Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to another new, exciting year! There has been lots of activity here at the college over the past week, in preparation for the new year. Over the summer break a number of classrooms and offices have been painted and re-carpeted; we have a new secure front fence; and have installed an upgraded sprinkler system in the oval. Late last year we also commissioned a landscape architect to develop a comprehensive landscape plan for our college grounds. The landscape plan is now displayed on the noticeboard outside the office. I encourage you to have a look at the plan next time you are near the office. We are planning to complete this plan in stages.

A reminder that the college starting days for primary and secondary students will be staggered again this year. The first day for all Prep-Grade 6 students is Thursday 28 January. The primary students will begin the year with a special whole school assembly at 8.45 am sharp on Thursday in the main auditorium. The students may bring their school bag into assembly for the first day and place their bag at their feet. The students will be escorted from assembly, by their teacher, to their classroom. Our first assembly is always a special time so plan to be there and don’t forget your camera! Morning tea will be served for parents and friends straight after assembly in the Salt Café. We will formally welcome our new Head of Primary, Mr David Holloway, at this first assembly.

Years 7-12 students will begin school the following day on Friday 29 January, also with a special welcoming assembly in the main auditorium. This special assembly will only be for secondary students and parents. There will also be morning tea available for parents after the secondary assembly. Primary students will go straight to their classroom at 8.45 am on Friday.

Our first assembly always attracts a big crowd, so please be patient in the car park. The college oval will be used as an overflow car park, just for the first morning. Please take great care in the car park and observe the 10km/h speed limit.

I am very excited about the coming year at Heatherton Christian College.

Quote of the week……..
"If you work really hard and are kind, amazing things will happen".

Peter Cliffe
Principal
THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all the families who came into the college during the holidays to take care of the chooks and veggie gardens. It was really appreciated.

As some may have noticed, our pumpkins have gone wild! I can’t wait for the children to discover how many pumpkins we actually have once the foliage dies down! I have counted at least 3 watermelons so far as well.

If any parent/grandparent enjoys helping out with chooks and gardens and would like to assist in some form or another, please let me know. If anyone has time and wishes to be involved in helping to manage, organise and improve what we currently have, please see me or email me at adrienne.plotnek@hcc.vic.edu.au. I do need as many people involved as possible to improve our systems further. Thank you again. The chooks are all happy and we didn’t lose any from the constant heat waves over the summer break.

Adrienne Plotnek
Head of Science and Permaculture

Upcoming Events

Thur 21 Jan College Office Re-opens
Thur 28 Jan First Day for Primary Students (8.45 am)
Fri 29 Jan First Day for Secondary Students (8.45 am)
Wed 03 Feb Y9/10 CSSN Sport
Wed 10 Feb Y7/8 Sport
Thu 11 Feb G1-4 Hockey
Mon 15 Feb Y9A WASP Camp
Tue 16 Feb Y9A WASP Camp
Wed 17 Feb Y9A WASP Camp
Thu 18 Feb Y9A WASP Camp
Fri 19 Feb Y9A WASP Camp
Sat 20 Feb Working Bee for Surnames A-K (9.30 am-midday)
Mon 22 Feb Y9B WASP CAMP
Open Day Term 1
TastePoint (TBC)

TASTEPOINT FUNDRAISING

Anyone between the ages of 18 to 70 years and who eats meat regularly is welcomed to participate in meat taste testing. We need 20 people per session.

Please ask your friends, family and neighbours to come along for one hour of meat taste testing session. The college will receive $1000 per night! Session times are as below:

Monday 22 Feb and Tuesday 23 Feb (sessions at 6.00 pm, 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm each night).

More details on how to book will be sent out shortly.

A FEW MORE HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

A small number of vacancies remain for families to host a Japanese student for 12 days in March. Please contact HCC Coordinator (Mary Morris) ASAP on 0450 007 129 or mmorris1962@gmail.com.

HCC has enjoyed welcoming Year 10 students from Shibuya Junior High School in Tokyo into our community for many years. The children come to experience our Australian culture and to practice their English language and have always been a joy to get to know. No special conditions are required other than host families having a son or daughter currently studying at HCC.

- Dates of visit: Saturday 5 to Thursday 17 March
- Students take part in all normal family activities and attend HCC during normal school hours
- 24/7 support by HCC coordinator and through their Japanese translator and accompanying teacher from Shibuya
- Payment of $420 per host family
- No airport travel required, all students transported to and collected from HCC

What an awesome way to make a new friend from overseas, learn about a different culture and at the same time positively share our values. If you have any questions about the program please contact Mary Morris as above.

CURRICULUM DAYS

Thursday 24 March
Friday 13 May
Monday 15 August

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Monday 22 February
Monday 2 May
Monday 1 August
Monday 24 October