



Heatherton Christian College

College Connection



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PRINCIPAL’S LETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

The media has been giving plenty of publicity to the ‘My School’ website recently launched by the Government. The website provides some statistical analysis of the academic performance of schools. The academic results focus on NAPLAN literacy and numeracy test results in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 only. Some of the information on the website is helpful, although it is very difficult for a ‘one-off’ assessment of each student to form the basis of a picture of a school with regard to its value. While it is good that schools are accountable to the Government and the wider community and to their own school communities, it is also important that the information provided is appropriate and a fair assessment.

Heatherton Christian College students have performed well and we thank the Lord for the children’s positive results, but we must remember that these are only one set of scores that must be viewed within the context of other equally or more important data. It is also pertinent to note that the results are aggregated marks and do not show the most helpful data, which is the learning and improvement in learning an individual child has made during their time at school. Literacy and Numeracy skills are essential and vital, but they are certainly not the only part of education that is important. The reliance on good marks to the exclusion of all else would be to miss the essential development of young people’s relationships with God, establishing good character and habits, pursuing a love of learning and initiative in their work and more.

Our annual information evening for Primary and Secondary parents is happening on Tuesday 23 February (7 pm for Primary and 8 pm for Secondary parents). We are planning to highlight and explain the procedures and processes we have in place within the school to ensure that your child excels, including how we will assist your child to achieve the best possible results for their VCE. Please make it a priority to attend.

Quote of the week.....

“What we don’t like in our children is often what we have most successfully passed on.”

Peter Cliffe



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 9 February –	
Friday 12 February	Y7/8 Summit Camp
Wednesday 10 February	Parents' Prayer Group, Staffroom 9.00 am
Saturday 20 February	Working Bee, Families with surnames A-K, 9.30 am - 12.00 pm
Tuesday 23 February	School Photographs
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, 7.15 pm
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
Friday 19 March	Secondary CSSN Swimming Carnival at MSAC
Wednesday 27 October	Grandparents' Day

TERM DATES FOR 2010

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)

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

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

Saturday 20 February (A-K Families)
Saturday 15 May (L-Z Families)
Saturday 14 August (A-K Families)
Saturday 13 November (L-Z Families)

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

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.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GUIDELINES

There is growing evidence that eating the recommended amount of fruit and vegetables protects against a number of diseases and contributes to good health. Eating habits developed in childhood remain stable into later life. For children between the ages of 11 and 18 the recommended intake is 3-4 serves of fruit and 4-9 serves of vegetables per day.

PARENTS PRAYER GROUP

The parents’ prayer group is starting up again on Wednesday 10 February straight after assembly in the staffroom. Come and join us for a latte or cup of tea as we pray for our wonderful school! New parents are very welcome! This year we will be meeting on Wednesday mornings once a month.

Please see Patricia Johnson for more information.

PRESENTATION NIGHT DVD

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

“Cinema under the Stars” 27 February 2010, 7.15 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 7.15 pm; admission by tickets (wristbands) only. The movie will start at 8.15 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 from Wednesday 10 February

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.

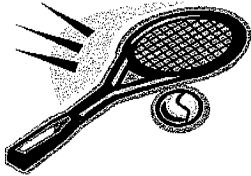
TODDLERS AT ASSEMBLY

HCC is a family school and parents and younger siblings of students are always welcome at assembly. We think that a great thing about this school is that families feel so welcome. We do ask, however, that parents with young children please be mindful that the noise made by toddlers is not at a level that distracts or interrupts assembly. A good way to keep a toddler entertained during assembly is by bringing a picture story book to read or a quiet toy or game for them to play with.

We also request that parents ensure that toddlers do not go on to the stage at any time. There is expensive equipment and electrical leads on the stage that are dangerous to young children. Thank you.

TENNIS LESSONS AT HCC

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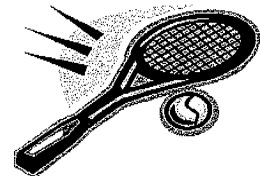


When: Before School and Lunch time

Who: All age groups and standards
New groups for Beginners Available

Where: Heatherton Christian College

Phone: David McNamara (T.C.A.V Coach)
Home: 9803-5754
Mobile: 0413-058-876



Y7 AND 8 SPORTS UPDATE

Years 7/8 Boys' Cricket - 3 Feb 2010

Heatherton pulls off an amazing fight back to defeat Hillcrest (Team 1) by the narrowest of margins.

Heatherton batted first and with Jeremy and Kyle being the main stayers, we set a modest score of 38 runs off 10 overs, losing 6 wickets (mostly caught). When Hillcrest batted they were already 20 runs after just 3 overs. We then slowed them down a little with capturing some key wickets but with 16 balls remaining, Hillcrest had already equalled our score. A wicket was then taken followed by 15 'dot' balls!! (i.e. no score made). These bowlers were Kyle, Kenji and Armand. Scores tied 6/38!

The Hillcrest teacher and I checked the Rules Book to find that if runs were tied, then which ever team had bowled the least wides and no-balls was declared the winner. With Heatherton bowling only 4 wides to Hillcrest's 8, Heatherton became the winner! AMAZING!

Darren John

Years 7/8 Girl's Softball - 3 Feb 2010

Heatherton defeated Maranatha (Team 2), 17 runs to 10.

While still learning some of the rules and ways of the game, the girls did well and showed plenty of promise. In fact, all girls made it safely to first base in both innings (with only one person going out on base) - an uncommon occurrence.

Best batters were Estelle (7B) and Grace (8B) who both had 2 safe hits and scored 2 runs each. Defensively, our pitchers Belina (8B) and Grace both threw plenty of strikes and were well supported by the catching of Estelle and some good fielding all around. Well done girls, on a good first up match!

Phil Eastman