



# Heritage College Cooranbong



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## Heritage College Newsletter

**A Christadelphian School**

### From the Principal:

#### Infants and Primary Swimming

This week a two-week block of daily swimming lessons began for all students in Years K-5. Swimming is such an important life skill and its great to see the children making excellent progress. The manager of Morisset pool commended our students on their excellent behaviour and told us that we are the best Primary school in the area that he sees. That's really nice commendation for our kids. Parents please organise private swimming lessons for your children to supplement the lessons the children have at school. The High School Exams commence on Monday. The timetable has been distributed to the students earlier this week and a copy is also included in this newsletter. Students should be studying as much as possible to ensure good results.

The Year 11-12 students will be doing a field study on Friday for Biology. This will take all day.

Last Friday the Year 10 students had a special afternoon and evening to celebrate the conclusion to their Year 10 studies. They played golf, went go-karting and went out for dinner. Congratulations to all these students for successfully completing Year 10. Jonny Pogson, who joined our school recently, has just been on an exciting week's work experience with Geotech Engineering Company and has been working on the wall of the Warragamba Dam. This sounds like it would have been a really interesting week. Acacia Rose Ryan is now a week old and has safely arrived home. We rejoice with Ari and Ingrid at the safe arrival of their precious new daughter.

Next Thursday is the School Council Dinner that commences at 6:30pm. This evening is an opportunity for the School Council to let parents know about the progress of Heritage College while we share a dinner together.

Web page:

[cooranbong.heritage.edu.au](http://cooranbong.heritage.edu.au)

Theme for the Term:

### **GODLY VALUES**

#### **"MERCY"**

**Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy—Matt 7:5**

There is no charge for this activity. All are welcome. Child-minding will be available for children aged 3-12. Next week the school will have two waste bins instead of one. The second bin will be for recycling paper and cardboard. We will be teaching the students about the benefits of recycling.

On Friday the admin staff are attending a training day for MYOB financial software.

On Thursday our English staff attended an AIS professional development session on the future of English Teaching in Australia. There are moves to nationalise the curriculum and this will have an impact on school curriculum over the next several years.

Next Friday the High School students (Years 6-9) will be going on a trip to view the Archibald Prize portrait competition currently on display at the Lake Macquarie Art Gallery. Presentation Night is on Monday 8 December at 7:00pm.

Simon Dodson,  
Principal

**Mon 1st Dec  
HIGH SCHOOL  
EXAMS BEGIN**

**School Council Dinner  
and Report Night  
Thursday 4th Dec  
6.30pm**



We had a lovely day today! We were looking at weather and made a weather chart to take home and complete over the next few weeks if you chose. Our helper was Jessica Ginn. Thank you Jess for your help!

News once again was most interesting and amusing! Candace told us about her new baby that's "this big" (about 15cm!) Gideon had a new t-shirt for news that read: "dad's little devil" – when asked what that meant he replied "a point!" Someone else said "it means your naughty!" He then said "Yeh, I was naughty once!" We also heard about one child who sprayed his mum with a water pistol and then all about up and coming prize nights! Sounds so exciting!

We practiced our Concert item in front of the Infants (and saw a sneak preview of theirs!) They are fantastic so hope everyone can come and see all the "cute kids" perform!

Next week our helper is Aunty Joan Bowen - we can't wait to have you! Our topic is food so a reminder that you don't need to pack recess or lunch next week as its party day and instead please bring two plates to share (i.e. chips & small sandwiches or ice blocks & fruit plate or muffins & biscuits etc. and we will serve one at morning tea and the other at lunch for our party). Please let me know if your child has food allergies for this day!

Also we are doing "Food Collage" so if you can possibly collect some "food" pictures out of Coles/Woolworths catalogues that would be great to send in for next Thursday if possible.

We'll have a great weekend everyone at prize nights! See you next week God willing – Aunty Naomi ☺

Aunty Naomi

**VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All students **MUST** have their own pair of goggles (Mums and Dads please make sure!). It will be difficult to do the swimming activities properly without goggles, so they are essential!

The following report was written and typed by Laura, Abi and Abi:

**We have been planting seeds and some have grown. All of the kids have been really excited because some seeds have grown since this week.**

**We have been doing swimming and it has been really fun. Some people are in level 1, level 2 or level 3. The people in level 3 are the best. Level 1, 2 and 3 are really good. When it is storming we can't go. Our swimming lessons were cancelled today so we are really sad about that.**

**We have been doing our portfolios and they look really good.**

**We practised our songs to the Transitions. Our class really liked the transition songs but are not telling you our songs!**

Thanks, Laura, Abi and Abi. One and a half weeks to go!!!

Mrs. Pip

This week we have been doing lots of swimming!!! Everyday, students have been swimming lap after lap. You should see their strokes now! Everyone is doing a fantastic job. Keep it up!

**CANTEEN ON FRIDAYS- both for school and for swimming!**

We also had speeches this week. We learnt interesting new facts on a variety of topics! Everyone did a great job. Don't forget body language and eye contact!

This week in science, we measured the capacity of our lungs using a home-made peak-flow metre. Elizabeth can hold 3L 200mL of air in her lungs, wow!

Last Tuesday we had a class meeting about 'bullying'. Students discussed what it means to be a 'follower', a 'leader' and 'peer pressure'. Students completed an activity sheet to show their understanding.

Hayley-Rose has a fractured wrist! We hope this heals quickly.

The class has achieved their 100 points on the counting chart and will be going Ten-pin-bowling very soon. A permission note is coming your way!

Class meetings have been held to discuss the 'Year 5 day'. Students are currently working out an itinerary and a budget!

This will be on the day after Presentation night.

Speaking of Presentation night- we look forward to seeing you there a week from Monday!

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jarrold  
Collins!



Some things the class said about Jarrold:

- ☺ He knows good things about frogs.
- ☺ He's very funny.
- ☺ He's always smiling.
- ☺ His news is heaps funny.
- ☺ He's a good runner.
- ☺ He's a good friend.
- ☺ He cracks me up.

Mrs S

## Secondary Stuff:

Friday 5th Dec -No sport

Instead the students will be travelling to the Lake Macquarie Art Gallery to view the Archibald Exhibition.

### High School Exam Timetable:

Date	Subject	Periods
Monday 1/12	Science	1-3
	Bible	7-8
Tuesday 2/12	Maths	1-3
	Geography	4-6
	Hebrew	7-8
Wednesday 3/12	English	1-3
	History	4-6

## General

### Stationery Starter Packs for 2009:

Infants: \$10 Primary: \$12

These kits have everything your child needs to start off the new year (except a pencil case)

## SCHOOL COUNCIL DINNER

THURSDAY 4TH DEC

commencing at 6.30pm

Come along and hear the reports on the school's progress this year and enjoy the company of other parents and friends.

## ALL WELCOME

Child-minding is available for children aged 3-12 years. Please register with the Office.

Students over 12 years are welcome to attend the evening and help serve the meal. Please see Auntie Vicki asap if you would like to help.

Please RSVP your intention to come by phoning the school 49773456 or email: [office@heritage.edu.au](mailto:office@heritage.edu.au)

## MS READ-A-THON

Natasha and Tamara Wilson and Zac and Harry Luke participated in the MS Read-a-thon this year and raised between them \$321.50. Thank you to all their sponsors. The money has been sent to the MS Donations Centre.

### Medical Alert: WHOOPING COUGH

Parents are advised that there is a general Whooping Cough Alert been sent out by NSW Health. See attached information flyer.

**GLANDULAR FEVER**— One of our high school students has been diagnosed with Glandular Fever. Anyone who develops symptoms of high temperature (hot/cold sweats), sore throat and ears, swollen glands, and tiredness/lethargy should seek medical attention. It is especially prevalent in students 15-17 years of age.

## Administration

**SCHOOL FEES:** TERM 4 Invoices have been sent out. Please pay by due date.

Permission notes due in:

Art excursion to Lake Macquarie Art Gallery.

**PARENTS IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL PERMISSION NOTES BE RETURNED BY THE DUE DATE (with payment).**

If this is done then it will save a lot of time for the administration staff. If this is not done then the admin staff will need to contact parents by phone.  
Vicki, Administration

### PHONE NUMBERS:

**SCHOOL:** 4977 3456  
**VICKI administration:** 0439 068992  
**NEWCASTLE BUS:** 0416 223877  
**(Jo On Thursdays):** 0409 153115  
**GOSFORD BUS:** Contact Driver of the day

**TIME:** 1194

**\*\*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 your 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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## Yr. 10 C E L E B R A t I O N

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**Zachary**

**Luke**

**7 on Tuesday 2nd Dec**

**Auntie Chris  
Ryan**

**Wednesday 3rd Dec**

**Get Well Wishes to  
Adam Wiltshire.**

Adam has been off school  
for two weeks with  
Glandular Fever.

It seems like Adam will not  
be coming back to school  
this year as it is a very  
tiring illness.

**Welcome to Auntie  
Ingrid and  
Uncle Ari's new  
arrival.**

**A BABY GIRL  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Acacia Rose*



**Merit  
Certificates:**

**GOLD:**

**Joanna Dodson**

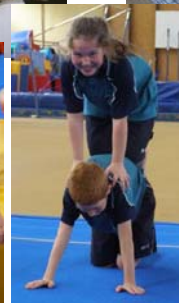


Golf, Go-Kart Riding and Dinner



### PRIMARY ROOM:

**Exciting Speeches,  
Science and  
Gymnastics**



### Future Events:

*Mon 1st Dec*

*High School Exams commence*

*Thurs 4th Dec*

*School Council Dinner and Report Evening*

*Fri 5th Dec*

*High School Excursion to Art Gallery*

*Mon 8th Dec*

*Presentation Night*

*Wed 10th Dec*

*School Outing*

*Thurs 11th Dec*

*Last Day of School—Mufti Day— finish at 2pm*

*Fri 12th Dec*

*Staff Luncheon*

### **Attachments:**

- ☺ NSW Health Whooping Cough Information Flyer
- ☺ Hunter Sports Centre Holiday Program
- ☺ Library Helper Flyer