



Newsletter No. 3

Term 2/May 2016

From the Principal, Peta Kourbelis

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who attended Parent-Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 4 May. It was a very successful evening. It was great to see a large number of students also participating in discussions about their progress as this is critical for their success. As a result of these conversations, additional support structures are currently being implemented to assist senior school students to meet deadlines. If you were unable to make the evening and would still like to discuss your son/daughter's progress, then please contact the College to make an appointment with appropriate staff members.

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 Fridays from 8.30 – 11.00 am. 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 school look good on a daily basis



Photos from SASSA Athletics

Diary Dates

Uniform Shop

Fridays 8.30 - 11.00 am

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

May

20-21 Careers Expo Wayville
25 Governing Council
27-3 June Reconciliation Week

June

13 Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
14 Student Free Day
17 Newsletter No 4 due
22 Governing Council
22 Year 8 Immunisation
27 Semester 2 begins - Year 11

July

4 Year 8 and 9 Roundtable presentations
8 End of Term 2 – dismiss 2:15pm
Reports distributed
25 Term 3 begins
25 Semester 2 begins Yr 8, 9, 10 & 12

**STUDENT
FREE DAY
Tuesday 14 June**

815 Marion Road
Mitchell Park SA 5043
t 8275 8300
e admin@hamcoll.sa.edu.au
w www.hamcoll.sa.edu.au

Year 12 News from the Senior Centre

Term 1 saw Ben MacLean and Emma Brooks successfully nominated as the College School Captains in 2016. Congratulations to these two student leaders of our College.

Selected Year 12 holiday workshops at the College were successful and provided a great opportunity for those students who required extra assistance with their assessment tasks or wanted to review difficult subject content. Various subject teachers are providing extra support to Year 12 students throughout Term 2 in weekly tutorial sessions, additional to their lesson times. A timetable of these times is visible to students on the senior school noticeboard and provided by their subject teacher.

As you would be aware, Year 12 students are one third through their final year of schooling, with Term 2 already increasingly busy. Students are expected to use the Senior Centre during their study lines. The new centre is providing students with access to teaching staff during their study lessons and an effective way to manage their extensive homework commitments in their final year. It is reminded that students in Year 12 are expected to complete 3-4 hours of homework per week per subject to be successful in completing their SACE.

Pathways on Wednesday afternoons, from 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm, is a compulsory part of the Year 12 curriculum. These sessions are intended to provide opportunities to support post-school pathway decisions and also importantly, provide motivation through the heavy workload from now until November. The pathways program this term is focused on: SAPOL safe driving; University and TAFE application processes and completing the Research Project.

SATAC applications open in early August. More information about the SATAC application process and key dates will be available later this term and in the next newsletter.

The Year 12 Jumpers are expected to arrive very soon. Students have been recently reminded of the school uniform policy. With the approaching winter months, it is timely to remind Seniors that non-school tracksuit pants, leggings and 'hoodies' are not part of the school uniform and are not a good representation of the senior school.

The Senior Team is committed to helping all students through the challenges of Year 12 and completing their SACE. It is important that students, teachers and families work together throughout the year. If you have any questions, concerns or queries regarding Year 12 students or SACE, please email me: Tamara.Seaman@hamcoll.sa.edu.au or call the College on 8275 8300.

Ms Tamara Seaman

Road Safety

SAPOL's Road Safety Section recently attended Hamilton and delivered a road safety presentation to Year 12 students entitled 'Getting Home Safely', presented by a currently serving police officer. This presentation is designed to empower young people to make informed choices, educated decisions and to foster change through open discussion on subjects such as peer group pressure, choices, risks and consequences associated in driving a motor vehicle. The session documented an actual fatal crash which occurred on 'Muck-up Day', the final day of school when an 18-year-old driver crashed the vehicle he was driving while unlicensed, drink driving and speeding. The crash killed one friend and seriously injured the driver and another friend. SAPOL's presentation explored the crash and the subsequent social and legal consequences with the students.

The Road Safety Section also provides a free bi-monthly e-newsletter 'Talking Road Safety' to schools which provides articles on road safety which are of interest to drivers and other road-users.

There are a number of web sites 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

Flinders University Open Days

Friday 12 & Saturday 13, August 2016



Experience student life at Flinders University Open Days. Get a taste of Flinders with activities, interactive displays and info sessions across both days.

Explore the campus and check out the new Student Hub and Plaza, the heart of the Bedford Park campus. Meet with lecturers and current students and find a course that's right for you.

Come and discover what's new at Flinders!

Zone Sport

Congratulations to Year 8/9 Indoor Boys Soccer team, Term 1 Premiers. Also to Year 8/9 Girls Badminton team who came third in Season 1.

Mr Matt Heald
Sports Coordinator

Finance

Finance is available from Student Services from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm. Fees may also be paid through direct deposit into Hamilton's account using the details below.

Acct Name: Hamilton Secondary College Council Inc Consolidated
BSB: 065 116
Acct No: 10000352



<http://www.facebook.com/HamiltonSecondaryCollege>

Attendance at School

As we start the new term it is important that students attend school regularly and are absent as little as possible.

Where an absence from school is unavoidable, parents and caregivers can:

- Ring the school on 8275 8300
- Send an email to frontoffice@hamcoll.sa.edu.au
- Write a note in your child's diary.

We appreciate timely information about student absences provided by families, as we are required to code all student absences.

News from the Hamilton Unit

S3 News

At the end of last term I attended the City of Marion Youth Recognition Awards at the Marion Cultural Centre.

I won an award for 'Community Spirit and Kindness' for the work I do at the Rajah Street Reserve where I help out on Wednesday nights and assist in organising sporting programs for the children.

Connor Dawkins



adult learners' news & views

The adult students have again excelled in their SACE studies for Term 1, 2016 and there will be an Award Ceremony very soon to recognise the high academic success. To qualify for a Certificate adult students are required to be studying three or more subjects and achieve 3 A's. In Term 1, 39 Adult students received A's, with at least 4 students meeting the criteria for receiving certificates.

I would like to congratulate all students for their efforts and also the students who achieved personal bests last term. There are many ways to measure success and some of the personal victories at Hamilton may not be as obvious as others.

There have been new enrolments this term, with some students joining Stage 1 courses and others starting 10 week courses.

Hamilton Secondary College will be represented

at the Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo, Friday 20 and Saturday 21 May 2016 at the Adelaide Showground. We join with the other Senior Colleges, Thebarton and Marden to have a combined stall where we promote adult education.

Comprising an exhibition, seminars, interactive features and career advice hubs, the event brings together the State's best education and training organisations, and employers with students, graduates and career changers.

The dedicated day for Senior High School-leavers is Friday, while Saturday generally attracts University graduates, the adult general public, mature age students and people looking to re-skill.

Ms Lisa Fowler
Coordinator Adult Learners

Harmony Day

Harmony Day, usually held on 21 March, celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. This year Harmony Day was celebrated at Hamilton with a Harmony Day Quiz.

The central message for Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs', reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

Have a go at the quiz. The answers can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

1. What is the current population of Australia?
2. How many different nationalities are represented by students and staff at Hamilton Secondary College?
3. What is the name of the Aboriginal Group who lived around the Adelaide plains?
4. How many Australians were either born overseas or have a parent who was? _____%
5. How many different ancestries do Australians identify with?
6. How many people have migrated to Australia since 1945?
7. What is the Harmony Day motto?
8. How many years has Australia been celebrating Harmony Day?

Winners of the quiz were from Year 8, Year 9 and the Robinson Class. Congratulations to Rebekah, Layla, Sarhani, Kimberley, Chrysi, Lauren, James, Isaac, Animesh, Brady, Doug and Jesse. Some students were absent or at a Santos Sports Day meeting.



Ms Simone Meurant
Teacher

News from the HSC Nunga Room

Ninna marni

#NRW2016 - National Reconciliation Week
27 May to 3 June 2016



#NRW2016 is an important week ahead in our College's commitment to Reconciliation in Australia and strengthening respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians. The theme of 2016 is Our History, Our Story, Our Future, also recognising the momentum of 25 years of formal reconciliation in Australia. Throughout the week, the College will be involved in a variety of Indigenous Australian cultural activities and celebrations.

For more information about National Reconciliation Week visit www.reconciliation.org.au



Nakkota!
Ms Tamara Seaman
Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET)

Homestay Accommodation

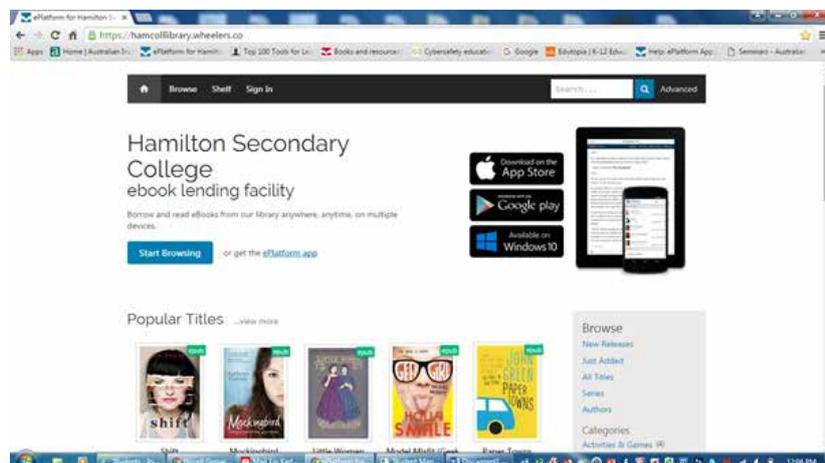
Have you ever considered hosting an international student? It can be a very enriching experience for your family and build lifelong friendships. We are always seeking homestay families for visiting students who can stay usually between two and ten weeks. To find out more information please contact

Jane Young or Flora Botting
Phone 8275 8367

Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2016 is underway and the English faculty have decided this will be compulsory for Year 8 and 9 English. Any interested secondary students up to Year 12 are encouraged to participate. Reading record sheets can be downloaded from the website and books that are part of the challenge can be searched for there: <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/>. Parents/caregivers please encourage your child to be part of this valuable literacy program.

I would also like to encourage the use of our e-books. Students need to follow the instructions on the desk top of the school laptops/PC's. Libraries and books are changing in the 21st Century:



The e-platform app means books can be read on mobile devices.

Parts of e-books can be used in classes, for teaching on the interactive whiteboard. Suggestions for e-books are welcome.

Library Staff

VET News

Australian Business Week 2016 for all Year 10s

This year, our Australian Business Week Program (ABW) will be held in the last week of this term from Monday 4 July to Friday 8 July for all Year 10 students. *No Classes will be scheduled for the week.

ABW is a week-long program in which students learn about business by running their own company in teams of up to 14 students. Each team competes against the others, operating a computer simulation. In order to succeed, students learn all the basic operations from profit and loss through to planning and marketing their service.

ABW is a compulsory component of your son/daughter's education at Hamilton Secondary College. ABW benefits all students not just those with a business pathway in mind. The program also provides students with opportunities to explore further study at Stage 2, further education and career opportunities in a whole range of career paths. For example:

- Accountancy
- Multi Media
- Marketing
- Hospitality
- Industrial Relations
- Web Design
- Operations Management
- Desktop Publishing
- Information Technology

Students who successfully complete the program also receive 10 Stage 1 SACE credits. Other awards include Grand Champions, Best Financial Simulation, Best Website, Best Written and Oral Reports and Best Trade Fair.

All students are required to contribute \$45.00 each towards the cost (\$30 each where there is more than one child per family participating in ABW). The actual cost to Hamilton Secondary College for the ABW program is substantially more than this amount, but the College sponsors each student. A free pizza lunch on the Wednesday is provided for students. Year 10 families have received a letter and invoice at home. If you have any difficulties paying this amount, please contact Ms Heather Thomas, Assistant Principal, on 0437 520 975 to discuss alternative arrangements. There is additional information about ABW at www.abw.org.au.

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



MAPS News

Last year the MAPS Film School graduates of 2014 and people from a couple of years prior to that, won more than half of the categories in Adelaide's own Oscars, the SASA's (South Australian Screen Awards). This included best screenplay, best director, best film. This year our people from the 2015 cohort, have been overwhelmingly nominated for awards again. Twenty eight nominations all up. Their student work, completed as part of their course, directly competes with professionals and full length fully funded productions coming from commercial

production companies. We wish them every success on the night. We are proud of them. They are proud of the course that prepared them, here at Hamilton College. MAPS is a most highly thought of Tertiary training ground in the Screen Media Industries in this State.

For the next two terms the teacher at MAPS Film School, Peter Thurmer, is on long service leave. His duties are being shared by Sandra Cook and Ashlee Page, both are former graduates of the course. Sandra was a longstanding member of the production team on 'McLeod's Daughters' and recently toured the state, with her remarkable documentary centering on road spinal injury sufferers, who got together to revisit the sites of their disabling accidents in remote parts of Australia. They rode quad bikes through all kind of weather and terrain, to face their demons. Sandra filmed it all. Ashlee is a winner of the Melbourne and Sydney Film Festivals and won the AFI organisation's Best Emerging Talent category. In 2014, Ash made a segment of a theatrical full length film drama, based on an award winning Tim Winton novel, 'The Turning'. Currently she has artistic fellowship funding from the Sundance Institute and has completed the script for that feature project. We are in good hands.

Dr Leigh Sutton
MAPS

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>

SHORT COURSES AT HAMILTON

RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol)

9.00 am to 3.00 pm on Pupil Free Day
(Tuesday 14 June 2016) at Hamilton

This is FREE for Hamilton students who are interested in pursuing a career in Hospitality. Students need to be 18 to do the course (or if they are 17 they need to have a parental permission letter). Please email heather.thomas@hamcoll.sa.edu.au for enrolment details. Students will need a USI.

BARISTA

This one-day course will be offered on two different dates in our Commercial Kitchen by RTO IFFP RTO Number: 40123

Monday 30 May

Monday 6 June

The cost is FREE for Hamilton students who are interested in gaining part-time or full-time employment in the Hospitality industry. For regional secondary school students there is a charge of \$50 and FLO students \$200. Students who successfully participate in the course gain two competencies which equates to five SACE credits. Maximum of 10 students on each day.

Please email heather.thomas@hamcoll.sa.edu.au for enrolment details. Students will need a USI.

child & adolescent sleep clinic



Does your teenager have a sleep problem?

Does your teenager:

- have trouble falling asleep?
- not fall asleep until late at night?
- have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning?
- miss school or feel fatigued throughout the school day?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your teenager could benefit from a new treatment program being run at the **Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic**, within the School of Psychology, at Flinders University.

For more information please call
8201 7587 or email
casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au



www.facebook.com/cascsleep

International News

Welcome back to Alana Seivers who went to Japan in April on the Mishima Scholarship. Term 2 is off to a great start with newly arrived students from Nihon University, Mishima in Japan. Moe Koike and Yukari Saito will stay with us in Year 10 until the end of the year. Riya Kanboj from India has also enrolled in a Graduate Program and will be with us for Year 11 and 12. On May 16 we will welcome two French students into Year 10 for the next four months. Elrig and Albane are coming from the South of France and they will be joined by another French student called Conrad in Week 7. In Term 3 we will have three study tours from Japan and Korea so if you would like to be a buddy or a homestay family please contact Jane Young in the International Office on 8275 8367.

All of the International students can be very proud about their Term 1 reports. This is a great effort being they are studying in another language. Well done everyone.

Ms Flora Botting
Manager, International Program

Alana's Nihon University Report

During the April school holidays I had the pleasure of going to Japan on a scholarship and living with a Homestay family. I was accompanied by four students from the following schools; Reynella East College, Seaview High School, Aberfoyle Park High School and William Light. I was also accompanied by two teachers from Seaview High School and Reynella East College.

Overall, my trip to Japan was amazing but if I were to select some highlights it would be some of the many tourist destinations that we explored such as the Numazu Deep Sea Aquarium, Hakone Venetian Glass Museum, Tokyo Sky Tree and Tokyo Disneyland. I will also never forget the awesome vending machines there are in Japan, there is a vending machine every 30 metres with a broad array of delicious drinks inside. Everything from tea, coffee, soft drink to a strange jelly like drink.

Whilst in Japan, I attended Nihon University which is a primary school, high school and university combined. I was astounded by the differences in Japanese school compared to Australian school. Some main differences were that I attended school from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on weekdays and 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturdays and there is no recess in Japan, only lunch time. Learning resources were also quite different as even with technological advancements in Japan, teachers wrote on a chalk board, students do not use computers at school, instead use text books. While attending Nihon University, I gave three speeches at the welcome ceremony, whole school assembly and the farewell ceremony. At the whole school assembly, I was filmed and broadcasted live through the high school and university which was an estimated 3500 people! It was scary, especially when I do not speak fluent Japanese.

I had a lovely homestay family in Japan which looked after me very well and made an effort to communicate. My homestay family took me to many places but my highlight would be when we went out for an amazing Sunday where we went to the Tokyo Sky Tree. We visited a famous shrine and I tried on a traditional Japanese kimono. We left at 7:00 am that morning and after a long day of travel and shopping we got home just before 1:00 am in the morning. I was so tired and I was presenting my speech to the whole school that day. I tried many new foods on school excursions and with my homestay family, some were quite exotic but my favourite Japanese food was Hambagu which was a delicious Japanese Hamburger pattie.

The trip was incredible, I made many great friendships in the international class and I experienced Japan with an amazing group of people.

Alana Seivers





SASSA Athletics

Hamilton Earns Fifth Place in the Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival.

SASSA Stadium was the venue for Hamilton Secondary College athletics team to attempt to repeat its great results over the previous years. After Hamilton's previous results and now competing in a much tougher division, the team found the competition quite challenging. We had a list of over 50 students to attend the day, however, with many injuries and unavailabilities we were to struggle through the day with a team of 42.

The students rose up to the occasion and not many events were missed. It was a worthwhile day and I look forward to next year. The students represented Hamilton Secondary College to a high standard and 50 individual certificates were awarded. Well done!

A special mention to these students who won their events on the day.

Mohammed Almasri, Gras Amekata, Kailyb Ashton, Kurt Benton, Jon-Luke Boesten, Adam Brown, Erin Bunting, Skye Downs, Johnathan Mitchell, Ricky O'Loughlin.

We received 14 firsts, 22 seconds and 14 thirds.

Mr Matt Heald
Sports Coordinator



Harmony Day Quiz Answers

1. What is the current population of Australia? Over 24,031,000
2. How many different nationalities are represented by students and staff at Hamilton Secondary College? 58
3. What is the name of the Aboriginal Group who lived around the Adelaide plains? Kaurna
4. How many Australians were either born overseas or have a parent who was? 45%
5. How many different ancestries do Australians identify with? Around 300
6. How many people have migrated to Australia since 1945? 7.2 million
7. What is the Harmony Day motto? Everyone Belongs
8. How many years has Australia been celebrating Harmony Day? 18 years