

HERITAGE HERALD

Heritage Christian School

A vibrant, engaged community... Educating, Nurturing, Empowering



March 17, 2009
Week 8, Term 1

Principal's Comment

The Pursuit of Excellence

Christian schools will pursue excellence.....as defined by Scripture.

In verses such as Philippians 4:8 we see that it is important for us to aim for excellent achievement in moral areas, filling our minds with worthwhile things such as truth, nobility and honour.

This takes us well beyond the commonly understood areas of academic and sporting achievement usually associated with the words 'pursuit of excellence'.

Children come to school with a wide array of gifts and abilities, many undeveloped, many undiscovered.

Progress has to do with parents and teachers helping children discover, develop and use their gifts and abilities in God's service. Progress has to do with effort as well as achievement. Progress has to do with developing Christ-likeness.

Formative evaluation of a child's progress seeks to diagnose and improve learning by recognizing and building on strengths and by isolating and remedying weaknesses. An example of formative evaluation would be a teacher commenting on a first draft prior to submission of a written piece.

Summative evaluation seeks to summarise and convey the achievement of the student. Examples of summative evaluation are examination marks or assignment grades. This gives realistic feedback about achievements, capabilities and personal development in order to assess progress and to plan for the future.

Written tests and exams are one assessment tool, usually emphasizing the academic aspect of school life. Christian schools will use them, but will also use many other means to assess progress, and to report on that progress to parents.

And that progress, while it will include the vital academic area, will range over a much wider field, in fact all that it means to be a developing child of God.

"In conclusion, my brothers, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable." **Philippians 4:8**
Ross Carlyon

Primary Camps Yrs 3-6	17-20 Mar
Yr 7 & 8 Camps	23-25 Mar
THAI Fellowship Night at school Families welcome	20 Mar
School Cross Country Yrs 3-12	3 April
Last day of Term 1	9 April
ANZAC March	25 April
First Day of Term 2 (Tues)	28 April
School ANZAC Ceremony	27 April
Yr 12 Exams 28 Apr—1 May	Apr- May
State X Country at Eastern Creek	6 May

Come and join us.....THAI FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

THIS Fri 20 Mar 6.30-9pm In the school Library Gold coin donation

Please bring an ASIAN dish to share (rice will be provided)

This will be a great opportunity to meet and have fun with other Heritage families.

RSVP to the school office please.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

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PRIMARY POINTS

PRIMARY CAMPS begin TODAY Tues 17th with **Yrs 3/4** heading out to Diamond Head for the night and returning to school Wed afternoon in time for school buses. **Yr 6/5** will head out Wed morning 18th March and return Friday 20th March in time for afternoon buses. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED. THANK YOU TO THOSE FABULOUS PARENTS WHO SHOP & HELP SO MUCH.**

PARENT INFORMATION from the beginning of Term 2, classes 1/K and 2/1 will merge and be taught by Mrs McDermott and Mrs Hazelgrove. The class will be located in C Block and it will be renovated by opening the two existing rooms. The room will be fitted with cutting edge technology, a physical classroom designed to accommodate independent learning centres, small group and whole class teaching sessions. A parent information meeting will be held in the Library Thurs 19th March at 7.30pm. Parents of children in these age groups are most encouraged to attend.

(ICAS) INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR SCHOOLS a reminder that entry forms, closing dates and entry fees are available from the school office for the following competitions: Computer, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. Please contact the office if you would like your child to participate.

THE SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS PROGRAM needs some substantial infrastructure to work effectively in our school. Stage 1 includes a large compost bin. A work party from a service group, church or inspired parents could build this one Saturday. If you can assist us, please contact the office.

URGENT HOME NEEDED for electric organ in good working order. Please contact office.

LAMINGTON FUNDRAISER Order forms will be sent home soon for you to gather orders for delicious lamingtons. Delivery date Thurs 2nd April. Upfront payment for orders please.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS are due to the school office 26th March.

HEAD LICE Please check your child's hair daily for Head Lice. If eggs or live lice are found, your child must be treated before attending school. A 500ml water spray bottle filled with hot water and 15 drops of pure Lavender Oil is a good repellent when sprayed on each day before school.

THE 'PICASSO COW' will arrive at school Thursday afternoon. This is an integrated Primary Project involving Art Science and HSIE. Regular updates will be reported in the newsletter.



BANDAGED BEAR PICNIC will be held Fri 27th Mar 12-1.20pm at school for Infants & Primary. Mufti-Day with a gold coin donation for the Children's hospital in Sydney. Prizes awarded to the smallest, biggest, funkiest and most bandaged bear.

Infant and Primary Encouragement Awards

1/K	Nathan Walker great start at a new school		Joshua Brennan great appreciation of fractions
	Talisha Ferris attention to detail when completing written work	4/3	Jason Newman exceptional map work
	Brandon McManus efforts in learning his sounds	6/5	Taisia Lampard-Mills accurate spelling
2/1	Abigale Lampard-Mills enthusiasm and service in Chess		Alayna Dafter great homework and map work
			Sherri Wakely neatness in handwriting
			Jacob Faulds his wonderful friendly smile

SECONDARY SNIPPETS

Secondary Timetable Yrs 7-12

Starts this week 16th March Week A On YELLOW paper dated 16th March

YR 7 CAMP (Next week) Yr 7 will go to Arakoon National Park (South West Rocks) next Mon 23rd Mar and return in time for school buses on Wed 25th March.

YR 8 CAMP (Next week) Yr 8 will head off to Jaspers Peak (Mt Seaview) next Mon 23rd Mar and return in time for school buses on Wed 25th March.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR REQUIREMENTS LETTER AND BE PREPARED FOR CAMP

Year 11 Students—Sydney University’s “Degree in a Day” Just one day in the Easter holidays. *Either* Wed 15th, Thurs 16th or Fri 17th April. A great opportunity to take part in a huge variety of Uni activities and experience Uni life first hand. The Elective program is available to view in our school Senior Common Room, from Mr Pattinson or from Mrs Lance our Careers Advisor at school. The program is for a full day from 8.30am to 3pm in Sydney. Decide which day to go then register through the school. Please contact Mr Pattinson or Mrs Lance if you are interested.

IMMUNISATIONS THIS Fri 20 Mar Yr 7 ONLY HPV (girls) and HEP B and Chicken Pox (Girls & Boys). Please return Permission Forms to the school office.

UNIVERSITIES ROADSHOW Westport High. Heritage Senior students will attend 12-1pm Wed 18th March.

YEAR 10 WEE WAA TRIP - LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Mr Carlyon,

I am writing to thank the teachers and students for the great work they did while they were in Wee Waa recently. They did all sorts of cleaning and repairing work, always with a smile and enthusiasm. They are a credit to your school.

I would appreciate if you could pass this note of thanks on to those involved.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Simon Carter

Wee Waa Anglican Church

NOTICE BOARD (The following community notices are included as a means of sharing information that may be of interest. Publication does not mean Heritage endorsement.)

'DRIVE ABOUT' Professional driving lessons. Phone Owen Craigie Ph: 0406 369 794.

APRIL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIM PROGRAM names are now being taken for the Learn to Swim holiday program for April at the Port Macquarie Pool. Ph: 65 831635 for details and bookings.

2009 VOLUNTEER EXPO at Port Panthers Thurs 14th May 10am-2pm. Follow the path to volunteering. Learn how to access a variety of volunteer services, find out how local volunteer services can assist you, learn more about volunteering and meet new people and learn new skills.



HASTINGS BIBLE TALKS in 2009 are only held once a term. John Dickson will be speaking on "Cross Examination-Is the Easter Story True?" Johns book The Christ Files has been made into a full-scale TV documentary and DVD on the historical sources for Jesus of Nazareth. Don't let this Easter pass without inviting your friends and family to this gathering. Thurs 2nd April 7.30pm at the St Columba School Chapel, Major Innes Road, Port Macquarie.

Please continue to save your Hastings/Norco milk bottle lids For every specially marked lid, our school gets 10c. Thank you for your support. Over \$1271 raised so far.

RITCHIES FUNDRAISING *Thank you* to those people who are doing their shopping at Ritchie's Port Central and showing their Community Benefit Card to raise money for our school.

Thursday Morning Prayer Group

This prayer group NOW meets every Thursday 9-10am in the Library to pray for the staff, school and wider community. If you would like us to pray for you, please leave details at the front office. New and existing parents and grandparents are invited to come along.

Newsletter by Email We encourage Heritage families to receive their newsletter via email. Not only is this better for the environment but it will decrease the chance of your newsletter being misplaced. Also, our newsletter is available for viewing on our school website, www.heritage.nsw.edu.au Please email to admin@heritage.nsw.edu.au

INFANTS AND PRIMARY SPORT

Kindy—Yr 6 ALL have sport on Wednesday. Students are required to wear their sports uniform all day.

Uniform Shop 2009

OPENING HOURS

Wednesdays 9am—11am

PARENTS & FRIENDS

P&F meetings are held on the first **MONDAY** of each month at 7.30pm at school.

New parents are MOST WELCOME to come along.

VISITING OUR SCHOOL?

To read in class, help in the library, woodwork or anywhere else on school grounds? You must sign the visitors sign in/out register at the front desk on arrival and departure of your visit. This is for OH&S, safety or evacuation purposes.

Thank you for your assistance.