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Newsletter

Year 1 Gardening

In 2017, the Year 1 classes planted a watermelon. Over the holidays it quietly grew and grew... into a giant! On Monday of Week 2, we harvested it and four classes enjoyed it. It was so yummy and juicy.



Vertical Learning Gardening

In our Vertical Learning lesson this week, (Garden and Growing) students had the opportunity to plant and look after their very own plant. They had to replant it from a small seedling pot to a bigger pot, and learned that they needed to separate the roots gently to give the plant room to grow. They then had to provide it with soil and water.

These plants are ones that they are responsible for, and it was so nice to see the students take ownership and look after them. They were re-homed behind the tech shed where students carefully placed them in a spot (some even made a wind break for them) and they made the commitment to come and water their plants at least three times a week during their own break times.

Vertical Learning teachers, Mr Burrell and Mrs Saman



Staff Introduction: Natalie Filsell

Hello, my name is Natalie and I'm the new Year 7 Core and Year 8 History/Geography teacher this year.

In 2014 I graduated from UniSA with a double degree in Arts (Australian Studies) and Education (Middle and Secondary), and have a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education from the Australian Lutheran College.

For the past two years I have taught composite classes in Christian schools in Ceduna (Year 3/4) and Naracoorte (Year 4/5). I am very blessed to have the opportunity to work back in Adelaide at Hope Christian College and look forward to knowing the College community over the coming year.

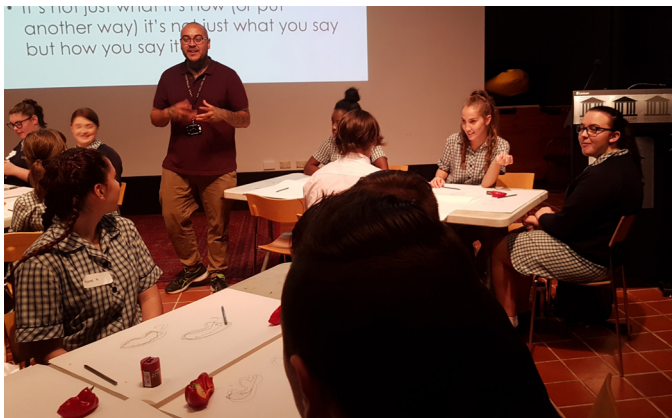
Miss Natalie Filsell



Year 11 Art Kick Start Excursion

Year 11 Art Students had the opportunity to commence their Visual Art studies by attending the Kick Start 2018 program at the Art Gallery of South Australia. The students were able to expand their knowledge of critical analysis, mind maps, thinking outside the box about how they may interpret art in their own way, learning different techniques for how to draw, and much more. The art gallery really looked after us.

Mrs Olivia Saman (Senior Arts)



Year 6 Japanese Gardens Excursion

This term in Japanese, the Year 6 classes have been learning about the art and culture of Japanese Gardens. They have been exploring the thought and care that goes into planning and creating a Japanese garden in preparation for creating their own. On Wednesday, 21st February, both Year 6 classes attended an excursion to the Adelaide Himeji Gardens on South Terrace. The purpose of the excursion was to aid students' understanding of the art and concepts behind Japanese

Gardens. Students had the opportunity to look at the different aspects of the Himeji Gardens and explore how Japanese people use features of their gardens to communicate different values such as peace, tranquillity and humility. Overall, the students really enjoyed the excursion and found the gardens interesting and beautiful. They were inspired to begin making their own model gardens with thought, care and features that would demonstrate values they uphold in their own lives.

Mrs Jo Zerna and Miss Courtney Errock (Japanese)



Trades Shortage

Where have all our tradies gone? Australia has a trade shortage. Trade enrolments are down in recent years. Parents may be encouraging their children out of trades and into university degrees in the belief that they will have more and better employment options.

There's a stigma that TAFE and other RTOs are poor substitutes for university. However, many university students drop out in their first year or finish their degrees with large debts and no immediate job prospects. The Productivity Commission recently released a report, which found that one in five university qualified young Australians can't find a full-time job in their chosen field.

Trade skills are in demand and tradies are paid while they learn. There is an aging population in the building

industry so new apprentices are needed. Trades are not a “soft” option – many apprentices drop out in the first six months because they can’t do the maths. Many are not prepared for the hard physical work. Some TAFE courses have direct links onto university.

If your child is considering a trade career, please make an appointment to see me to discuss training options.

Mrs Fay Alford (Pathways Coordinator)

Mayoh, L 2017, ‘Is this the end for Australia’s tradies?’, News.com.au, 8 December, accessed 7 February 2018, <<http://www.news.com.au/finance/work/careers/is-this-the-end-for-australias-tradies/news-story/4d5a4e4c6d698e0eb41eec8494472c9d#ish1v>>.



Youth Parliament

YMCA SA Youth Parliament provides young people with the opportunity to have their say on important issues and builds skills in parliamentary understanding. The program also focuses on soft skills, personal development and team building. This opportunity is available to Year 11 students and would be particularly beneficial to Legal Studies students.

A training weekend is held in April or May and Parliament is Week 8-13 July. These dates are compulsory to attend. There is a cost of \$450 per person but I am currently trying to source funding to subsidise this cost. Youth Parliament would look great on student resumes. Applications close 16 March. Please see me to collect an information brochure.

Mrs Fay Alford (Pathways Coordinator)



Stop Your Child’s Smartphone Addiction

Does your child find it difficult to stay focused on schoolwork while using the computer? Free and low cost apps are available to download for your device (computer, phone or tablet) allowing you to control what is accessed. You can block distracting websites, social media, games etc. for a period of time.

With some AppBlocks, once the sites are identified and time specified, there is no way of breaking free. Until the timer expires, you will be unable to access those sites— even if you restart the computer or delete the application

Hope Christian College does not recommend any particular AppBlock but some that you may like to consider are: Self Control and OFFTIME for Apple, Stay Focused and Flipd for Android.

Growing Demand for People Skills

Advances in digital technology are changing the world of work. It is estimated that robots will replace more than 40% of human workers. The greatest impacts is for workers in routine, repetitive jobs. Increased reliance on technology in the work environment raises demand for more highly skilled workers, because the more routine work is automated. As the capability of digital technology increases, a growing range of tasks (such as data analysis and diagnosis) can be automated.

Although traditional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) skills are important, they are only needed by a relatively small number of highly skilled professionals. Programming work can be automated and sent offshore. As the capability of technology continues to develop, human workers need to focus on building skills that complement technology. High-level interpersonal and problem-solving skills are not easily automated. Despite all the hype about STEM skills, occupations requiring communication skills are actually growing fastest.

Mason, C 2017, ‘Demand for people skills is growing faster than demand for STEM skills’, The Conversation, 14 November, accessed 22 February 2018, <<https://theconversation.com/demand-for-people-skills-is-growing-faster-than-demand-for-stem-skills-86754>>.

College Calendar - Important Dates

2018 Term 1

MARCH	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	WEEK
	4	5 Playgroup 9:30-11:00am	6 Yr 4 Zoo Excursion Yr 8 Immunisations 9:00am	7	8	9 6-12 Chapel Saint 3	10	6
	11	12 Public Holiday	13	14	15 Yr 10 Grill'd Excursion	16 6-12 Chapel Fleming 4-5	17	7
	18	19 Playgroup 9:30-11:00am Year 8 Camp	20 Year 8 Camp Harmony Day	21 Year 8 Camp OPEN DAY 3:30 - 7:00pm	22	23 Year 3-5 Sports Day 6-12 Chapel Elliot 1-3	24	8