The 2007 school year concluded today. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this year. We appreciate all your help and would be lost without you.

The Presentation Night was fantastic on Monday. All the students participated in the evening and we congratulate all the students on their achievements in 2007.

We would like to thank the staff who are leaving. Rick Pearce, Carrie Digney, Jenny Higgs, Rhonda Hardy and Sharon Carroll are all stepping down from their positions of responsibility at our school. We wish them all well in their future and we appreciate all the work they have done over the years. They are all welcome to be an ongoing part of our school community, and will always be in our memory for what they have contributed to our school and its success.

Thank you to all the parents who put on an appreciation dinner for the staff last Friday. It was really appreciated by all who attended.

We wish the students who are leaving Heritage, “God speed”. We hope your plans for the future are prospered. The year 10 and 12 students who are leaving will be missed. We know their futures will be bright no matter what they turn their hands to. Thank you for being part of our school for so long.

We welcome some new staff and new students to our school next year and we are looking forward to working with them.

Next year there are big plans for the new school site and we hope to relocate (God willing) to the new site sometime in 2008, if all the plans proceed as expected. There is a lot of work being done in relation to this project and we appreciate the hard work that is being put in by the Project Committee and volunteers.

We hope and pray that all students and their families will have a safe and relaxing holiday break.

School will commence for staff and senior students (year 11-12) on Tuesday 29 January and for all other students on 30 January.

Thanks again to everyone for all you have done to ensure the success of Heritage College in 2007. See you in 2008, God willing.

Simon Dodson, Principal
We have had a fantastic year in the Primary class. Rainforests, Natural Disasters, Australia and a trip to Coffs Harbour!
Now the clean-up begins! What a busy time we have had today—
Look for the LARGE YELLOW ENVELOPE IN YOUR CHILD’S BAG TODAY!
It contains their school report along with a folder of their work throughout the year.
I have really enjoyed the year with the Primaries.
I will be sad to see the Year 5 students go into Middle school next year, as well as Wills Duperouzel leaving for Avondale. I wish them all the best and don’t forget to come back and visit!
Have a lovely holiday everyone!
God Bless,
Felisa Simkus

From the class:
"Over the year we have been learning different topics and the first topic we learnt was Rainforests. We have learnt about different animals that would live in the rainforest like, termites, sloths and birds."
By Reuben Ryan

"This year has been lots of fun! We have gone on lots of excursions including a camp. On that camp we did a variety of things, such as canoeing, hiking and so on. We have also gone to a museum and the chess competition. It has all been fun and I will miss being in Primary next year.”
By Annie Madden

Welcome to the final instalment from Digneyland! A busy week pulling together the last of our portfolios, art work, projects and games. Hope you enjoy looking through this snap-shot of the school year, sent home today with reports.
Our Excursion on Tuesday to the Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park was a great success. Children caught two yabbies in their trap with some ham bait. They did a bush walk and discovered real Aboriginal paintings and rock-carvings. They learned how to mimic the tracks of a range of native animals in the sand, they fed the tiny miniature kangaroos (forgotten their name!), saw the baby emus, chased the roos, learned about the moth that creates the scribbles on the scribbly-bark tree and enjoyed a lovely lunch outside with the animals walking round. After lunch we had a special demonstration/talk from the bush-fire brigade. Children brought home ‘showbags’ from this demonstration with a mini-project for them to complete during the holidays if they wish. Special thanks to Aunty Rach Madden who kindly drove the bus for us and accompanied us on Tuesday.
Great to see you all on Presentation Night. Weren’t the top-hats cute?

Farewell to Timothy French who is off to Gateshead and Jonah Duperouzel who is off to Avondale school next year. Best wishes for your continued schooling in 2008, boys.

I’ve really appreciated the gifts and well-wishes received from so many over the past week. Phil and I are looking forward to the arrival of our first child, and have been thrilled by all the love, support and friendship we have received from our community.

Pip Dangerfield is a fantastic teacher (Kiwi-trained so she’s an extra special colleague!). She will do a terrific job in the Infant Class next year. I have every confidence in handing her the reigns and know she will be much-loved by both our children and parents. Best of luck, Pip. Let me know if you need another ‘Reading Mum’ next year!

Take care over the holiday period. May God return you all safely next year.

Mrs. D

PRESENTATION NIGHT:
What an enjoyable night! Thank you to all the teachers for their work in preparing the items for Presentation Night. They were delightful! Students showed obvious enthusiasm and joy in performing, which was really great to see. The tribute to Mrs. Digney by the Infants Class (sung to the tune of Rubber Duckie) was adorable. Thanks to Aunty Priscilla for her time in purchasing all the prizes for the students and to Aunty Liz Wilson for making all the lovely fruit cakes given out on behalf of the P & F.

Fantastic news was that Emma Higgs has received a scholarship to attend Newcastle University. Congratulations, Emma.

Thanks to all the teachers and helpers who put in so much work to make HC such a great school!
Your time and effort is much appreciated.
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!
SCHOOL COUNCIL DINNER:
The School Council Dinner and Report Night was a very enjoyable occasion. The parents, friends and Senior students present were treated to a delightful dinner, including delectable Cup-cakes by Aunty Priscilla for dessert. Thanks to Wayne and Jo Wiltshire for co-coordinating the dinner and to the student helpers who served so capably. Reports on the school’s progress for 2007 were given by Simon Dodson and Garnet Alchin. Simon’s address included a powerpoint presentation with lots of photos of all the things the school has been involved in this year. What a busy year! A report on the development of the new school site was given by Aaron Stretton and a finance report by Darren Tappouras. A lot of support and enthusiasm for the new venture was voiced by parents and students. The students present were most interested in the display of photos, and watched the presentation a 2nd time at the end of the evening. Anyone who could not attend the dinner can view the powerpoint presentation - please see Aaron Stretton.

Thanks to the following students who helped with the preparation and serving of the dinner: Emma Higgs, Jacquie Spark, Jesse Carroll, Johanna Dangerfield, Hannah Davis, Ben, Nathan and Joanna Dodson, Jake Ginn, David Lynch, Ethan Mitchell, Mike and Andrew Pogson, Jordan Ryan, and Adam Wiltshire.

LOST PROPERTY:
Everything in the Lost Property Box has been returned (hopefully) to their rightful owners. If you are missing anything please see Jenny Higgs.

Outstanding fees can be paid at any time by direct debit:

**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.

UNIFORMS: Statements have been sent home today.
Owing: $1667.40

New shorts are now available.
High School
Sizes J10-J14 $34.10
Sizes XS-XL $35.20
Primary/Infants $29.70

PLEASE BRING IN ANY LIBRARY BOOKS AND TEXT BOOKS FIRST THING NEXT YEAR!

Hot off the Press:
2007 Year Book
Only 5 left
Cost: $8
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Josh Dangerfield 11 TODAY
Kristi Wiltshire 18 on Friday
Joanna Dodson 12 on Monday 17th
Joseph Richards 11 on Sat 22nd Dec

Asher Carroll is in John Hunter Hospital scheduled for an operation today. Asher has a problem with his hip. Visitors are welcome but it is advisable to ring the hospital first.

Uncle John Ryan is in hospital with back spasms. Get better soon!

Uncle Scott Madden ‘s father is very ill. Please remember Uncle Scott and the Madden family in your prayers.

Farewell to the following staff: Mrs. Digney, Uncle Rick Pearce, Aunty Jenny Higgs, Rhonda Hardy and Auntie Sharon Carroll
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK WHILE YOU WERE AT HC.
We wish Carrie all the best with her baby bliss, Rick and Rhonda well in their retirements, and Jenny lots of happiness with her change of employment opportunities.
Auntie Sharon is ceasing teaching Piano due to family commitments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
MATT WILTSHIRE
ON OBTAINING AN APPRENTICESHIP IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION.
Matt will commence work with CUSTOM TRANSPORTABLE HOMES early in 2008 WELL DONE!

FAREWELL TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO ARE LEAVING THE SCHOOL:
Jesse Duperouzel, William Duperouzel, Jonah Duperouzel, Anthony French, and Timothy French
We wish you well and hope you enjoy your

Have a good holiday everyone!
See you in 2008!

Future Events:

THURS 13th Dec  LAST DAY OF TERM 4—FINISH 2PM
FRI 14th Dec  STAFF LUNCHEON—1pm
Tues 29th Jan  STAFF RETURN
Wed 30th Jan  STUDENTS RETURN

Photo Gallery
In the Last Days …………………… they shall be ………………..

Bowling

Travelling and Mucking Around

Eating

Appreciation Dinner—
Fri 7th Dec

Drinking

Sleeping

and Reading and
on a more serious
note……………

Having fun!

Goodbye…. See you all in 2008 if the Lord has not returned!