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# Yr 7 Camp

In Week 4, the Year 7 students attended their camp at El Shaddai near Murray Bridge. For three days, they participated in adventure activities that allowed them to try new things, push themselves and overcome some fears. This year we had 53 students accompanied by Mrs Dabrow, Mr Pretorius, Miss Filsell, Miss Bigwood and Mrs Taylor.

Student highlights were the vertical challenge, the rope ladders, canoeing, rock climbing, and the giant swing. We had the opportunity to put our Science knowledge into practice on the last day searching for macro-invertebrates in the River Murray.

Overall, it was an awesomely successful camp; we were blessed with wonderful weather, yummy food, and great company.







## Walkathon

On Monday 21 May, the Junior School students participated in the annual Walkathon to raise money for the Philippines. The students walked laps of the College, raising money either per lap or by donation. Thank you to staff and parents who helped run and came to watch this event. It was encouraging to see students raise money for a worthy cause.











### **Missions**

In the last week of Term 1, teachers Mike Webb and Courtney Errock joined students Isabella Hendy-Thompson, William Hale, Madeleine Riggs and Jaycinda Ryall on a Pilgrimage to Uluru. This Middle School Mission Trip was organised through Fusion Australia, a Christian Youth and Community Organisation that works around Australia on national projects. Once of their main events each year is the Pilgrimage from Uluru. Youth groups from all around Australia combine to make State and Territory groups, who leave on the same day and travel to Uluru, not as tourists but as pilgrims, who travel with the intention of learning about the land and culture, rather than just travelling to get a good photo of some famous landmarks. All of the State / Territory groups then meet at 'Base Camp' in Yulara (Uluru), where they join together in fellowship and make steps towards reconciliation with the Indigenous Australians. The purpose of the Pilgrimage is to learn about the past in order to change the future.

Hope Christian College joined with a youth group from Kapunda. Together we made the SA Fusion team. Throughout our ten-day Pilgrimage, we travelled to Port Augusta, Coober Pedy, Mt Ebenezer, Kings Canyon, Uluru and Alice Springs. The highlights of the trip included staying in an Aboriginal Community called Imanpa, at the base of Mt Ebenezer, where we were welcomed with open arms and invited to set up games for the Aboriginal children to play with our students. Meeting with all the Fusion groups in Yulara and participating in a group Prayer Vigil was also a great moment on the trip. Challenges included setting up and packing away tents each day, especially considering we had very early mornings and late nights. We had a great time and would highly recommend the Pilgrimage to Middle School students in years to come!

#### **Miss Courtney Errock**







## Staff / Student Netball

Teachers avoid serious injuries, defeat students in annual Staff / Student Netball Game



The fourth annual Staff / Student netball game was held on Friday of Week 5. The Staff, led by Mr Josh "Shooter McGavin" Bratt and Mrs Michelle "Elbows" Eckert were a class above the students, winning 14-10 in a tightly contested affair.

The teachers, who only showed a token understanding and comprehension of the rules of netball, used their experience and guile to take an early lead in the first half. The students, led by Captain Charlotte Churcher (Year 10), regrouped at half time and came out stronger in the second half, playing scintillating netball and out-scoring the teachers in the final 5 minutes, only to fall agonisingly short as time expired.

After the game, Mr Bratt, who refused to come down from Mr Penn and Mr Hutchs' shoulders, and who demanded that he be carried to his classroom, told waiting media and reporters that the match was the highlight of his teaching career.

"Look, it's events like this that are special at Hope Christian College. It's the people- the teachers and the students- that I'll miss the most. Do you know what I don't miss? Shots. Because when I shoot, I never miss. It's actually incredible just how good a shooter I am."

Special thanks needs to go to Maddy Riggs (Year 8) and Jasmine "Bruce" McAvaney (Year 10), who officiated the game; to Alex Frencham (Year 9) for being the scorekeeper; and to Charlotte Churcher for organising the student's team. It was a good game and was enjoyed by all who participated.

# Year 3-7 Inter-Christian Sports Day

On Friday of Week 2, select students from Grades 3-7 competed in the Inter-Christian Athletics Competition at Santos Stadium. The students competed hard all day in what were, at times, trying conditions. With some last minute withdrawals, students also found themselves competing in events that they were not originally planning to compete in.

There were some terrific individual performances from our students with most placing in at least one of their events. Unfortunately, we didn't have the team success we had hoped for, but it was a great effort by all involved. We look forward to next year and another opportunity to compete.



# **Crazy Hair Day**

Wednesday of Week 5 saw the Junior School raise money for Baptist Care with its Crazy Hair Day. With Mrs Eckert leading the way and the Junior School Peer Leaders heavily involved, the day was a real success. Students from all classes really got creative this year and there were some fantastic hair styles from both the boys and girls. Prizes were awarded by the Peer Leaders for best boy and girl, and most creative in each class. Most importantly, a lot of money was raised for Baptist Care and the kids really enjoyed themselves.



### Yr 12 CL Excursion

The Year 12 students recently had the privilege of hearing from several different religious groups as part of their Religious and Spiritual Traditions assignment. They have had a guest speaker from Pinnacle College who shared about their experiences as a Muslim, visited Father Chris at Salisbury St Dimitrios Greek Orthodox Church, Pastor Matthew Hunter at the Elizabeth Seventh Day Adventist Church, as well as the SA Zhu-Lin Buddhist Temple where they met the assistant to the Abbott. The students enjoyed the opportunity to explore religious diversity, compare other faith traditions to the practices of Christianity, and had the opportunity to speak in person to people from these backgrounds.



### Soccer

Hope Christian College sent Boys and Girls teams to the Northern Zone 5-a-side Soccer Carnival in Weeks 4 and 5 this term.

Our Division 1 Boys team won through to the finals and finished third overall. The Boys team, Ajak Arok, Alex Frencham, Joseph Busasa, Cung Cinzah, Deng Jur and Leo Issa, have been invited to the State Championships later this term, where they will compete against the best teams from around the State. Well done, boys!

Our Division 2 Girls defeated Roma Mitchell 1-0 in the Semi Final, earning a place in the Grand Final. The girls (Matilda Feast, Jessie Rouse, Mercy Yebu, Adelaide Williams, Julianna Vibal and Tahlia Salvi) played very well, but were Runners Up to Salisbury East High School in the Grand Final.

Well done to all players for participating in the carnival. I was proud of how all our teams went.

#### Mr Kelly Penn (Middle School Co-ordinator)





### PARENTS' CORNER

# **Partnering With Parents**

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6

**Question:** "What does it mean to train up a child in the way he should go?"

Answer: Solomon's advice to parents is to "train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Raising and training a child within the context of this proverb means that it begins with the Bible, as "all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training..." (2 Timothy 3:16). Teaching children the truths of Scripture will make them wise for salvation (2 Timothy 3:15); thoroughly equip them to do good works (2 Timothy 3:17); prepare them to give an answer to everyone who asks them the reason for their hope (1 Peter 3:15); and prepare them to withstand the onslaught of secular values.

https://www.gotquestions.org/train-up-a-child.html See also video at https://vimeo.com/255845201

The staff at Hope Christian College consider it a privilege to 'partner with parents and care givers' in raising the children in our care. The Bible gives very clear and often common sense advice on how to accomplish this.

As a Christian College, we pray for you and your children. While your child is at College, we will prayerfully do all we can to help your child learn, grow and develop as a 'whole' person. The exciting thing is we grow too. We pray they learn God given values, which include the many day-to-day skills for life that complement their God given abilities to achieve fulfilment and success. (See Jeremiah 29:11-12)

### Thank You!

We thank you:

• For **being punctual**, ensuring your child arrives on time before the required 8:40am start, so they are all INSIDE their classes and ready to begin their holistic learning. This helps us as educators to maximise the time we have them in our care. Thank you for ensuring they are here well before that time to allow for organising themselves at their lockers (Years 6-12) and if necessary in time to deliver younger siblings to their Junior School

classes so they are not late starting themselves. In life, individuals have to learn to be on time. This is good training. Thank you for the positive feedback from those who have already benefited from the resources suggested in Issue 4 (dated 14th May), with strategies on how to begin the night before, getting children to bed earlier, rising earlier, shared responsibilities, etc, particularly those in larger families.

- For keeping to the 5 kph speed limit as you drive through the 'kiss and drop' / 'pick-up' roads, as we sometimes have smaller children who may run out from a car across the road.
- For abiding by the signals and directions of the staff on crossing duties and being patient.
- For obeying driving and parking signs.
- For arriving by 3:40pm at the latest to pick up your child. Junior School students are dismissed at 3:20pm, and Secondary School students at 3:30pm. Thank you for being considerate in the colder and wetter Winter terms when they do not wish to be standing around waiting too long.
- For ensuring, your child is attired in the correct uniform each day and wearing their uniform correctly. Presentation is another of those valuable and necessary life skills, as well as self-discipline, compliance, self-respect and sense of belongingness and pride in the College. I often hear reports from members of the public on how smartly dressed our students are. A reminder that they are to be correctly attired until they are in a car or arrive home, as they are representing the College when in public view.
- For checking your child's diary every day and signing it, notifying the College if your child has not brought it home. Replacement diaries are \$15 and available from Student Services.

Mr Phil Tarrant (Deputy Principal – Secondary School, Student Wellbeing and Development)



# Suggested Parenting Resources

#### Focus on the Family

Highly recommended Christian resources on parenting, relationships, broadcasts and article downloads. https://families.org.au/parenting

#### 13 Reasons Why Discussion Guide for Parents

From the Wangle Family – Keeping your kids safe online It is wise to be informed... 13 reasons to consider before allowing your children to watch 13 Reasons Why <a href="https://headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/PARENTS-13RY-Headspace2.pdf">https://headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/PARENTS-13RY-Headspace2.pdf</a>

# At Last! Stronger Youtube Kids Parental Controls: A Step-By-Step Guide

https://protectyoungminds.org/2018/05/22/youtube-kids-parental-controls-guide/

# What Parents Need to Know About Social Media and Anxiety

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/whatparents-need-to-know-about-social-media-and-anxiety

# 12 Powerful Parenting Phrases That Make Talking to Kids Easier

https://www.mother.ly/child/12-powerfulparenting-phrases-that-make-talking-to-kidseasier?utmsource=newsletter

## **Nut Management Plan**

Dear parents and students, please remember that Hope Christian College is a Nut Aware College. This means that we have students and staff who have a life threatening allergy to nuts. You are therefore asked not to send any food containing any form of nuts to school with your child. Foods such as (but not limited to) nutella, peanut butter, baklava, trail mix, biscuits or cakes containing nuts, etc. are not allowed. If your child does bring food containing nuts to school, this will be removed and the student will be given an alternative to eat.

### **OSHC**

In addition to our individual programmed activities, during Term 2 we have

- Designed our own imaginary playspace on the theme board
- Celebrated the National Week of the Family
- Observed National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week
- Many other activities including Homework Club, loom bands, Hama beads, kinetic sand, playdough, construction, drawing, painting and colouring in, creative experiences, card games, board games, home corner, movies, and Play Station 2.

For all enrolled OSHC and Vacation Care families, we have a successful Facebook page. The purpose of this page is to keep our families updated and informed. This page is not for bookings, but for important information you may need to know throughout holidays and Term time. www.facebook.com/groups/HopeOSHC/





# Music Tuition – Correction

There are some positions available for private music tuition during school hours. Cost is **\$250** per term (as opposed to \$240 published in Newsletter Issue 4), that is \$25 per half hour lesson. If interested, please contact the coordinator, Mrs Griffith.

# **Adelaide Open Days**

Flinders University: August Friday10 & Saturday 11 University of Adelaide: Sunday August 20 University of South Australia: Sunday August 20 TAFE SA Adelaide College of the Arts: Sunday August 20, 10:30am-2:30pm



# **Discovery Club**

Hope Christian College has been registered for an exciting new programme called Discovery Club. It is a book club that lets children receive a brand new picture book mailed to them each month. Students will receive free birthday gifts and extra fun activities with their subscription, as well as being able to nominate an organisation to receive free books. To find out more, visit the Discovery Club website.

https://www.discoveryclub.com.au/

# **College Calendar - Important Dates**

## 2018 Term 2

JUNE	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	WEEK
	3	4 Playgroup 9:30- 11:00am	<b>5</b> Yr 8-12 Girls Netball Carnival	<b>6</b> Yr 8 Visual Art Excursion	7 Yr 9 Student Leadership Day Excursion  Yr 2 Incursion Animals Anonymous	8	9	6
	10	<b>11</b> Queen's Birthday	12	<b>13</b> Yr 10 Visual Art Excursion	14	15	16	7
	17	18 Playgroup 9:30- 11:00am  Year 10-12 Exams  Yr 9 beREADY Incursion	Year 10-12 Exams  9-a-side 8/9 Boys & Girls AFL Carnival  Yr 6 beREADY Incursion	Year 10-12 Exams  Yr 8 beREADY Incursion	Year 10-12 Exams  Yr 8/9 English Excursion  Yr 12 SAPOL Incursion  Yr 7 beREADY Incursion	Year 10-12 Exams	23	8