



## Newsletter No. 2

Term 1/March 2016

### From the Principal, Peta Kourbelis

Welcome to our second newsletter. The year is certainly now underway and a number of events have already taken place. The recent successful visit from the Minister of Education, the Honourable Dr Susan Close MP and Ms Annabel Digance MP, enabled our students to showcase their work in STEM. Other events include: Year 8 Acquaintance Night and Aquatics Day, election of School Captains and the Year 12 Parent Information Evening.



#### Governing Council

Thank you to the parents who attended our Governing Council AGM on 24 February. Elections for office bearers have been held. Congratulations to:

Steve Jones who was elected Governing Council Chairperson.

Tully Barnett who was elected Deputy Chair person.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tully Barnett for her dedication and hard work as Chairperson of the Governing Council for the past two years and for her continued commitment to our College and the Governing Council.

All parent vacancies have not been filled. If you would like to register your interest to join us on Governing Council, please contact me on 8275 8300. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 23 March at 7.00 pm.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will conduct Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday 4 May 2016. Parents will soon receive information related to booking of appointments with staff. I would like to encourage all parents to take the opportunity to meet with subject teachers as a way of supporting your student's learning. Invitational interviews requested either by teachers or parents will also be a priority on the night. These interviews will be conducted for students whose Term 1 results include a number of D or E grades.

#### Daymap Login

All parents should have received a login for the Daymap parent portal. Daymap is a very useful tool as it can be used by families to support their child in their learning. Through the Daymap parent portal, families can access information in real time about their child's attendance through the day; assessment tasks and homework.

If you would like more information about the Daymap Portal, or if you are having any technical problems, please contact the College on 8275 8300.

#### Open Day

The College's Open Day will be held on Wednesday 11 May 2016. We would like to encourage families to join us on the day for a rich and engaging program of events. The day will consist of two Principal's Tours at 9.30 am and at 11.30 am, Principal's Welcome at 6.00 pm and an additional tour at 6.15 pm. Our Open Day will also feature an extensive number of activities and displays which families can view from 6.15 pm.

#### Skateboards

A reminder to all students that skate boards need to be placed at student services at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day. The skate boards will be locked away for safety reasons.

Thank you to all the students who have continued to follow this process and who have also been considerate of other students' safety by not riding their skate boards on school grounds.

## Diary Dates

### Uniform Shop

Fridays 8.30 - 11.00 am

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

### March

26 Ashima HS students leave

25 Good Friday

28 Easter Monday

### April

8 SANTOS Athletics Day

13 Year 8 Immunisations

15 End of Term 1, early dismissal 2:15 pm

### May

2 Term 2 commences

4 Parent/Teacher Interviews

11 Open Day & Night

12 Newsletter No 3 due

25 Governing Council

### June

13 Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday

14 Student Free Day

17 Newsletter No 4 due

22 Governing Council

22 Year 8 Immunisation

## OPEN DAY

### Wednesday 11 May

- Come and see the College in action, tours at 9.30 am and 11.30 am
- Principal's Welcome at 6.00 pm
- College tours and special displays from 6.15 - 8.00 pm

Individual appointments are always welcome.

Phone the Principal's Secretary on 8275 8360 to arrange a College tour.

### From the Deputy

#### NAPLaN 2016

Australian wide NAPLaN testing will occur Week 2 of Term 2, May 10 to 12. This testing plays an important role in the College's data collection and all students are expected to participate. It also provides a snapshot of how individual students are progressing in really important areas of their development. It is a clear indicator of how a student has progressed from Year 7 to Year 9 in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar, critical literacy and numeracy skills.

Although NAPLaN is not the complete picture of a student's development it does allow educators the opportunity to adjust programs in identified areas of need for the particular cohort.

#### Uniform

As the cooler months approach it is timely to remind parents that school uniform is an important part of College life, providing a sense of identity and pride in Hamilton Secondary College. Jumpers and jackets are available at the College uniform shop which is open on Fridays from 8.30 to 11.00 am, for further assistance please contact the Front Office on 8275 8300. Students are expected to wear the correct uniform and will be asked to change into loan uniform or sent home if required. Parental support makes a positive difference in helping our College look good on a daily basis.

#### Reports and End of Term Arrangements

Extended reports will be distributed at the end of Term 1, Friday 15 April in a short Care Group at 2.10 pm. Students will be dismissed at 2.15 pm for the April school holidays. Adult students can collect their reports from the reception area.

**Ms Annette Ryan**  
Deputy Principal



Students participating in Year 12 Pathways Team Building

### Senior School Campus Report

#### Study Tips for Senior Students

Elevate Education recently ran a workshop for parents who were interested in helping their child to be as successful as they can be in Year 12. Their top tips on study are:

##### 1. Sleep

It is recommended that students have at least 8 ½ hours sleep each night as this helps with brain development and problem solving skills. It means that they are more alert at school, and more focussed when doing homework.

Light, particularly from screens, reduces our ability sleep. It is recommended that all electronic devices are put away at least 15 minutes before going to bed to help to fall to sleep more easily.

##### 2. Study Environment

If possible, students should have a private study space to reduce noise and to avoid distractions. Having a well organised space clear of clutter can also help. When studying, students should aim to stop every 45 minutes to take a 10-15 minute active break.

##### 3. Time Management

A Weekly Time Management Planner should be used. These are available in the Senior Centre and staff can help students to organise their time using these. They should be displayed in the area that the student will be studying as a visual reminder.

The most successful students go beyond just completing homework during study time. Spending 15 minutes on note taking, revision and practice questions each night can help to ensure that they stay on top of the work, and that they are actively preparing for final assessments at the end of the year.

##### 4. Motivation and Procrastination

Putting off work is a natural thing to do. Distraction is the main concern. This is one of the reasons why it is recommended to have a private study area. By far, the biggest distraction is technology, in particular social media. Apps such as Self Control can help students to limit their time using social media each day. It's worthwhile investigating these.

Procrastination is also an issue for many students. Many students will put off doing the work because they don't like it. To overcome this, some work can be done with friends who can help each other. Students will often procrastinate because they are overwhelmed by the work itself. Breaking what needs to be done down into parts can help with this. Using the Time Management Planner can also assist.

**Ms Annette Ryan**  
Deputy Principal

### Year 10 News

The school year is gathering momentum and the Year 10s are settling into Senior School routines and expectations. For many their first SACE unit is just around the corner. Successful completion of their Personal Learning Plan is compulsory and it's important that students develop positive study habits as soon as possible.

In our Pathways Program, we have been looking at the Seven Habits of Highly Successful Teens, developed by Sean Covey. The program focusses on life skills and study habits. More information is available here: <http://www.seancovey.com/teens.html>

The first few sessions have emphasised the importance of planning and being pro-active. This will become increasingly important as students become more independent and accountable for their learning or vocational pathways and as the demands of balancing study, work and social life increases.

Part of being pro-active is effective communication. Opening a dialogue before problems arise is a key part of this. Report cards are one way that the school communicates students' progress and Parent/Teacher interviews are an important part of the reflection and assessment process. They are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and raise issues early in the year. An opportunity to make bookings with your student's teachers will be available soon and I encourage you all to take advantage of this.

**Mr Jonas Dawson**  
Year 10 Coordinator

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
**Wednesday 4 May**

## From the 8-9 Campus

Students in Years 8 and 9 are well into their Term 1 studies. Students have been engaging well and are challenging themselves to achieve their best.

The Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 16 February was a great success with a large turnout. It was a great opportunity to have something to eat and an informal meet and greet with the Hamilton teachers.

Middle School students have also made excellent buddies for our visiting students from Ashima High School in Japan, making them feel welcome at the College.

It has been very pleasing to see that the College Uniform is being worn with pride by all Middle School Students. The College uniform is compulsory for all secondary students. Please be aware that with cooler weather almost upon us, students will require the College jacket or jumper to wear to school. These can be purchased at the Uniform Shop – either new or good quality second-hand. If your child is not in uniform for any reason they will be asked to change into loan clothing and you may receive a phone call if this is not possible.

The Middle School Rewards Lunch is scheduled for Week 11 and it is pleasing to see the large number of students who are currently meeting the criteria regarding their behaviour and attendance for Term 1. Eligible students will be notified by their Care Group teachers in Week 10 and any dietary requirements should be made clear to Care Group teachers.

Finally, Term 1 report writing is soon approaching for the teachers. Reports will consist of a grade and a comment on each student's progress in Term 1 in each subject. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please feel free to contact us through the College administration.

**Ms Amanda Russell & Mr Wayne Olifent**  
Middle School Coordinators

## Homestay Accommodation

Have you ever considered hosting an international student? It can be a very enriching experience for your family and build lifelong friendships. We are always seeking homestay families for visiting students who can stay usually between two and ten weeks. To find out more information please contact  
Jane Young or Flora Botting  
Phone 8275 8367

## News from the Hamilton Unit

### S3 News

S3 class had an excellent day out at the Adelaide Museum in the city on Wednesday. We are doing a study of Mammals in Science and we looked at all the Mammals from different regions of the world. Most of our time was spent in the Discovery Centre where we were able to examine live spiders, bees, snakes and lizards which we will also be examining in our Science sessions. After this we had lunch in the city and saw some buskers performing in the mall.

**Ms Brigid Reavley**  
S3 Teacher



### S5 News

S5 has a weekly work skills session to provide students with some of the skills needed in the workforce. As well as our usual sorting and packing activities, as part of our programme this year, we are packing items for the card shop 'P. LA HAYBE CRAFTS' located at 28C & D Finnis Street, Marion. Before we began we had a tour of the card shop and got to see what goes on out the back of the shop where several large machines are located. We are also packaging and selling lollies and chocolates in the Unit with the proceeds going towards buying resources for the students. Students wear hair nets and gloves while they are packaging food items and are learning about the importance of hygiene when working with food. Each week the students work on a variety of activities so it is a busy and productive session.

**Ms Sue Sandford**  
S5 Teacher



### S6 News

S6 has had a very exciting start to 2016! Students have continued to enjoy Music lessons with Pete, playing a variety of instruments. In Science we have been learning about living things and grew some seeds in cotton wool, once they had germinated we transplanted them into our class garden.

**Ms Kylie Harrison**  
S6 Teacher



To welcome our students to the 2016 school year, we held a successful barbecue lunch and enjoyed a casual meeting of new and old faces. Many thanks must go to Mark Mitton and Jane MacKinnon for helping to cook the barbecue and serve the salads (ably assisted by Jenny King, staff member). It was a great gathering and a terrific way to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

The Campus ran orientation sessions during Week 1 to assist students acclimatise to their new surroundings. These were well attended by approximately 30 new students who commented that they appreciated the time taken to make them feel welcome. To further assist students during the year the Campus will be running Spotlight Seminars regarding applying for university and TAFE and job and career readiness.

Most of our classes are full and we have stopped enrolling into Semester 1 Year 11 courses and all Year 12 courses. Some vacancies still exist in short courses for Term 2, 3 and 4.

With Term 1 almost gone, students will soon

receive their reports and I hope they will be encouraged by their teachers' assessments of their achievements. There is so much more that our students gain from Hamilton than just a score on a report card. I hope these hidden extras continue to enrich the lives of our students.

**Ms Kathryn Needs**  
Assistant Principal, Adult Campus



## Science News

### Minister Views STEM Projects

The Minister for Education, the Honourable Dr Susan Close MP, had a chance to talk with students about the STEM Projects that they participated in last year when she visited Hamilton last week.

Rahim and Theodore demonstrated the STELR Solar Car project and Lauren showed the project reports that students completed as they designed their musical instruments in the Science of Sound.

Students from Year 11 and 12 Physics classes also demonstrated the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and the Drone Projects that they completed during 2015.

**Mr Mike Roach**  
Science Coordinator





SPORTS DAY  
2016

## International News



Our International Room is buzzing. Our long term International students are settling in well and have been joined by a short term visit from Akashi Technical College. Mizuki, Kato, Shuji Tamura and Kazuma Nakagoe are here for three weeks to experience mainstream study in an Australian school.

Ashima High School will visit us for the 8th year of our long term relationship. The students will stay

with homestay families and enjoy some time in lessons and go on excursions with their buddies from March 13 - 26. Look out for the Tug of War event between Australia and Japan on Sports Day!

Outbound opportunities to International destinations occasionally come up in the International Program. Alana Sievers will be representing Hamilton for three weeks on a trip to Mishima High School in Japan during April. Hamilton Buddies who have shown commitment to the program as good global citizens will certainly be considered for future trips so watch out for the Bulletin notices and be quick to volunteer.

If your family would like to welcome an International student to your home there will be more opportunities to host a student in July and November. Homestays need to be police checked and have a home visit to fill in some forms but Jane Young will be happy to help you through the process. Homestays are paid a remuneration of \$35 a day. Please give Jane or Flora Botting a call on 8275 8367 soon as it takes some weeks to organise the process.

**Ms Flora Botting**  
Manager, International Program



## Library News

The library has been busy with much needed 'Weeding' or deselecting of older resources. Part of good collection management is weeding print resources as students are of the digital generation and deserve up to date resources and 21st resources. We have been weeding the non-fiction at this stage. Students are tending to use online resources these days for non-fiction topics. Teacher-librarians and class room teachers can assist with teaching students how to search efficiently and how to use and recognise authoritative resources. Any one can put a whole sentence into google or put up a website, however, this does not mean it is a good way to search or a reliable source of information. This information is quoted from the website.

For example:

### How to search on Google

Learn a few tips and tricks to help you easily find information on Google.

#### Tip 1: Start with the basics

No matter what you're looking for, start with a simple search like where's the closest

airport? You can always add a few descriptive words if necessary.

If you're looking for a place or product in a specific location, add the location. For example, bakery Seattle.

#### Tip 2: Search using your voice

Tired of typing? Say "Ok Google" or choose the microphone icon to search using your voice. Learn more about "Ok Google" and voice search.

#### Tip 3: Choose words carefully

When you're deciding what words to put in the search box, try to choose words that are likely to appear on the site you're looking for. For example, instead of saying my head hurts, say headache, because that's the word a medical site would use.

#### Tip 4: Don't worry about the little things

- Spelling. Google's spell checker automatically uses the most common spelling of a given word, whether or not you spell it correctly.
- Capitalisation. A search for New York Times is the same as a search for new york times.

#### Tip 5: Find quick answers

For many searches, Google will do the work for you and show an answer to your question

in the search results. Some features, like information about sports teams, aren't available in all regions.

- Weather: Search weather to see the weather in your location or add a city name, like weather Seattle, to find weather for a certain place.
- Dictionary: Put define in front of any word to see its definition.
- Calculations: Enter a math equation like 3\*9123, or solve complex graphing equations.
- Unit conversions: Enter any conversion, like 3 dollars in euros.
- Sports: Search for the name of your team to see a schedule, game scores and more.
- Quick facts: Search for the name of a celebrity, location, movie, or song to find related information' (How to Search on Google, 2016).

Google 2016, How to Search on Google, Google, accessed 9 March 2016, <<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/134479?hl=en>>

Library Staff

## Vocational Education and Training (VET) Update

### Increased VET Enrolments and New VET Courses

We have started the year with a record number of students – Hamilton secondary school students, adult students and regional secondary students doing VET courses here at Hamilton Secondary College. We are a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and run a number of VET courses here for students wanting an accredited qualification as well as their SACE. We have seen increased demand for many of our VET courses and have put on additional classes in Certificate II in Kitchen Operations and Certificate III in Community Services Work. We also have two new VET courses running this year: Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Megatronics) (partial) and Certificate III in Carpentry (partial).

### Attendance

If your son/daughter is doing a VET course it is important that they regularly attend as most courses are delivered one day per week instead of across the week. It is important to let the College know if they are absent and then they see their VET trainer to catch up on any work missed. If your son/daughter is missing other lessons to attend their VET course on a particular day it is also important that they contact their subject teacher to ensure they catch up on work missed.

### Short Courses

This year again we will be offering Short Courses to students including Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and Barista Coffee Making. If you are interested in any of these courses please contact Karly Baum (karly.baum@hamcoll.sa.edu.au) or myself to reserve a spot as these fill quickly when advertised.

If you have any queries about VET courses please contact me.

Ms Heather Thomas  
Assistant Principal, VET Curriculum  
Pathways/RTO Manager



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## Certificate I Food Processing Viticulture 2016 Harvest

2016 Vintage has been very busy, starting off with harvesting the College's grapes with the help of Year 8 & 9 students. They were shown how to use secateurs and they went off and picked grapes by hand. After the harvest students had an opportunity to use the crusher destemmer to process the grapes they had just picked. The Viticulture class have been picking Cabernet Sauvignon grapes at Willunga, Grenache at McLaren Flat and then they will finish the season by harvesting Sauvignon Blanc grapes from the Adelaide Hills. The weather has been very hot and humid making harvesting very difficult. The students have shown great team work and resilience when it gets tough and are able to return to school to process the grapes before finishing for the day. Students have had the opportunity to help in the preparation of the wine yeast to be added to the grape juice. The yeast helps convert grape juice into wine. The Viticulture students learn how to use different scientific equipment to measure and record the changes in the wine. Chemistry is an important component from the pH of grape juice to the Malolactic bacteria that is used in the wine making process. Our new sponsor Lallemand has helped by supplying wine making chemicals and resources that students are using this year.

Mr Strat Koultras  
Viticulture Teacher



## careers&EMPLOYMENTexpo

The 2016 Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo is happening on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 May at the Jubilee Pavilion, Adelaide Showgrounds. Friday is the day dedicated for students to attend with their schools, however if you'd like to attend with your child/children on the Saturday, they'll have the opportunity to speak with leading training and education providers, receive guidance from professional Career Advisors and figure out what they might be interested in doing once they leave school. Grab a coffee and relax and/or chat with other parents regarding the best way to guide your children through what can be an overwhelming and confusing time.

## Newsletters

Did you know that you can look at this current Newsletter and others published in 2016 by logging on to the College Website and follow the link to Publications. Alternatively the web address is: <http://www.hamcoll.sa.edu.au/publication.htm>

## News from the HSC Nunga Room

Ninna marni

### Welcome to our new staff member Paul Solomon



Hi my name is Paul Solomon

I have recently started here at Hamilton Secondary College as the new Aboriginal Secondary Education Transition Officer (ASETO) – I am very excited about the opportunity to work with our Aboriginal students here at Hamilton and I would like to take this opportunity to quickly introduce myself.

I am an Aboriginal man from Alice Springs NT, and I have worked with Aboriginal youth for the past five years – working as an Aboriginal youth worker, working with young ATSI children in care.

I have always had a passion for education and the importance of a good education especially

for Aboriginal students, as I am a strong believer in education being the pathway to breaking down the barriers that we as Aboriginal people face.

I have an in-depth understanding of grassroots Aboriginal Australia and the enduring issues we face on an everyday basis. I'm passionate about positive change in the lives of young Aboriginal people and being a positive part of the process needed to work towards truly closing the gap for our next generation of Aboriginal people, as the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

As an ASETO my role within the school will be based around the South Australian Aboriginal Strategic Plan – which includes the following domains:

- Attendance
- Transitioning
- Post school pathways
- Community and parent engagement
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Leadership and providing cultural safety

I am new to this role and still learning the processes but I look forward to meeting everyone and if you have any questions please ask.

Thank you

**Paul Solomon**  
Aboriginal Secondary Transition Officer



### Nunga Rugby League Tag Carnival

On the March 11 2016, the Indigenous students of Hamilton Secondary College were invited by the South Australian Rugby Association to participate in the Nunga Rugby League Tag Carnival at Christies Beach High School. This event was sponsored by numerous local community organisations, UniSA and SAPOL.

It was a fun day and it was great to see all ages across the high school playing in a team together. Local singers Nancy Bates and Ellie Lovegrove provided music entertainment during a delicious BBQ lunch. The team received a trophy for their participation and all Hamilton students were lucky to take home a lovely Aboriginal Artwork design t-shirt.

**Nakkota!**  
Ms Tamara Seaman  
Aboriginal Education Teacher



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Open day

You are invited to join us on  
Wednesday 11 May 2016

Principal Ms Peta Kourbellis Deputy Principal Ms Annette Ryan

Individual appointments are always welcome.  
Phone the Principal's Secretary on 8275 8360 to  
arrange a Principal's tour.

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## Sports Day News

On a rather hot autumn day for athletics, Blue House has stolen back the Crown. Giving Red House the taste of victory for only one year. Blue House has now been victorious for eight out of ten years.

There was a great atmosphere on the field this year with students getting involved as much as they could. We started the day with the long distance and field events. It was evident that it would be a close day, early scores were displaying a tight race to the final victory. As we moved into the sprints and then the relays the Blue House started to pull way. There were some exciting sprints and the relays were of similar quality.

Once again the Tug of War events were really popular with all students and the cheers could be heard across the neighborhood once students defeated the staff in the traditional tug of war. This year I am pleased to report, with the help of some young and fit TRT staff the teachers had a victory in the 400 m relay!

Blue House was acknowledged deserved winners at the lively Presentation Ceremony with their exuberant celebrations upon hearing the final result.

Final scores Blue 1461 Red 1323

The following athletes were rewarded with Hamilton designed and crafted trophies for their excellent individual efforts and will form the core of a College Athletics squad to compete at SA Athletics Stadium on Friday 8 April.

- U14 Girls: Paige Rosser
- U14 Boys: Luke Garin
- U15 Girls: Skye Downs
- U15 Boys: Ricky O'loughlin
- U16 Girls: Zoe Pullen
- U16 Boys: Jonathan Mitchell
- Open Girls: Alana Baker
- Open Boys: Kailyb Ashton

Thanks to everyone who participated and assisted in making Sports Day 2016 a successful event.

**Mr Matt Heald**  
Sports Coordinator



## Blue House Victorious!



# SPORTS DAY 2016