newsletter





Newsletter No. 8

Term 4/November 2016

From the Principal, Peta Kourbelis

Term 4 continues to be busy for all with the extensive number of events and celebrations.

We held our Year 7 Information Night last week. The aim of the evening was to provide our new families with key information as their child transitions into our College for 2017. Thank you to the 2017 Year 8 Care Group teachers and other key staff who were available on the night to meet and chat with our new families.

We look forward to meeting all our incoming Year 8s on Transition Day, held on Thursday 8 December 2016. We also look forward to working closely with our new families in the New Year.

Our Presentation Night, which will be held on Wednesday 14 December, is also a significant College event. This evening provides us with the opportunity to celebrate with staff, students and families as we recognise our students' academic achievement and their service to the College.

This year we farewell Mike Roach, a most respected leader and physics teacher. Mr Mike Roach will be retiring at the end of the year. I would like to thank him for his significant contribution to our College. In particular, I would like to thank and recognise him for his leadership in expanding Space Education at Hamilton. Mike has been instrumental in establishing a Space Centre at Hamilton Secondary College and forming close links with the Victorian Space Science Education Centre to support its curriculum. We wish Mike all the best for the future.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work and contribution. Many thanks also to our Governing Council under the leadership of Steve Jones for all their hard work and commitment to our College.

I wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

College Uniform Shop

Opening Hours 2017 January holidays

Monday 16 Jan	9:00 – 12.00 pm 12:30 – 2:30 pm	Monday 23 Jan	9:00 – 12.00 pm 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Tuesday 17 Jan	9:00 – 12.00 pm 12:30 – 2:30 pm	Tuesday 24 Jan	9:00 – 12.00 pm 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Wednesday 18 Jan	9:00 – 12:00 pm 12:30 – 2:30 pm	Wednesday 25 Jan	9:00 – 12.00 pm 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Thursday 19 Jan	9:00 – 12.00 pm 12:30 – 2:30 pm	(Save the Environment - please bring your own bag/s to take your garments home)	
Friday 20 Jan	9:00 – 12.00 pm 12:30 – 2:30 pm		

VET INFORMATION AFTERNOON

All students who have applied to do a VET course at Hamilton next year are invited to come to our VET Information afternoon on Wednesday 30 November at 4.30 pm in the Resource Centre. Students will get the opportunity to find out more information about the VET course requirements from their trainers for next year.

Ms Heather Thomas

RTO Manager/VET Curriculum Pathways Assistant Principal

Diary Dates

Uniform Shop

Fridays 8.30 - 11.00 am

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

November

30 VET Information Meeting 4.30 pm

December

- Year 10 finish
 Governing Council
 Year 7 Transition Day
 VET Graduation
- 12 Year 8 & 9 Roundtable Conferences
- 14 Presentation Night16 Newsletter No 9 due16 Dismiss 2.15 pm

Presentation Night

'Celebrating Success'

Invitation from the Principal

Wednesday 14 December 7.30 - 9.15 pm

Edwardstown Baptist Church

815 Marion Road Mitchell Park SA 5043

t 8275 8300

admin@hamcoll.sa.edu.au

w www.hamcoll.sa.edu.au

Year 12 and SACE

Stage 2 External Examinations have ended for another year. Congratulations to all of the Year 12 students who took part in their subject examinations, you can now take time to unwind, rest and enjoy your schooling success over the summer. You should be proud of your dedication and hard work in the final weeks leading up to the exams and final submission dates.

Year 12 teachers are in their final stages of submitting the Stage 2 school work to the SACE Board for Moderation. All results for the School-Assessed components and External Investigations have now been finalised.

Year 12 students can view their end-of-year results in SACE Students Online from 8:30 am Tuesday 20 December 2016. Official documentation is expected to arrive in the post on the same day. I remind students that before December, they need to check their Schools Online access by logging in to Students Online using their SACE Registration number (6 digits followed by a letter) and PIN (4 digits). Also, so that certificates are sent to the correct residential address, please check your postal address by selecting Personal Information and the Account menu. Should you have any queries, please call the SACE Board of South Australia on 8372 7412 between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday; or alternatively SACE.StudentsOnlineSupport@

A reminder that all information regarding University and TAFE applications for 2017 is available at www.satac.edu.au by following the links regarding undergraduate entry and key dates.

To the Year 12s, my final words to you this year are "always believe in yourself and your potential".

Ms Tamara Seaman Class of 2016 Year 12 Coordinator





Get ready to access your **SACE results**

View your results in Students Online from 8.30 am

Tuesday 20 December 2016

Forgotten your PIN?

Go to Students Online to request a PIN reset. Get in early, as PIN resets may be delayed on 20 December.

Before December:

✓ Check your Students Online access

Go to sace.sa.edu.au

Follow the link to Results

Log in to Students Online using your SACE registration number (6 digits followed by a letter) and PIN (4 digits).

▼ Check your postal address so you can receive your official documentation

In Students Online, go to Personal information

If you need to update your postal address, contact the SACE Coordinator at your school.

Need help?

Students Online support 08 8372 7412 SACE.StudentsOnlineSupport@sa.gov.au

October 2016





Attendance at School

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.

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

Photos from Year 12 Farewell Assembly

From the Middle School

Year 8 & 9 News

Term 4 is quickly drawing to a close. Although Senior School students have had exams and finished up it is essential that your Middle School student remains focused until the end of Week 8 to ensure all assessment tasks are completed to the best of their ability. Reports will be issued on Thursday of Week 9 at 3.00 pm.

Monday 12 December will see the final Roundtable assessment for the Year 9 students and the second one for the Year 8s. Please ensure that you guickly make a booking once you receive your login to enable you to select the most suitable time to participate in your child's Roundtable. Of course Grandparents or other family members can attend on your behalf if you are unable to attend. In the past these family members have really enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about their grandchild/niece or nephew.

To culminate the school year, the last week of term is activities week. Students and their teachers have the opportunity to participate in social activities both on and off site. There is a combination of paid and free activities and of course consent forms are required to be returned. These excursions fill on a first-in first-come basis so prompt return of consent forms is a must.

As this is the last full newsletter of the year we congratulate the Year 8 students who have successfully completed their first year of High School. We wish the Year 9s well as they leave the middle campus and move into Year 10 - a year full of more choice and opportunity.

We wish you all the best for the summer break and look forward to continuing to nurture your children's education in 2016.

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

International News

Welcome to the Ritsumeikan Junior High School study tour students who are visiting with their teacher Mr Ikeda. The buddies have a great chance to practice their Japanese and learn about culture before we make our first trip to Osaka in December. Ten students from Hamilton along with Mrs Botting, Mr Varley and Ms Young will be travelling to Japan for nine days at the end of the year. There are several study tours expected in 2017 and we are looking for Homestay families who would like to be involved for short or long term stays.

Ms Flora Botting Manager, International Program







MAPS News

MAPS screenings are Monday 5 December for Diploma graduates and Wednesday 7 December for Advanced year. Times are 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm start, running through to 9.00 pm. Venue is Wallis Cinemas, Mitcham Shopping Complex. Free admission for anyone interested.



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Term 3 Awards

Term 3 Academic Achievement Awards were presented at the College assembly held on 26 October.

Year 8:

Travis Williams Adam Gibson

Year 10:

Tatsuya Kumae Nabiku Lemarkat Roshana Devbhandari Lauren Aylmore

Year 9:

Kimberley Hope Dana Santucci Maitri Pathak Chrysi Katsionis Julianne Pamintuan **Year 11:**

Julie Zuppiger Seyoung Park Mikayla Link **Ebrahim Awaty**

Uniform

GIRI S

Summer/Warm weather

Dress Navy shorts Navy long hip pants Polo top

Winter/Cold weather

Navy long pants Winter check skirt Long sleeve white shirt Navy wool-blend jumper Fleecy jacket

Scarf - navy blue with College logo

Optional: Navy stockings or tights, sheer skintone stockings, but no leggings.

BOYS

Summer/Warm weather

Navy shorts Charcoal grey trousers Polo top

Winter/Cold weather

Charcoal grey trousers Long sleeve white shirt Navy wool-blend jumper Fleecy jacket

GIRLS & BOYS Physical Education Compulsory

Sport shoes

All footwear must provide sufficient protection for the activity being undertaken.

All jewellery needs to be suitable for the workplace, that is, 'unobtrusive and safe'. College caps and bucket hats are available from the uniform shop and no others are permissible.

VET News

Chinese VET Principal Visit

On Wednesday 2 November, we were privileged to be visited by a delegation of Chinese Principals from Shanghai. They are all Principals/Directors of various Vocational Education Colleges including Shanghai Material Engineering School, Shanghai Industrial Technical School, Shanghai Information Technology College and Shanghai Press and Publication Professional Technical School.

The delegation was greeted by Principal Peta Kourbelis, Assistant Principal (International Education/Adult Education) Malcolm Lobban,

Mr Malcolm Lobban Assistant Principal International Ed/Adult Ed/Senior Campus Assistant Principal (RTO/VET Curriculum Pathways) Heather Thomas, International Education Coordinator Flora Botting, and International Education SSO Jane Young. The Flato Unit students raised the Chinese Flag as a gesture to welcome our International guests.

The Principals were taken on a tour of our VET facilities including our Winery, Commercial Kitchen, Film School (MAPS Diploma/Advanced Diploma facilities), ISEC facilities and then Heather Thomas presented about our RTO and the VET courses we offer to our students here.

Ms Heather Thomas Assistant Principal VET/Curriculum Pathways The afternoon ended with a wine tasting conducted by Strat Koultras, Certificate I in Food Processing (Viticulture) Trainer so our Chinese guests could sample the produce made by our students.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the visit. We welcome increased enrolments in International Students undertaking our courses in 2017 and beyond.

Ms Flora Botting Coordinator International Education













SA Dental Service

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Marion GP Plus Dental Clinic
Phone: 7425 8400

adult learners' news & views

Complete your SACE - Enrolments are now open for Adult Student in 2017

Enrolments in Adult SACE programs commence on Monday 28 November. Current Adult Students are encouraged to get in early to confirm placement in 2017 courses to continue their SACE pathway. To enrol make an appointment with Student Services. Enrolment in 2017 courses involves a few new processes that may take a little more time than in the past, however they are designed to make sure we help you select an appropriate course of study. 2017 will also see a few changes around the Adult Campus. Due to several building projects, including major renovations to the first floor of the Milburn Building to accommodate the new STEM centre, the 'Mission to Mars' project in the ground floor of the Mitchell building and construction of the Kitchen Operations Café in Home Economics, many current daytime courses will move to Twilight mode, with classes commencing at 4.00 pm.

There will also be two new SACE completion packages - Health and Community Services Pathway, involving two mornings each week (Monday and Wednesday), and the Business and IT Pathway involving Wednesday and Friday mornings. These SACE pathways have been designed for adults wishing to seek work in either the Community Services or Clerical and Business sectors, and can be undertaken over a four year part-time basis. Negotiations are underway to deliver one of these packages offsite to meet the needs of community members. For more details, speak to one of the Adult team.

All of our courses are described in our new 2017 handbook, which is available on our school website, or in hard copy through Student Services. The RTO offers 19 VET programs, and enrolment in an industry specific Certificate III and the SACE Research Project is a practical way to complete your SACE and gain a nationally

recognised qualification. Tell your friends and colleagues about the fantastic offerings at Hamilton, as many of our new enrolments come from word of mouth recommendations. We are also advertising in Messenger Press, on Mix 102.3 and in local publications in Foodland supermarkets. Further details can be obtained from the enrolment counsellors.

Appointments with Julie, Lisa, Heather (VET courses) and Malcolm are available until the end of Term 4, and the College will re-open on January 16 for appointments from Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Adult Classes commence on Monday 6 February 2017.

Mr Malcolm Lobban Assistant Principal Adult Ed/International/Senior Campus

News from the Hamilton Unit

The 2016 year is nearly at an end. In the final weeks of school we will be saying 'farewell' to ten students that have had an enormous impact in the College. The students will be moving on to a range of different pathways including open employment, Australian Disability Enterprise (formally known as supported employment) and day option programmes. We wish the Class of 2016 all of the very best in the next chapter of their lives.

The next few weeks will be extremely busy with the Hamilton Secondary College Graduation and Formal in Week 6, an end of year celebration for all of the students and their families in Week 8 and Hamilton Secondary College Presentation Night in Week 9.

This year has been really busy for all. There have been many changes in the Unit. We would like to acknowledge Mr Brian Eacott, who has been the Assistant Principal of the Hamilton Disability Unit since 2004, and a teacher in the Unit before that. He did an amazing job and is truly missed by students, families and staff.

We would like to thank Mrs Claire Bennet and the students from AVEC. Our students have had many positive experiences through the relationship between AVEC and the Unit. This has included winning three awards at this year's Royal Adelaide Show.

It has been a very busy year for both students and staff. Year 11 and 12 students have been working towards their SACE – Modified completion and Year 8 to 10 have focussed their learning in all areas of the Australian Curriculum. Staff have been implementing new teaching programmes and have worked collegially to write all of the Unit plans, ensuring each student has the opportunity for successful learning.

All of the students and staff at the Hamilton Unit wish everyone a relaxing, safe and happy holidays!

Ms Tammy Rosling Assistant Principal Hamilton Unit





Science News

During National Science Week students in Ms Bhatti's science class filled in a questionnaire about science for COSMOS Magazine. In addition they also had to write a short paragraph about why they liked Science. Max Black was an Australia wide winner of a Laptop Computer. Congratulations to Max and also to Ms Bhatti for inspiring her students in science.



SA Power Network Drone Challenge

During Term 3 Hamilton students took part in the SA Power Network Drone Challenge and were very successful in identifying all of the transformers that were marked as faulty. This technology is now being used for electrical network inspection rather than the more expensive and potentially dangerous business of using helicopters.

A final oral report will be presented to the judges at the Concept2Creation Expo.

The same students are now working on the Remote Drilling Exploration buggy ready for the Challenge which takes place at the Expo next term. Mr Tony Virgo is to be commended for the additional time that he has worked with the students and the students themselves are to be congratulated for the free lesson time and after school training that they have committed to these two projects

Mr Mike Roach
Science Coordinator





College Materials and Services Fees 2016

Members of the Governing Council voted that the Materials and Services Fees for 2017 will remain the same as for 2016. This charge is intended to cover the costs of those essential items and services used or consumed by an individual student during the course of their study.

Other charges that may be imposed upon parents/caregivers or independent students are for specific activities and consumable items, like excursions, camps, performances, specific wood work projects, and hire of musical instruments. These activities are optional and students will not receive the item or participate in the activity unless payment or a commitment to pay has been received.

Invoices and School Card applications will be sent out the week beginning 16 January. If you are eligible for the School Card Grant you must return the form to the school your child is enrolled with. If you have children attending different secondary and primary schools, then applications need to be lodged with each school.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard or by direct deposit to the school bank account, details will be on the invoice. An 'early payment' discount of \$30 per student will apply to all fees paid in full by the end of February 2017.

Ms Julianne Ward Business Manager



News from the Hamilton Nunga Room

Ninna marni

We would like to congratulate, Year 9 student, Ricky O'Loughlin who received an AIME award in his first



We also would like to congratulate Alexander Davis, Phillip Williams and Michael Bell for graduating Year 12 this year. We wish them well in their future pathways, and thank them for their valuable contributions to the Hamilton Secondary College Nunga Room over the past five years. They were the original members of the Nunga program, which was established in 2012.

Nakkota.

Nakkota, Ms Tamara Seaman Year 12 Coordinator/Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET)

Sports News

Yesterday afternoon Hamilton's Year 8/9 Basketball team played off in the Grand Final against Blackwood.

After a fantastic come back they lost by only one point!

Super thanks to Mr Angus Fisher for his coaching and Mr Andrew Gormlie for his support and refereeing. Also special thanks to these students for refereeing; Adam Brown, Lachie Provan and James Sampson.

Well done to William Goulding, Shawn Curran, Shaakia Shanmugam, Luke Brown, Gordon Shaw-Newland, Tyson Hehir, Theodore Fermin, Benny Daniel and Luke Garin.

Mr Matt Heald Sports Coordinator

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 Ms Jane Young or Ms Flora Botting Phone 8275 8367



Library News

Congratulations to the Premier's Reading Challenge Participants for 2016

The Premier's Reading challenge is a really important reading program that is run nationally in schools, designed to inspire a love of reading and improve literacy. Books can be print or e-books. Congratulations to these participants and teachers who supported this program.

Caitlyn M - Certificate

Alexander C - Hall of Fame

Jesse E - Certificate

Brady D - Certificate

Dougie J - Gold

Carl M - Certificate

Jarrod C - Hall of Fame

Brady D - Certificate

Olivia H - Certificate Harley C- Legend

Harrison G - Silver

Please return any library resources/text books before the end of the school year unless negotiated with the teacher-librarian/ library manager.

Library Staff

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



A Night to Remember!

The Hamilton Secondary College Arts Showcase is now a tradition. About 80 dancers, singers and musicians took their place in the spotlight and shone. The night commenced with musical items and over a dozen dance performances. It was excellent to see the confidence of our students on stage and to see how they worked so well in their teams to support each other. Many people involved commented on the excellent behaviour of students during rehearsals.

Backstage, too, all went well. Students were independent and focussed on being prepared and hitting their cues.

Overall it was a fantastic night where Hamilton glistened and the audience was enormously entertained.

Thanks to Shauna Thompson and Ross Brennan who organised the night's acts. Also thanks to all the other staff who supported the event. And especially thanks to the talented and eager students who sang, played and danced their hearts out.

Ms Lisa Fowler Coordinator/The Arts













arts showcase 2016



