour FAMINE:** Some students are participating in a 35hr famine to raise money for the Christadelphian Children's Orphanage in India. Students above 13 years can participate in the second round next week. Gather your sponsors—see Acts 20:35—It is better to give than receive. All donations can be put in the blue box in the office. Your generosity is much appreciated—money is going to a good cause.

### CANTEEN:

**THE CANTEEN IS OPEN ON FRIDAYS**

**This weeks special:**

Wedges, Chilli Sauce and Sour Cream \$3  
Milkshakes \$1.50

### ORIENTATION DAY:

**Orientation Day for new starters is  
TOMORROW—Friday 2nd Nov.**

**Uniforms and Stationery Packs will be on  
view for order.**

**Morning Tea provided for mums and new  
starters**

### UNIFORMS:

Statements have been sent home today. Can everyone please settle their accounts before the end of the year.

**Outstanding: \$1769.66**

### Senior Jerseys:

Money is outstanding.  
2nd Reminders sent home today.  
Please send in money asap.

**WANTED:**

**ANY BRAND PLASTIC JARS WITH  
SCREW TOP LIDS**

**4 LITRE ICE CREAM  
CONTAINERS FOR THE SCIENCE  
ROOM.**

# PHOTO GALLERY

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY TO:**

**James  
Lynch**

**17 tomorrow! (2nd Nov)**

**Teenager Alert!**

**Jacob Madden  
13**

**next Wednesday (7th Nov)**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
MR. AND MRS.  
JESSE SIMKUS**

**MARRIED LAST SATURDAY  
AND NOW ENJOYING THEIR  
HONEY MOON!**

**MRS. SIMKUS WILL BE BACK  
AT SCHOOL**

**CANTEEN  
OPEN  
TOMORROW  
Special:  
Wedges, Sour  
Cream, Chilli  
Sauce \$3  
Milkshake  
\$1.50**



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## Future Events:

FRI 2nd Nov	HSC CONSTRUCTION EXAM NEW STARTERS ORIENTATION DAY
THURS 8th Nov	PRIMARY CHESS COMPETITION
MON 12th-WED	HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMS
TUES 13th Nov	HSC BUSINESS SERVICES PRIMARY EXCURSION –RECYCLING YR6-8 HISTORY EXCURSION
WED 14th Nov	INFANTS HEBREW EXCURSION
THURS 15th Nov	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MON 19th Nov	INFANTS & PRIM SWIMMING BEGINS SENIOR FORMAL
TUES 20th Nov	NEW HSC SUBJECTS BEGIN
TUES 27th Nov	YR.6-8 HISTORY EXCURSION
WED 28th Nov	YR. 6-8 HEBREW EXCURSION
MON 3rd DEC	YEAR 6-10 EXAM WEEK
THURS 6th Dec	SCHOOL COUNCIL DINNER 6pm
MON 10th Dec	PRESENTATION NIGHT 7pm
WED 12th Dec	WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC DAY
THURS 13th Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM 4—FINISH 2PM
FRI 14th Dec	STAFF LUNCHEON

# Administration

## OVERDUE School Fees:

Thank you to all those families who have finalised payments of Term 3 school Fees. We still have a few families who have outstanding accounts—please pay these and send details of payment method to the office, or alternatively contact the Principal to discuss a payment plan.

## PERMISSION NOTES:

A reminder to parents of correct procedure in handing in notes and money to the office – Please put all notes **WITH MONEY** in a **sealed envelope** with **child/ren's name**, the amount enclosed and what it is for written clearly on the front.

**REMINDER:** *Parents when you pay via internet banking could you please print off and send in the receipt, also please put you name and what it is for on the documentation and send in with the signed permission note.*

## PARENTS ARE REMINED: -

We have had a number of students not going to their normal home bus stops. PARENTS you are reminded to contact the school should your child/children change their afternoon stop. This is so that bus drivers are aware of what is happening and this also comes under Duty of Care for the school and bus drivers.

School finishes at 3:05pm and students will need to be picked up by 3:10pm, as the staff on duty have other commitments. If you are unable to pick up your child/children by this time please contact the school to advise them that you are unable to pick up.

Morning duty for staff starts at 8:40am so please do not drop your child/children off before this time.

Just a courteous reminder for those students who have band practice on Wednesday afternoon after school, band finishes at 4:00pm so these students need to be picked up by this time.

## OH&S:

Parents could you please ensure your pre-schoolers wear adequate footwear when on the school site as this is an OH&S requirement.

Could parents of Primary and Infants classes please make sure that you do not send any foods into school that need heating up in the microwave, as this requires the students to use staff room facilities and the younger students are not to walk around with hot foods. This is an exception when Canteen is on and only if the students are ordering lunches from the canteen. Also please enforce in your child/children about swapping their recess and lunch. There are some children who can have allergic reactions to some foods.

Thanking you for your co-operation. Vicki Spark—Admin

**Main account** - Westpac BSB: 032-524 Acc.No:12-2339;  
Fees only

**Expense account** - Westpac BSB: 032524  
Acc. No: 12-2515; Excursions, Sport, School Assessments,  
Anniversary Dinner, Bus donations etc

**P&F account** - Commonwealth BSB: 062 628  
Acc. No: 1009 7780; Uniforms, Fundraisers etc. Trivia

## HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 2

The Heritage Project Steering Committee have been hard at work investigating suitable sites for Heritage College to purchase, as well as seeking advice from planners and local government authorities about the statutory requirements of a school site. Some investigations related to bushfire and flora and fauna restrictions will limit some sites which may have been otherwise suitable. So the hunt is on for a site which meets local government requirements and planning constraints. We also want to restrict the search to the Dora Creek, Morisset, Cooranbong triangle, so we keep the school in the same local area. The school community has established its presence in the area and it is considered best not to change this. More information will be communicated when it comes to hand. We are keen to seek community feedback and involvement. Any comments and suggestions are welcome at this stage - please email them to

[astretton@heritage.edu.au](mailto:astretton@heritage.edu.au)

Thank you,  
Aaron Stretton,  
Publicity Officer

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