



**Heatherton Christian College**

# College Connection



**Our Vision – ‘Excellence in Christ Centered Learning’  
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## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S LETTER**

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Dear Parents/Guardians

There is much research about what makes a good school. School quality depends on many characteristics, not all easily measurable and not all equally important to all families.

When you send your child to Heatherton Christian College what sort of education do they actually receive? What sort of structures do we have in place to ensure that your child thrives? How important is the fact that they have the opportunity to explore the big questions of life and find the answers in God?

Are you one of the 9 million people who have looked at the ‘My School’ website and what do the results actually show?

Can I encourage you to come along to the Information Evening tonight and find out the answers to some of these very important questions? Parents will also be given the opportunity to meet the teachers.

The Primary School Information Evening will commence at 7.00 pm and will end at 7.50 pm; the Secondary School Information Evening will commence at 8.00 pm and end at 9.00 pm. Parents of Primary students are most welcome to stay for the whole evening, especially as we will endeavour to answer the following questions during the Secondary part of the evening:

1. Does HCC have a proven academic record?
2. Will my child perform as well academically at HCC compared to a more prestigious private school?
3. Are small class sizes at HCC a hindrance?
4. Will my child be offered a wide range of subjects at VCE?
5. How did the VCE students of 2009 perform?

See you this evening!

**Jason Burgess**



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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Tuesday 23 February	Primary (7.00 pm) and Secondary (8.00 pm) Information Evenings
Wednesday 24 February	College Board Meeting, 7.30 pm
Friday 26 February	House Swimming Carnival at Mentone Grammar Pool
Saturday 27 February	PFA Outdoor Movie Night, here at HCC, <b>6.30 pm (please note new time)</b>
Monday 1 March	Outdoor Ed Surfing Day at Smith's Beach
Tuesday 2 March	Curriculum Day (No School for all Students P-12)
Friday 5 March	Secondary Chapel, 10.20 am - 'Endless Praise' Band; Parents Welcome
Friday 5 March	Outdoor Ed Snorkelling at Mornington
Monday 8 March	Labour Day Holiday - No School
Wednesday 10 March	Parents' Prayer Group, 9.00 am, Staffroom
Thursday 11 March	Outdoor Ed Snorkelling
Monday 15 March	Grades 3/4 Excursion to Rickett's Point
Friday 19 March	Secondary CSSN Swimming Carnival at MSAC
Friday 30 April	VCE Formal Dinner
Wednesday 27 October	Grandparents' Day

## TERM DATES FOR 2010

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Term 1	28 Jan – 26 March
Term 2	12 April – 25 June
Term 3	14 July – 17 September
Term 4	4 October – 7 December

## CURRICULUM DATES 2010 (No School for all Students P-12)

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Tuesday 2 March 2010  
Thursday 22 April 2010  
Monday 23 August 2010

## WORKING BEE DATES FOR 2010 (9.30 am - 12.00 pm)

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Saturday 15 May (L-Z Families)  
Saturday 14 August (A-K Families)  
Saturday 13 November (L-Z Families)

## CANTEEN ADDITION

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There has been a new addition to the Canteen menu - sweet chilli chicken strips at \$1.20 each.

## CURRICULUM DAY

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A reminder that next Tuesday 2 March is Curriculum Day. There will be no school for all pupils P-Y12.

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

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The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card. Please contact Heather in the College Office for further information. **Closing date: Friday 26 February 2010.**

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## PRESENTATION NIGHT DVD

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Presentation Night 2009 was professionally filmed. You may order a copy of the DVD of Presentation Night 2009 through Reception for \$15. What a fantastic way to relive this memorable evening and to show friends and family.

## MOVIE NIGHT

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### “Cinema under the Stars” 27 February 2010, 6.30 pm

Heatherton Christian College’s PFA is excited to announce ...

‘Cinema under the Stars’ ... promising to be your best family night out so far this year! That’s right; enjoying the cool of the evening, sipping latte, licking ice-cream, munching on popcorn and hotdogs and sharing a great night out with family and friends. Bring your deck chairs and kids, your cushions/rugs and pillows. Before the main event (the movie) starts we will have the old picnic favourites (can’t beat a good egg and spoon race eh?!) and come in time to kick a ball around with dad on the oval. The gates will open at 6.30 pm; admission by tickets (wristbands) only. The movie will start at 7.45 pm. This will be an alcohol free event. The movie (‘Bolt’) is family friendly and appropriate for general viewing.

Tickets (Wristbands): Family \$25 (2 adults, up to 3 children - under 18)  
Extra children \$5      Extra adults \$10  
Wristbands on sale at Reception now!

NB: On the night, ticket prices are: Family \$30, Adults \$12 and Children \$8.

### ***Do you have a business that you would like to advertise?***

Our upcoming ‘Cinema Under the Stars’ night (27 Feb) is looking for businesses to sponsor the event in return for fantastic exposure through advertising on the Big Screen before the movie. Packages range from just \$100 - \$300. Please contact the College Office to find out more.

### **Can you help out on the night?**

To support the PFA on Saturday at the Movie Night, we are looking for parents who can **volunteer 30 minutes** during the evening to help serve.

Please contact Margaret Ranchhod by email: [margaret\\_ranchhod@optusnet.com.au](mailto:margaret_ranchhod@optusnet.com.au) or text your name to 0422 614 493. Thank you; many hands make light work!

## STUDENT LEADERS

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At Wednesday morning assembly this week, House Captain and Student Representative Council (SRC) badges will be presented to students selected to fulfill these leadership roles in 2010. At morning assembly on Thursday special ‘V1’ badges will be presented to each student in Grade 6.

## CAR POOL

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Two spaces are available for home pick-up and drop-off in the Clayton area. Please contact Y8 parent Ida Tamei on: (home) 8555 0840 or (mobile) 0425 660155.

## WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE



Dear Parents/Guardians

My name is Joshua Childs. I am a Year 9 student here at Heatherton Christian College.

On 26 March 2010, I will be shaving off my hair for the 'WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE', Leukaemia Foundation. The main reason I am participating in this fundraising event is because within 12 months, when I was in Grade 6, both my Grandpas passed away due to Cancer/Leukaemia and also, not long ago, one of my friend's mum was diagnosed with cancer; she is great now!

It would be great if you could sponsor me, so together we can raise some money to help enable research and find a cure for this dreadful disease.

If you would like to sponsor me and show your support please do one of the following:

1. Go online, visit the Leukaemia Foundation website at <http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com>, click 'sponsor a shaver', type in my name: JOSHUA CHILDS and select state: VICTORIA and away you go.
2. Go to the College Office and there will be a sponsor sheet for you to fill out.
3. Come and find me personally.
4. Come and witness my hair being shaved off during assembly on the last day of term!

Thank you  
**Josh Childs**  
Year 9

## BUILDING BEGINS

Pictured with Peter Cliffe, Ps Dan, Jason Burgess and Damian Higgins are our architect and builders. We met on site over the holidays to finalise the plans for the gymnasium project. Work is well underway now. The anticipated completion date is early August.

