



Keysborough Springvale Secondary College Newsletter

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Heatherhill Campus

Friday 7 November 2008

Principal's Message:



As the academic year comes to a close for year 12 students, each campus has farewelled their yr 12's and marked the end of their formal schooling with an assembly. Where possible I have attended the assemblies. It is notable that the students in

our college, regardless of the campus they attend, are considerate and respectful and have valued and appreciated their time at school. Student leaders, when speaking to their student body, indicated that they had generally enjoyed their schooling and thanked all the teachers for their work over the years.

Over the next four weeks the year 12's will be busy studying for, and then sitting, their final exams. With hard work they will have the opportunity to determine their future pathway whether that be further schooling or direct entry to the workforce. I wish them well in their exams.

Preparations continue for 2009 and the college has determined that, in order to maximise the benefits of being one school not four, a common day organisation is needed. Next year all campuses will start at 9am and finish at 3.15pm. Our websites are also changing and you will soon see a new look when you log on.



Our new uniform is currently touring the college. It has been on display at Chandler and Coomoora and will be at Heatherhill and Springvale over the next few weeks. Students have given positive comments about it and many are keen to wear it in 2009.

Buxwear, our uniform supplier, is working with us to enable parents to make appointments for fitting and lay-by, or pre-order, a uniform package.

Heather Lindsay
Principal

Campus Principal's Message:

Last Friday October 31 was World Teachers Day, which we celebrated with a morning tea for our campus teaching staff. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking our teaching staff for their professionalism and dedication to the education of our students and to their future.

Year 12 students were farewelled at a recent campus assembly and the new campus captains for 2009 were introduced to the students. Congratulations to John Nguyen and Cynthia Tang and a big thank you to Tim Seav and Sophary Mom, our outgoing captains. As part of the celebrations on Friday October 24, year 12's were given a breakfast at Burden Park, organised by the Senior School staff. Special thanks to Xeno Kakogiannis, Jonathon Boyd and Richard Hastings for putting on the BBQ. This Friday past, the VCE final exams began and will continue for the next three weeks. A reminder that the Valedictory dinner will be at Merrimu Reception Centre on November 19.

Year 10 and 11 students will also commence their final exams shortly and students should be preparing for these exams right now by reviewing their work carefully. There will also be a year 11 (Y12 2009) orientation program this year on November 27 and 28 and students will be required to attend school as normal on these days.

For students leaving Heatherhill at the end of the year, please consider donating any clean, good quality items of uniform to the campus by leaving them at the general office.

Finally an important date for your diary is Wednesday December 17, Presentation night, starting at 7.30 in the Drama centre. All students should attend with their families and reports will be given out at the end of the presentation.

- Patrick Boyd (Campus Principal)

STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations to **Lukas 8VW** who has been selected as junior school student of the month.



Lukas has set himself a challenging goal to achieve. He chose to participate in studying a subject that is at the VCE level (Year 11 Biology), and has managed to complete the work tasks at a creditable level, and has contributed positively to class discussions and group activities.

Lukas has worked in a very determined manner and has improved his focus and concentration in class. His attitude is a good example of what students can achieve if they apply themselves and aim high.

Well done Lukas!

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE:

New EMA payment option for 2009

Commencing in 2009, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will introduce a new payment option for the payment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to parents.

Under the new system, eligible parents will have the option to receive the 50% 'parent portion' of the EMA payment directly into the parent's nominated bank account, or as a cheque payment.

The 2009 EMA application form includes a section for you to nominate whether you would like your EMA payment to be made to your own bank account or to receive your payment as a cheque (which is the current arrangement). The banking details required will include the BSB code and the account number.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 155.05
	School	\$ 155.05
Two	Parent	\$ 66.45
	School	\$ 66.45
	Total	\$ 443.00

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.

YEAR 9 AUTHOR - ILLUSTRATOR VISIT:



On the last day of Term 3, Year 9 students had a visit from Andrew Plant, an archaeologist who also writes and illustrates books. Andrew talked about his discoveries of fossils and types of dinosaurs. He showed us his drawings of dinosaurs that he drew for scientists as well as pictures of skeletons at museums. It was fascinating and very enjoyable.

After recess, many Year 9 students participated in a drawing class with Andrew. He taught us how to draw different dinosaurs and how to use different effects to make it appear more realistic. Everyone had fun learning to draw, even the teachers joined in. At the end, the drawings turned out even better than what we had expected. Even people who could only draw stick figures could draw a decent looking dinosaur.



- Phally Chheang & Jenny Le (9G)

ENVIRONMENTAL DUTIES:

Thank you to the following students who have completed environmental duties up to date:



Paul Day, Patrick Almarines, Jason Huynh, Philip Lim, Ezekiel Obai, Nathan Szentessy, Yong Cao, Humza Mamsa, Anthony Hinh, Linh Le, Vuthy Keo, Noch So, Bernadeth Jayme, Bopa Chheang, Mara Espina, Priya Narayan, Cindy Phan-Nguyen, Thanh Tran, Julie Ho and Thu Do.

- Richard Hastings (Acting Assistant Principal)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS – I.T. GADGETS + GYMNASTICS:

For many years the main way of being assessed in gymnastics was to wait in line and be checked by the teacher, who then would record a mark on a sheet.

Following on from ideas shared by Andrew Douch (our recent guest speaker and Microsoft Australian Teacher of the Year), the PE teachers have turned to digital still cameras and handycams to help speed up assessment, and motivate the students to take control of their learning.

Two digital still cameras and one handy cam were made available in every gymnastics class. The aim was for each student to record a minimum of 10 JPEG's (photos) or MPEG's (short films), that would be used to assess student work.

Safety work in floor activities was integrated into the assessment, and all students had to include at least one correct pyramid in their photo/movie file. The teacher was then free to help coach and guide the students, and monitor correct technique.

Students' also enjoyed a follow-up lesson in the computer lab, where they selected, edited and submitted their 10 pieces, using a special code to ensure their files were easy to find.

Here are a couple of examples:



Students love gadgets, and have told us so in the student surveys. Gadget can help us to teach faster and more effectively, while still getting students to make steady gains in the areas of skills and fitness.

In the weeks ahead, all students will be completing their end-of-year fitness tests. Highlights of these will appear in an upcoming newsletter.

We welcome any questions or comments you may have. Feel free to contact us on 9546 4144, during school hours.

- **David Rowe (H&PE Team Leader)**

FILM CLUB & SHORT FILM COMPETITION NEWS:

Throughout the year a dedicated team of students have worked together to develop movie making skills and put these skills to use producing movies for the school. Heatherhill Idol, and just recently the exciting night of all nights, Heatherhills' Variety Show. The film clubs responsibilities include, shooting live events and editing the footage into neatly packaged movies, then making them available for the whole school to view online and enjoy. We are currently editing the Heatherhill Idol footage, the Athletics carnival and House shout. We will complete editing the massive amount of material filmed at the Variety Show very soon. Some of the edited movies will be available to purchase from the school such as The Variety Show, other material will feature on the year book, and some will be available to view online on the school intranet.

Term 4 is becoming extremely exciting as we are running the final stages of the short film competition – a tentative date has been arranged for the screening of the short films which will be Thursday the 4th of December (week 9) at lunch time in the centre. There's still plenty of time for entries – all you need is a camera and an idea – get on the **youtube** bandwagon – today! Everyone's a movie maker – it's fun!

For any enquiries or if you would like to be a part of this vibrant and exciting group of students, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

- **Shane Jarvis (Media Teacher)**

SECONDHAND BOOKS FOR 2009

Year 7 & 12 books will be collected on **Tuesday 18 November (Pd. 1-4)**; 10-11 books will be collected on **Friday 21 November (Pd. 1-4)** and Year 8 books will be collected on **Monday 24 November (Pd. 1-4)**.

Secondhand books for 2009 can be purchased on **Saturday 6th December in the school library between 8.30 – 10.30 am.**

Cash, cheques and credit card facilities available. Because of limited stocks – come early so you won't be disappointed!!

No books can be put on hold.

A limited number of second hand Year 7 textbooks will be on sale at the Year 6 Parents Information Evening on Thursday 20th November at the college.

FREE 1-DAY VCE SUMMER SEMINAR

“VCE TIPS AND TRICKS”

Are you in yr 11 or 12 in 2009? How would you like to get ahead of class? Want the BEST study techniques from the BEST students? Come along to learn how our tutors achieved scores of **99.50+**.

WHEN: 2:00 PM – 3:30PM, 17 January 2009

LOCATION: Springvale Primary School
355A Springvale Rd, Springvale

TO ENROLL: Please send an email to register@2-ht.com stating: Your school and year level; Your first and last name and Email address OR CALL **1800 102 422**.



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 18 November	Y7 & 12 secondhand book collection (Pd. 1-4); Last classes for Y10/11. KSSC Council Meeting – 7 pm;
Wednesday 19 November	Year 10 & 11 Exams start. Year 12 Valedictory – 7 pm.
Thursday 20 November	Transition Assistance Program (9-11 am); Year 7 (2009) Parent Information Night – 7 pm; Y7 (2009) secondhand book sales.
Friday 21 November	Y10 Exams finish; Y10 & 11 secondhand book collections (P1-4)
Monday 24 November	Y10 Work Experience starts; Y8 secondhand book collection.
Tuesday 25 November	Y9 Exams – English (Pd. 1 & 2).
Wednesday 26 November	Y9 Exams – Maths (Pd. 1 & 2); Y11 Exams end.
Thursday 27 November	Y9 Exams – Science (Pd. 3 & 4); Y11(Y12, 2009) Orientation Day. Transition Assistance Program (9-11 am)
Friday 5 December	Correction Day – PUPIL FREE DAY; Newsletter No. 12; Y10 Work Experience ends.
Saturday 6 December	Secondhand book sales – 8.30 to 10.30 am in the Library.