



Heritage College Cooranbong



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Heritage College Newsletter

A Christadelphian School

From the Principal: School Council Dinner

Tonight at 6pm is the School Council Dinner. Everyone is welcome to come along and to hear the review of the Year and enjoy the dinner that is provided. Babysitting is provided for children aged 3 and over.

Presentation Night is scheduled for Monday night at 7pm. Please note the starting time – 7pm. Students should wear neat summer uniform. Parents please bring a plate for supper.

On Monday the Primary Class are going on a special excursion to Lambton Pool to go on the water slides, as a reward for their class reaching 100 class points. This is a special activity and the students are really looking forward to it. Please return the permission note with money tomorrow.

On Tuesday the High School students will be going on a tour of the historic sites of Newcastle as well as spending a bit of time at Nobbies Beach. Students can wear casual dress and bring swimmers, towel, hat and sunscreen.

Also on Tuesday, the infants class are going on a special excursion to the Wildlife Park. This should be a fun activity and coincide with the infants unit on “Animals”.

On Wednesday the High School students and the Primary class, will be going to Catherine Hill Bay to have a swim and some games on the beach. This is a patrolled beach and students will only be allowed to swim between the flags. The Infants will not be going on this excursion.

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Theme for the Term:

“GODLY VALUES”

—FREEDOM—

The High School Exams have been completed and reports for all students are being completed. The reports will be handed out to students on the last day of school.

Next Thursday is the last day of the year. School will conclude at 2pm and the buses will travel home one hour earlier than normal.

Tomorrow there is a “Thank You” Lunch which some parents have organised for the staff. This kind, thoughtful gesture is much appreciated. We would be lost without our supportive and positive parent community.

The High School students will be doing Swimming for sport tomorrow. Students should bring their swimmers, goggles and a towel.

May God bless all our families as we move into the busiest time of the year.

Simon Dodson,
Principal

**School Council Dinner
AND Report Night
TONIGHT
6PM**

WEEK 7

Today we learnt about weather and wow the weather put on a great display for us. It started off sunny and then turned cloudy before thundering and raining!

Today we made growing pictures which we carefully coloured, cut out and then pasted in order on paper. We sang weather songs and read a book about the Sower and the seed. In Aunty Carrie's class we read a book about eggs and in library we read a book about a crocodile hatching out of an egg in a tree! The children did some lovely colourful paintings and made a cubby house out of cushions which was a fun rainy-day activity!

Our helper today was Aunty Janett Ryan who made some lovely play dough and was a lovely help. Thank you very much! Thank you to Aunty Ingrid who so capably ran the week for me last week on Transport. It sounded like you had lots of fun!

Next week is our last week! How fast the time goes! We will be looking at foods and senses. We will also have a party morning tea and lunch so please send a plate for morning tea and lunch for us all to share (chips, sandwiches, fruit, treats, biscuits or iceblocks etc). Our helper next week is Aunty Michelle Kirkwood. I'll look forward to seeing you all next week God willing.

Aunty Naomi

This wet week we have brought our portfolios together and begun rehearsals of our Presentation Night item. Children have also been bubbling over with news of their own ecclesial Prize nights and plays... So a very busy and exciting time of year for all!

We have been talking about the new school **Year-book** being brought out soon, with some of our children reminiscing over this year, picking out highlights and sending in their comments for publication. I've also caught a peep at the **2008 school calendar** in the making – very nice! A terrific keepsake for family elsewhere as well. I've seen these up on walls in Perth, Adelaide and New Zealand, so they really do get around.

Also coming up next week is our **Walkabout Park excursion**. Children will be hosted by an education officer who will run a day-program about Australian animals, insects and crustations – yabbies to emus and everything in between. Children will need a cut lunch that day, water-bottle, sunhat (from school) and perhaps some wet-weather gear just in case. Do you have a light waterproof jacket or poncho at home? Perfect. THEN in the afternoon we are having our own special demonstration from the bush-fire brigade (not normally on their schools program, so we are very lucky!)

Yesterday at school, Felisa, Pip and I had another meeting with **Jan Stone – Mathematics consultant from the AIS** (Association of Independent Schools). We talked about effective planning in relation to the current Maths syllabus (which Jan was involved with at the time of writing), managing resources and multi-level classes. Jan continues to be a terrific resource and support for our school and takes a real interest in the progress of our students.

Take care everyone –

Mrs D ☺

This week has been an extremely busy period finishing off work for the year and collecting items for students' portfolios! I have been really pleased with how hard everyone has been working. Well done! It will all be worth it, as next week we are **CELEBRATING!**

On Monday, the Primary class will be going to Lambton Pool Waterslide, as they achieved their 100 points over the year! This activity will only be held in the morning and will be carefully monitored by the life savers. The permission note (orange) will be sent home today and must return to school **TOMORROW!** Sorry for the late notice, as the students just snuck in the last 'point' yesterday.

On Tuesday we will hold 'Year 5 Day'. A permission note along with 'a requested item of what to bring' will be sent home tomorrow.

"On Monday the Primary's will be going to Lambton Water Park. We made our Counting Chart Point's! We will be swimming, diving off the diving boards and going on a water slide (a little green slide). It's going to be so much fun!"
By Anastasia Olsen

"Next week is 'fun week' and the Year 5 day (that's when the Yr 5s rule the day). I hope the Yr 5s decide on a **super soaker water fight**. We might be getting **pizza** too."
By Tekoah Ryan.

"For the last few weeks we have been doing lots of neat work for our portfolios. We have been doing some work like Procedures, Explanation, and Exposition, Information reports, My Winter Holidays, spelling, handwriting and stories that the primaries made up. There are some lovely stories."

By Jose R
Mrs S

**PRIMARY
EXCURSION
NOTE SENT HOME
TODAY.**

Secondary Stuff

SPORT:

Masada 2364 Gamla 2066

Tomorrow— Swimming—bring gear!

GENERAL

SCHOOL COUNCIL DINNER:

Tonight at 6pm

Come along and hear the report for 2007 and enjoy a meal together with the parents and friends of HCC.

PRESENTATION NIGHT:

MONDAY—10th NOVEMBER

Presentation Night will commence at 7:00pm. Students (K -10 2007) are to wear their full summer uniform Seniors (Year 11/12 -2007) to wear their senior uniform.

Parents please supply a plate for supper.

Drinks provided.

ALL WELCOME

LOST PROPERITY:

Parents when you are up at the school next could you please check the lost property box to see what belongs to your family.

Anything left at the end of Term that doesn't have a name on it will be donated to charity.

Thanks

Jenny Higgs

TRUMPET LESSIONS:

Please be advised of the change of DAY and DATE:

MONDAY: 10th December: Asher Carroll, Jacob Ginn and Felix Tappouras

Michael Tierney

UNIFORMS:

New Shorts (High School and Primary) are now in!

Cost \$24

THANKS to Uncle Morrie for fixing the BBQ's and Bain Marie in time for the School Council Dinner.

**PLEASE BRING IN ANY
LIBRARY BOOKS
AND TEXT BOOKS
BEFORE THE END OF
SCHOOL**

**Hot off the Press:
2007 Year Book**

**Available tonight and
Presentation night or
send an
order into school**

Cost: \$8

PHOTO GALLERY

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO:
BELATED:
CHRIS RYAN
3RD DEC**

Ellie Mitchell

Sweet 16 on
Monday 10th

Uncle Rick Pearce

Monday 10th

Naomi Schofield

18

Next Wednesday

Josh Dangerfield

11 on Thursday 13th

Kristi Wiltshire

18

Next Friday

Joanna Dodson

12 on Monday 17th

Joseph Richards

11 on Saturday 22nd

Dec

**Canteen Special
this Week:**

Falafel Chicken

Wraps

(with Choc Chip

Cookie)

\$3.00

**Uncle Scott Madden's
father is very ill.**

**Please remember Uncle
Scott and the Madden
family in your prayers.**



**School
Leavers:
Emma
Higgs,
Kristi
Wiltshire,
Matt
Wiltshire,
Jacquie
Spark and
Jonnie
Carroll
from
Year 12**

**Also leaving this year: James Higgs and
Shane Pogson from Year 10 and
AUNTY JENNY HIGGS**



F A R E W E L L !

Future Events:

TONIGHT

**SCHOOL COUNCIL DINNER AND R
EPORT NIGHT—6PM**

MON 10th Dec

**Primary Reward Day at Lambton Pool
PRESENTATION NIGHT 7pm**

TUES 11th Dec

YR.6-8 HISTORY EXCURSION

WED 12th Dec

WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC DAY

THURS 13th Dec

LAST DAY OF TERM 4—FINISH 2PM

FRI 14th Dec

STAFF LUNCHEON

Tues 29th Jan

STAFF RETURN

Wed 30th Jan

STUDENTS RETURN

Administration

REMINDER

TERM 4 School Fees Due: Please finalise any outstanding accounts before the end of Term.

OUTSTANDING:

Could the following families please contact the school regarding outstanding accounts: Duperouzel, French, Shorter and A. Tap-pouras

REMINDER

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.

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

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 **3:15pm**, 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 do so.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: It is very wise for young children to have a good healthy breakfast every morning. This will help them to concentrate at school.

Parents could please resist giving your children an unhealthy recess and lunch. A nice piece of fruit and crackers for recess and a sandwich for lunch. And don't forget a bottle of water especially for this season. **Please do not send in any foods that need to be heated.**

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 Nights, Fair, Canteen.

PHONE NUMBERS:

SCHOOL: 4977 3456
VICKI: 0439 068992
NEWCASTLE BUS: 0416 223877
(Jo On Thursdays): 0409 153115
GOSFORD BUS: 0418 686387

Don't forget that our school is in a School Zone!

Slow down to 40 when approaching and leaving the school during school zone hours.

It is also advisable to slow down when coming up the driveway and in the car-park!

Parents are asked to please not drive in the bus parking areas or park there to drop off or pick up your children. Please use the carpark at all times! The bus areas are for BUSES ONLY!

