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Jibu Family Singers

After a very successful performance at the Balaklava Eisteddfod, some of the organisers were so impressed with the Jibu Family Singers they were invited to sing as guest artists at a local concert featuring the Adelaide Plains Men's Choir. This was held on Sunday 13th October at the St George's Anglican Church in Gawler. Shikuru, Nehema, Ishi and Asheri were warmly welcomed, and many people came up afterwards to thank them for their beautiful singing.



Art Exhibition

Please join us for our first Reception to Year 12 art exhibition, entitled 'Dreams and Visions'. Opening night is November 30th at 6:30pm and Awards Ceremony beginning at 7:30pm. We are so excited to showcase the amazing talent that our students at Hope Christian College have. We look forward to seeing you there. Text messages for RSVPs will be coming out soon.



Bus Advertising

Keep your eyes peeled when you're out and about for our bus advertisement! The ad is on the back of ten Transport SA buses. These buses commute as far as the CBD, Port Adelaide, Newton, Salisbury, and Elizabeth areas.

If you have an opportunity please take a photo of it and share it around. The campaign will run until December.



Canteen Help Wanted

We are in need of parent / grandparent volunteers for the canteen. If you are available to help out one day a week (Tuesday through Friday), please let us know! Your help would be very much appreciated.

Art Room Requests

Thank you so much to those of you who have donated various items to the art room. We are fully stocked with coat hangers for next year now, thank you. The **sauce bottle LIDS** are now only required, not the bottles themselves. We are still in need of **newspaper** and a new request is **large foil baking trays.**



Flinders Uni Open Day Reflections

Attending the Flinders Uni Open Day definitely opened my eyes to the range of opportunities that are available after graduation. On the excursion, I discovered that Flinders University offers different courses, such as Accounting, Business, Networking & Cyber Systems, Medicine, International Relations & Political Science. I would definitely consider attending Flinders University next year because of the different courses on offer. One of the sessions that I attended was called 'How Do I Apply for Uni?' which provided me with information that I wasn't previously aware of, like the process of applying through SATAC. I got a detailed explanation about how the application process works, how to order my preferences, as well as information about the important role that an ATAR plays when it comes to getting into Uni. This excursion inspired me to do my best and try get an ATAR that not only makes me happy, but gets me into a course that I will enjoy studying.

Prisca Issa (Year 12)

On the Finders University Open Day, my group and I went to three different seminars around the campus. The seminar that I valued the most was the extremely beneficial 'Year 12 to University' seminar. This seminar covered the changes that one goes through when moving from organised schooling to, essentially, self-managed schooling. It was very insightful and helpful to ease worries and doubts, and helped me to understand what to expect when I go to university next year. It was, over all, a very useful and fun excursion that enabled me to feel substantially more comfortable with decisions that I am making for next year.

Brooklyn Thomas (Year 12)



Playford Tennis Twilight Session

The City of Playford in conjunction with Tennis SA, Tennis Gear and Playford Tennis Club are hosting the City of Playford Tennis International from 28 October - 3 November at the Playford Tennis Centre.

It is a Free Family Event; no tickets are required. You can just turn up and watch!

On Friday 1 November, we are having a Twilight Session, specifically to showcase the Event, which will include Free BBQ, Free Face painting, Free Jumpy Castle, Free Competitions and giveaways, Free Come and Try Tennis session, as well as the Free Entry to the Tournament's Quarter Finals tennis action.

We invite everyone near and far to come and enjoy International Tennis here at Playford.

PARENTS' CORNER

FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY SCHOOL

FINISHING WELL

At Hope Christian College this term we are focusing on 'Finishing Well'. Our prayers are with our wonderful Year 12 students as they complete their assessment pieces and embark upon the final exams of their formal high school education before successfully transitioning on to their desired career pathway, be it Tertiary Education for further study or to employment. We pray for wisdom and good time management skills with their revision and a healthy work / life balance, clarity of thinking when trying to recall knowledge and understanding when sitting their exams, as well as calmness and an awareness of God's presence and favour upon their lives.

The College verse also gives all students, staff and parents great encouragement to 'finish well' by the way we apply our energies: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Colossians 3:22-23, NIV)

KINDNESS

Our focus for the term in morning devotions is Kindness. This is especially relevant as we approach the Christmas Season as we think about God's Incredible kindness to humankind through His Son Jesus Christ, Who came to earth in human form to reveal God's limitless and unconditional love for us. It is well worth remembering that many folks will be on their own at Christmas time, or have suffered the loss of a loved one during the year and this may be the first year without them. Why not pray and consider now inviting someone to experience Christmas as part of your family this year.

For Reflection and Action

We would do well each day to remember that 'Love is a Verb'.

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8) Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, considerate, supporting...

'Solomon describes a wise woman: 'On her tongue is the law of kindness.' (Proverbs 31:26 NKJV) Speaking kindly to and about others was one of this woman's core principles. And when you think about it, there's never any justification for being harsh or unkind with your words. Certainly not if you're a Christian! Hasn't God been gracious with you? Then extend that same grace

to others. The old saying, 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me,' isn't true. Harsh words can impact a person for a lifetime. Many so-called 'social outcasts' have been victims of verbal abuse at some point in their lives. If you find you're prone to speaking harshly to people, pray for God's help. Do whatever it takes, including seeking help. The Bible says, 'He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.' (Proverbs 16:32 NKJV) and 'May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord'. (Psalm 19:14 NLT) Decide today to 'rule your spirit' and make kindness a hallmark and guiding principle of your life.'

https://vision180.org.au/2017/08/27/try-to-be-kind/

SUMMER UNIFORM REMINDERS

We are now firmly into the Summer Terms at the College and all students should be wearing the correct uniform, and wearing it correctly. Home Group teachers have conducted a check on students' uniform to ensure expected compliance, to further develop a sense of healthy pride in belonging to the College, as well as self-discipline in their appearance as a valued life skill. We do gratefully appreciate those parents who do their part in ensuring their child is clothed in the correct uniform.

A few important reminders regarding Summer uniform:

HATS: A College hat must be worn in Terms 4 and 1 whenever outside. We advise they have their names written inside it in at least two visible places and look after it. From a sun safety and duty of care perspective please view:

'Dying for a Tan – Australia' (14mins) via https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQSJNbiH480 Viewer warning – scenes of surgical procedures

Sun safety for summer



GIRLS DRESSES: must conform with the uniform requirements, that is: 'Dresses must touch the ground when the student is kneeling'. We advise that dresses are purchased that will outlast growth spurts and that if a hem is not long enough when taken down for the dress to meet the knees then a larger, longer dress size is purchased. For older female students the ladies' sizes will be longer and more fitted.

BOYS SHORTS: If chosen to be worn, the Summer Uniform shorts must have been those purchased from the College uniform shop.

SUMMER UNIFORM DRESS SOCKS (Grey for boys and white for girls): These must be at least mid-calf (at shortest) or full length. Anklet length socks cannot be worn with the summer uniform.

Note: HOPE branded **PE socks** should be available for purchase in 2020, compulsory for 2021.

The College Uniform and Grooming Policy may be downloaded from:

https://www.hopecc.sa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/HOPE CC STUDENT UNIFORM.pdf Uniform Shop: https://www.hopecc.sa.edu.au/uniform-shop/

We appreciate it can be difficult for students to wake

COLLEGE START AND FINISH TIMES

up and arrive school on time. We continue to ask that parents ensure child(ren) are well organised at home the night before with their homework done, school bag packed, alarm set, and a prompt departure from home to ensure they arrive at the College by 8:30am. Again, these are invaluable life skills to achieve. All students are expected to be in their Home Group room by 8:40am — the official start to the College day, having already visited their lockers beforehand to have their diary and learning materials ready for Lessons 1 and 2. I have some excellent articles on family routines that some parents have read, tried and found very successful in helping achieve punctuality, especially with large families.

The official end of the College day for Primary aged students in Receptions to Year 5 is 3:20pm, and for Secondary students is 3:30pm.

For safety we ask all parents and students to use only the gate near the crossing and the one nearest the Admin Office doors. Please avoid the busy western entrance where cars and constantly entering.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

Should You Give Your Kid a Phone? Easy Guide with 3 Great Options: Relay, Gabb and ClearPhone

https://www.protectyoungminds.org/2019/10/15/should-you-give-kid-phone-guide-options-relay-gabb-clearphone/

The 10 Warning Signs of Cyberbullying

https://www.netnanny.com/blog/the-10-warning-signs-of-cyberbullying



Open Day



College Calendar - Important Dates

	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	WEEK
OCTOBER	27	28 Yr 9 Self Defence Incursion	29 OPEN DAY 3:30 - 7:00pm	30	31	1 Year 12 Lunch Reception Adelaide Zoo Yr 7/8/9 SA Theatresports	2	3
	3	4 Year 12 Exams Yr 9 PE Zumba Incursion	5 Year 12 Exams Yr 2 SciWorld Incursion	6 Year 12 Exams Year 10 Camp	7 Year 12 Exams Year 10 Camp Yr 1 Road and Cycle Safety Centre	8 Year 12 Exams Year 10 Camp Yr 6 Adelaide Zoo	9	4
NOVEMBER	10	Year 12 Exams Yr 9 PE Zumba Incursion Yr 6 Adelaide Zoo	Year 12 Exams Year 8/9 Beach Volleyaball	Year 12 Exams Year 10/12 Beach Volleyaball Yr 6 Dance Incursion	14 Year 12 Exams Year 4-7 Beach Volleyball	15 Year 12 Exams	16	5
	17	18 Year 12 Exams Yr 6-10 Startsmart Financial Literacy Incursion	19 MS 2020 Orientation Afternoon in Gym	Year 11 Camp Yr 6 Dance Incursion Yr 11 Brunch Experience Excursion	21	Year 12 Formal Dinner	23	6