



Newsletter No. 4

Term 2/June 2017

From the Principal, Peta Kourbelis

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews held in Week 1 of this term were well attended by families. Parent/teacher conversations about students' progress are always valuable and a necessary part of supporting students achieve their best. The purpose of the interviews was to discuss Term 1 academic results as well as implementing intervention strategies to support students to improve their grades.

We are very appreciative that so many parents were able to come along but we do understand that due to work and other family commitments not all parents could come along on the scheduled evening. A number of interviews were therefore conducted at alternative times.

As part of our internal tracking and monitoring processes, staff have completed a mid-term progress report which we call "traffic lights". This is a useful report as it gives us a clear snapshot of each student's progress and the opportunity for early intervention where necessary. This is particularly critical in Year 12. As a result, the year level coordinator or the teachers of Year 12 students who are not progressing appropriately will contact parents for further discussions.

Staff Professional Learning Day

The staff professional learning day held on Friday 9 June allowed teachers to explore approaches that support students to become effective learners. The topic of the day was "how to develop students' higher order cognitive skills through intellectually demanding assessment tasks". Using current research as discussion starters, all staff worked in faculty groups to redevelop or redesign their assessment tasks so that students have opportunities to develop their higher order thinking skills, to influence their motivation to learn and ultimately to improve their academic success.

Reconciliation Week

Celebrating Reconciliation Week is always an important event on our school calendar. Many thanks to our Aboriginal team for a well organised week of activities, including an emu sausage sizzle and a whole school assembly. Reconciliation Week enabled the whole College to celebrate together and to build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. A strong message of reconciliation was communicated throughout the assembly through songs performed by our music students and through various speeches. Two significant dates highlighted and celebrated in the assembly were:

The 27 May 1967 referendum (50 year anniversary) which saw more than 90% of Australians vote to give the Federal Government power to make laws for Aboriginal people and recognise them in the census.

The 3 June 1992 (25 year anniversary) when the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision recognising that the Indigenous people have a special relationship with the land, paving the way for land rights.

SACE News

Year 12

A reminder that in Week 8 this term, the Stage 2 Research Project External Assessment component - Review or Evaluation - will be submitted to the SACE Board for marking. The following week, Week 9, the Research Project School Assessment - Folio and Outcome - will be collected by the SACE Board for Moderation. There are no exceptions to these deadlines. Should you have any queries about the SACE assessment processes, please feel free to call me at the College or email: Tamara. Seaman@hamcoll.sa.edu.au

Year 11

Students and parents are reminded that Semester 1 Stage 1 subjects and assessment tasks will be finalised in Week 8 this term and students will begin their Semester 2 subjects in Week 9. Students receive 10 SACE credits for the successful completion of all Stage 1 Semester subjects.

Ms Tamara Seaman, Year 12/SACE Coordinator

Together we can help students achieve their best

Diary Dates

Uniform Shop

Tuesdays 8.30 - 10.00 am

For further assistance please contact the Front Office on 8275 8300.

June

- 21 Governing Council
- 21 Year 8 Immunisation
- 26 Semester 2 begins

July

- 3 Year 8 & 9 Roundtable Presentations
- 7 End of Term 2 – dismiss 2:15 pm
Reports distributed
- 24 Term 3 begins
- 26 Year 12 Parent Interviews
- 26 Ansan Gangseo HS arrive

August

- 11 Ansan Gangseo HS leave
- 15 Ushiku Senior School arrive

STEM Outdoor Learning Area

Works commencing
Term 3

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News from the Hamilton Unit

S5 News

Each week the S5 class likes to spend time in the community to practise appropriate behaviours and to develop independent life skills. We use public transport, purchase items at a variety of shops and engage in a range of leisure activities. On our last community access we went ten pin bowling. Everyone had fun and everyone improved on their scores from our previous bowling session. For our next community outing we will catch a train to the Noarlunga Shopping Centre and practise using our metro cards. We will do the supermarket shopping for our cooking session the next day and have lunch in the food court before catching the train back to the Marion station.

Ms Sue Sandford, Teacher



Attempt #1



Attempt #2

S6 News

S6 was formed in Week 2, this term. Since its inception, we have been up to a lot of really fun stuff!

With a STEM based focus, the students of S6 have been putting their engineering skills to the test. Each fortnight, students have been given the same task...to build the tallest structure they can, using no more and no less than seven pieces of newspaper.

As you can see, S6 and their first attempt lacked a bit of structure, so to speak. We ended up with mostly flat buildings.

Once we all evaluated each structure, we discovered that there was one single shape that could possibly lead us to victory...the triangle! And just like magic, students of S6 started to smell success.

Again, after more discussion surrounding the epic strength of the triangle, all students managed to create a structure that stood tall. By this third attempt, students became deeply engaged and took their time, which paid off.

We also recently visited the amazing Haigh's Visitor Centre in Parkside using the bus and tram. Students were treated to an informative 20 minute tour which included some delicious tastings. S6 had the opportunity to purchase a small treat, and interacted well with the staff. One staff member applauded the students for their outstanding behaviour and manners.

Seeing as though we ate a whole bunch of delicious chocolate, S6 decided that taking a long walk to Veale Gardens was the best option, before sitting down to enjoy a packed lunch.

Ms Tammy Rosling
Assistant Principal Hamilton Unit



Attempt #3



Attempt #4

Robinson News

The Robinson Class has enjoyed a busy start to Term 2. We attended an Athletics Carnival at Santos and an AFL and Cricket Skills Clinic at Windsor Gardens. We also made gum leaf designs with Daphne Rickett for the Reconciliation Week assembly in Week 5.

Mr Andy Woollett
Robinson Class



International News

Team International is a hive of activity. I hope that you came along to the Open Night in May to taste the fabulous foods cooked by the International students. We had a homestay family get-together in early June which was well attended. Thank you to our fabulous homestay families for supporting our International Program. The ISEC students will be going to the Crows/Hawthorn game at Adelaide Oval on June 22 to learn about Australian Culture. At the end of Term 2 we will be saying farewell to Akari and Kanata from Japan, Flavio from Italy and Matthias from Sweden when they return home. We wish them well in their studies. There are no study tours in Term 2 but we are busy preparing for the five study tours from Japan and Korea expected in Term 3 and 4. If you have a spare room and would like to be a homestay family we are always happy to take applications. Please call Ms Jane Young at the College to start the process which involves a police check and a home visit.



Ms Flora Botting
Manager, International Program

Reconciliation Assembly

In Week 5 of this term, Hamilton recognised Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June). Reconciliation means to restore peaceful relationships between people. Reconciliation in an Australian context means building relationships, respect and trust between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The week was acknowledged through various reconciliation based activities, including art workshops run by Hamilton's Aboriginal Community Education Officer, Daphne Rickett. The Robinson class painted leaves using Aboriginal symbols, representing strong relationships and positive steps into the future. The week included a celebratory barbecue where students tried kangaroo and emu sausages and bush sauce.

The assembly in Week 5 was dedicated to Reconciliation and included a moving performance by Year 12 students Alliah Salih and Mikayla Link of Paul Kelly's *From Little Things Big Things Grow* - a song based on the story of the Gurindji strike and Vincent Lingiari as part of the Indigenous Australian struggle for land rights and reconciliation.

Hamilton hosted guest speaker Anthony Wilson, manager of the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience and Norwood football player.

This year as part of Reconciliation Week we celebrated significant anniversaries of two notable events — the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and the 25th Anniversary of Eddie Mabo's successful claim of land rights for the Meriam people. To coincide with these anniversaries, Year 9 students at Hamilton conveyed messages about building strong relationships through a multimedia presentation. The assembly was well received and a resounding success.

Ms Lisa Fowler on behalf of the Aboriginal Education Team



MAPS News

Alumni from MAPS Film School were nominated for, or won awards, at the South Australian Screen Awards held at the Mercury Cinema on Friday 12 May.

Past and recent graduates Andrei Gostin, Carolyn Corkindale and Rebecca Duncker were nominated for Best Short Film, Nima Raofi for Best Feature and Deb Shaw, Best Documentary. Tamz McCooltimes and Adam Lemmey were up for Best Music Video, Michael Beck for Best Screenplay and Max Corkindale and Dave Gregan for Best Cinematography. Best Editing finalists were Cleland Jones and Bryan Mason. From the 2016 MAPS intake and slate of projects, Diploma students Tom Changarathil and Raphael Rivera-Brown were nominated for Best Non Narrative Short. Advanced Diploma Student David Tiggemann for Best Documentary. The winners in their categories were ex MAPSers Nima Raofi, with Best Feature Film; Adam Lemmey, with Best Music Video; Max Corkindale with Best Cinematography.

This is the flagship event for the professional Film and Video Industry of South Australia. The success of our program is obvious. As a side entry, the just graduated David Tiggemann won a prized place for 2017-19 in the elite Australian Film, TV and Radio School, in the highly competitive Directing degree stream.

All of these successful people are feathers in the cap for Hamilton Secondary College and its Adult Campus.

Dr Leigh Sutton
MAPS

Year 10 Report

Road Safety

SAPOL's Road Safety Section recently attended Hamilton and delivered a road safety presentation to Year 10 students entitled *A Guide to obtaining your Ls and Ps*, presented by a currently serving police officer. This interactive program discussed the methods of obtaining a driver's licence; the conditions relating to Learner and Provisional licences; the risks associated with driving; and why being a passenger in a vehicle driven by a young person is potentially risky. The program included discussions on crash risks, speeding, alcohol and drugs, fatigue and driver attitudes to road safety.

There are a number of websites which may be of further value to you and the students

- raa.com.au
- mylicence.sa.gov.au
- sapolice.sa.gov.au
- howsafeisyourcar.com.au

For any further information on Road Safety please feel free to contact the Road Safety Section on 82076586 or by Email: SAPOL.RoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au

Mr Steve Kelly
Year 11 Coordinator



Year 12 Kayaking at Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre

During the first week of Term 2, the Year 12 SACE Physical Education class completed three grueling days of Kayaking at the Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre. Over the three days, 15 students braved the elements to learn and demonstrate their skills, initiative, collaboration and leadership. During the first two days, the students learned a variety of Kayaking skills and rescues including paddling, sweep stroke, support stroke, draw stroke, emergency stop, capsize, deep water rescue and eskimo rescue. During the final day, the students completed a grueling long distance paddle, followed by an intense afternoon of assessment. To their credit, all students passed the course with flying colours and several students attracted positive comments from their instructors. Ton Longkaw, Rory Kennedy, Caleb Wenzel and Isaac Roberts all demonstrated a high level of initiative and leadership. Sam Cooper was commended on her collaboration and Alana Baker also stood out to the instructors for demonstrating a strong willingness to learn and challenge herself.

Well done Year 12 PE students!

Mr Angus Fisher
Year 12 Physical Education Teacher



Zone Sport Report

Hamilton Secondary College has entered an extraordinary seven teams in the Term 2/3 competition season this year and could easily have been eight teams, were it not for other schools being unable to field teams in sports on offer. Students who missed out should not be disappointed as many of these sports will once again be available in the Term 3/4 choices.

Open Boys Basketball

We have been fortunate enough to be able to field three teams in the Open Boys Basketball competition. The Year 11 and 12 team has had considerable success to date under the guidance of Coach Mr Andrew Gormlie. Having only lost one game to top of the table Seaview High School they are desperate to finish in the top 2 to hopefully bring home back-to-back championships. Despite a relatively inexperienced team for Mr Greg Kurtzer to coach, the Year 9 and ISEC team have been willing competitors and are improving every week. Mr Matt Heald leads a team of Year 8 – 10 basketball loving students, who have started the season in a very exciting way. They have come up against very good opposition and have been competitive in every game. The highlight of the season thus far has been Luke Browns' 46 point game.

Open Boys Badminton

A roster of extremely talented Year 9 and ISEC boys, coached by Mr Tony Virgo, have been putting in some very impressive performances thus far. Irrespective of the different combination each week, the team has managed to win every game and looks to improve each week. The challenge now is to continue these amazing performances to go undefeated throughout the season and make the Grand Final.



Year 8/9 Boys Soccer

We have been fortunate enough to be able to field a Year 8/9 Boys Soccer competition in Term 2/3. Under the guidance of Coach Ms Nici Wahlstedt and mentor Jangar Teah, the young, passionate team continues to improve and hopefully will breakthrough for their first win in the coming weeks.

Year 10 Mixed Volleyball

For the first time in many years Hamilton have fielded a Volleyball team under the leadership of Coach Mr Andrew Gormlie. This team is made up of Girls and Boys from Year 10 and played at Unley every Tuesday. The team has started the season in sensational fashion being undefeated after four rounds. Their continued improvement and enthusiasm will be major assets when competing each week. With only dropping one set thus far they will be looking to keep up this winning streak.

Open Girls Netball

A very committed and talented squad of Year 10 and 11 girls, the Open Netball team has started the season in an extremely good manner. Thus far they are undefeated and sit top of the table. With Coach Mr Andrew Gormlie pushing the girls each week, hopefully they will ride the winning streak and get to the end of the Term near the top of the table.

Year 8/9 Girls Netball

Playing together for the first time, this group of Year 8 and 9 girls have found the competition challenging. To their credit they have persevered and will take with them developing skills for future games. Despite this, all are enjoying the opportunity of representing the College on a regular basis and can only improve throughout the season. Thank you to Mr Angus Fisher for umpiring and coaching these girls.

Mr Andrew Gormlie, Sports Coordinator

