



HAMILTON
SECONDARY COLLEGE



newsletter

Term 1 , April 2021

From the Principal, Peta Kourbelis

We have had a smooth but busy Term One as we have held a number of local events and hosted a visit by the Minister of Education, the Honorable John Gardner, accompanied by Ms Carolyn Power MP and Mr Corey Wingard

Minister Gardner's Visit

During Minister Gardner's visit, I was able to update him on our preparations for the incoming 2022 year 7s and how this cohort of students, along with the remainder of the College will benefit from the construction of the new Performing Arts Centre and Planetarium. Since the Minister's visit, I am pleased to say that our Year 11s and Year 12s have been able to settle back into the senior centre which has a more contemporary look.

Year 8 Acquaintance Evening

Our Year 8 students have had a positive start to the year and this was certainly reinforced by families with whom I had the opportunity to meet and to chat with on our acquaintance evening. Thank you to all the families who were able to come along. It is always a pleasure for me to chat with our families.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was held on Wednesday 10 March. The Sports Studies students and their teacher Ms Livingstone, played a key role in ensuring that the day ran smoothly. It was great to see so many of our students actively involved in events on the day. Even more impressive was the way that both staff and students built team spirit throughout the day encouraging their friends to join in and congratulating each other on their successes.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher interviews will take place during Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 2. To ensure we maintain a COVID-safe environment, Year 8-11 interviews will be conducted by telephone, and only Year 12 interviews will take place in a face-to-face setting. The Year 12 interviews will occur on Wednesday 5th May. You will shortly receive information about how to book appointments with teachers using our online booking system. This information will be communicated in writing and by text message to the primary contact mobile number.

Parent-Teacher interviews are an opportunity for parents/caregivers and students to collectively discuss student progress with individual teachers, in order to understand how students are progressing and how they can improve. It is also an ideal opportunity to ask any questions about the learning programs.

Diary Dates

April

9th - Last day of Term 1

26th (Monday) - ANZAC Day holiday

27th April (Tuesday) - First day of Term 2

May

3rd - 11th - Parent/Teacher interviews

11th-14th - NAPLAN testing for Year 9 students

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Senior School

Over the past 8 weeks, the Year 11 and 12 students have been working hard as they continue their SACE journey. Since our last newsletter, the Senior School students have received their first set of Traffic Light data for the year. These mid-term indicators give an insight into how each student is progressing across their subjects. Overall, the Traffic Light Data was pleasing for Year 11 and Year 12 students but there is a long way to go. The next progress indicator will be the Term 1 reports which will be issued to Year 11 students on the final day of Term 1. For Year 12 students, reports will be issued during Parent Teacher Interviews in Term 2.

Pathways

Pathways throughout Term 1 have primarily focused on organisational skills, goal setting and time management. All Year 11 and 12 students have organised their weekly timetable, mapped out their due dates for Term 1 and set themselves SMART goals which they aim to achieve this term and this year. The Senior School students have also been



working with Sam Ghamrawi from Sekseed. Sam is a motivational and organisational speaker who works with students across the state. So far, Sam has delivered some powerful messages to the Year 11 and 12 students about their phone use and other time consuming habits and has also given students some strategies to help them succeed, including breaking down their week into 'chunks'. Sam presented to our Senior Students in Weeks 5 and 8 and will be returning for four more sessions across Term 1 and 2. We look forward to hearing more of Sam's powerful messages and helpful tips and tricks.

Year 11 and 12 Health – Road Awareness Program (RAP)

On Wednesday of Week 6, the Year 11 and 12 Health and Wellbeing students participated in the Road Safety Awareness Program (RAP), presented by the Metropolitan Fire Service. This program involved students learning about a wide range of aspects of road safety in an engaging and informative manner. Dave Potter of the Metropolitan Fire Service delivered a range of powerful messages whilst teaching our Year 11 and 12 students about seatbelt use, safe road use, avoiding drink driving and mobile phone use and fatigue whilst driving. The session also involved a guest presenter, Brett, who was involved in a road accident. He gave a powerful recollection and reflection of his accident. Both the Year 11 and Year 12 Health and Wellbeing classes will be using the information they received in this presentation in their upcoming tasks. A big thank you to the MFS for presenting, Ms. Arezina for organising this session and well done to the students involved.

Year 12 Formal Committee – Sports Day Fundraiser

On Wednesday of Week 7, the Year 12 Formal Committee held their first fundraiser of 2021, the Sports Day Barbeque. The students who had volunteered for the Formal Committee worked hard all day selling bacon and egg sandwiches, sausages in bread, soft drinks and much more. At the end of the day, the formal



committee raised a huge \$830 to contribute to their formal. Well done to Elora Lindfield, Talia Murray, Matthew Kirley, Jordan Franz, Owen Limbert, J'Lee Campbell, Levi Barnes-White, Zac Wilden, Shreya Thakur, Ashlea Black, Matthew Aylmore and Zahra Hochuli for their efforts on the day.



Angus Fisher
Senior School Coordinator

Middle School

In our Middle School, this term has been a vibrant and busy time for our year 8, 9 and 10 students.

Our year 9s and 10s have begun the year with a focused start and have jumped in quickly to a wide range of new topics and challenges. Our year 8 students have settled in to their classes as they have well and truly begun their journey through secondary school. They have developed their practical skills through a range of areas including playing and reading music for guitar to developing their food safety and cooking skills in Home Economics.

Year 8 students also had the opportunity to develop their physical skills in the lead up to Sports Day. In their Pathways lessons in the week preceding Sports Day,



students discovered their house colour of Red or Blue and selected the events they wished to compete in. Many of the athletic events of Sports Day are brand new to many year 8 students and so students had the opportunity to practise the skills necessary under the excellent guidance of our year 11 and 12 Sports Studies students. Students took part in trials of each event including discus, long and triple jump, shot put and high jump.

Open Day

On the 17th of March Hamilton welcomed over 100 families to tour the school to see our excellent facilities and see our students and teachers in action. We would like to thank our many student volunteers who were able to demonstrate their skills and experience across many areas of the school.

Tours began with the beautiful musical talents of our year 10, 11 and 12 music students before moving on to seeing some of the exciting activities and learning experiences our students have access to at Hamilton. Our year 11 students were able to demonstrate our Mars Mission in action whilst a wide range of Middle school students showed their physical prowess in the gym. In the Commercial Kitchen, visiting families were treated to delicious sugar cookies, friands and freshly made coffees from our Barista and Kitchen Operations students. From our newly renovated Study Centre, parents were also able to see the new Performing Arts Centre currently under construction. In our STEM Innovation Centre and Garden, year 12 Chemistry students demonstrated the interaction of heat and specific elements whilst year 8 and 9 students demonstrated how they coded and built robots and catapults. In Design and Technology, families were able to see how the use of digital and physical technologies are preparing our students with industry standard skills for the modern workplace.

It was great to see so many families visit Hamilton to see all the exciting activities our students are engaged in across the school.



Amanda Furness

Assistant Principal, Middle School

Sports Day 2021

Hamilton rose to the occasion once more with a fun filled and competitive Sports Day with over 22 individual and team athletic records being set on the day. In a carnival atmosphere, Blue house won the trophy on the day for the second year in a row. Congratulations to Blue house and well done to everyone who participated, organized and attended Sports Day. It certainly was a successful and fun day.

As always the novelty events proved a huge success with the highlight being the Staff V's Students tug of war. The students were feeling confident after winning round one of the best of three, however, the staff were able to flick a switch and they were simply too strong for the students. On a related note, Weights Club will be starting up on Friday lunch times so students should start training for next year's tug of war! The students did however win back some glory in the 8x50m relay against the staff with a memorable win. Although, I think some members of the staff team were just pleased to get through without any serious injuries.

The Year 12 students ran a BBQ and drink stall on the day with the funds going towards the formal. Throughout the day the students raised a huge \$830 which will go towards organising an excellent formal. Miss Livingstone's Year 12 Sports Studies students did a fantastic job running the athletic field events as part of their course requirements and their help on the day was greatly appreciated.

There were many prizes given away for the best dressed boys, girls and care groups in their colours. The winning students were Kaluha Flinn, Lucas Wilden, Leila Cabrera, Murad Ahmadov, Cheyanne King, Matthew Valente, Crystal Bruton, Josh Jarrett, Ethan Glover- Lindsay and Chloe Crawley. They walked away with massive football sized Easter Eggs to enjoy. Congratulations to all the winners. The winning care groups were Ms Mancini's Year 8 class and Mr Woollett's Robinson class. The winning care groups have won a pizza lunch at a time of their choice.

There were also medals awarded to students who performed the best in their age group in the athletic events. The medals have been sent off to be engraved. The winning students were Tichafara Chipangamate, Alsea Cabanlit, Salma Asmari, Joel Doherty, Elena Palaioglidis, Spencer Loader, Blessing Akpaloo, Joshua Ahrens, Ethan Glover-Lindsay, Chloe Crawley and Dylan Fowler. Congratulations to these students.

The team for interschool athletics at Santos Stadium has been selected from our sports day. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to represent Hamilton Secondary College and compete against other students from all over South Australia. The interschool athletics event at Santos Stadium is on Monday of Week 10 (29th of March).

I would also like to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of students who broke school records on the day.

Mr John Fisher- Sports Coordinator







Zone School Sport

This term we have had three zone sport teams competing against schools from all over Adelaide. The teams are as follows.

Year 8/9 Basketball	Year 8 Volleyball	Year 9 Volleyball
<i>Coach: Mr Fisher</i>	<i>Coach: Mr Heald</i>	<i>Coach: Miss Livingstone</i>
Jude Sison	Pearl Rooney	Ayla Matthias
Santino Boleche	Rea Gatbunton	Elena Palaioglidis
Brodie Mostyn	Camilla Roadhouse	Sara Baniya
Cameron Kuchel	Dakota Triand	Rose Gatbunton
Mohammed Zaheer	Khin San	Salma Almasri
Linus Bizley	Zereena Ashton	Cheyenne King
Sukhvir Randhawa	Amina Shikova	Shriya Malla
Matthew Round	Diana Rodrigues	Tannaya Kirley
Dominik Trynka	Lucy Bastin	
Oliver Mawby-Wilkinson	Amandeep Kaur	
Eddie Amato	Morgan Wilden	
Khang Nguyen	Riley Parker	
Tait Campbell-George	Crystal Bruton	
	Seaira Weribone	
	Masael Alkinani	

The teams have been competing hard week in week out with some wins and losses. However, the teams are showing constant improvement and having lots of fun. Well done to all students participating in zone sports this term. Also a big thankyou to the teachers who have given up their time to coach.

Mr John Fisher- Sports Coordinator

Space School

There is never a shortage of activity when it comes to the wider Space community. You may have heard about the three successful Mars missions that took place last month from The United Arab Emirates, China and the United States. For the first time in history we are able to see video of a landing on Mars with the American rover Perseverance completing a flawless entry, descent and landing.



Just like the broader space community but a little closer to home, the Hamilton Space School has also been home for a number of recent undertakings. In an effort to always be pursuing excellence we have started the redevelopment of our Mars lab activities so that students will be even more engaged and excited whilst they are unpacking some of the mysteries they find on their Mars mission.

Even though the school year has just started, Hamilton Space School has had a number of our own classes from years 8-11 already cycle through our Mission to Mars program. We are grateful for our reputation within the educational community as providing one of the most fun and engaging educational experiences available as demonstrated by the enormous demand from schools and organizations all across Adelaide booking in to experience Mission to Mars. Giving our own Hamilton students access to a world class program is truly a privilege and an honour and puts Hamilton at the forefront of any educational experience.

Finally, we are proud to announce that our new Coordinator for the Hamilton Space School, Brad Cummins, has been accepted as the newest member of International Space Foundation's Teacher Liaison Program out of the USA. Teacher Liaisons are educators who use space-related education programs and principles in the classroom to act as advocates for space-based education in their schools. This is an internationally recognized program that exposes Hamilton to a wider space community bringing with it a wealth of educational opportunities for Hamilton students.

International Students

International Students at Hamilton have been celebrating the Lunar New Year of the Ox. At this time we are reminded that the International Students are far away from their family and friends in their home countries. Our current International students have been unable to return home for the summer holidays due to COVID restrictions and they are missing their families.

Lunar New Year is celebrated in many Asian cultures and usually it is an important time for families to come together. Relatives and friends visit each other and share reunion meals and children receive lucky envelopes and candy and enjoy lion dancing and fireworks displays.

2021 is the Year of the Ox which celebrates people who are reliable, strong, patient, kind, calm and trustworthy, which are all characteristics our students need to succeed. To make them feel more welcome, on Sunday 20th February, students were invited to attend a luncheon hosted by Study Adelaide and IES at the Adelaide Convention Centre and our students enjoyed it very much. There was dancing and music and some very delicious food. Yerin Choi found a lucky spot under her dinner plate. This meant she could keep her group's table decoration, which was a very cute red fluffy toy Ox, plus she received a lucky bubble tea voucher for \$25. During Lunar New Year, on Thursday 25th February we were visited by Mr Matthew Rawes, representing International Education Services for the Department of Education. We shared a morning recess time party of lucky candy and rice cracker snacks. Mr Rawes distributed lucky red and gold envelopes with chocolates and special good luck messages for our International students.

Happy Lunar New Year everyone!



Ambassadors Club

Ambassadors' Club students were involved in the first of several online study tour sessions between Hamilton and Takatori school in Japan. During the first session, students were working in teams to describe Australian native animals using puppets.



STEM

The STEM Innovation Centre has been extremely busy this term; not only are our dedicated STEM classes busily solving challenges, but our Science classes have been making the most of the facility, as well as our Girls in STEM Group.

Our Year 8 STEM class is currently exploring 3D modelling with Computer-Aided Design software, our Year 9 class is learning about Artificial Intelligence and will soon be creating their own Machine Learning projects, and our Year 10 class is designing, constructing and testing Solar Sails.

Our Year 8 Science classes has been learning all about body systems in the Ideation and Laboratory Zones, and our Girls in STEM group are currently designing and making laser-cut designs for artwork and jewellery using a range of materials.

Caroline Johnstone

Assistant Principal: STEM & Learning Technologies



Robinson Class

The class welcomed four new Year 8s this term and our Year 11&12's have started VET transition courses in Kitchen Operations, Business Administration and Horticulture. We have supplemented our studies with educational excursions to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, where we learnt about "Plant Adaptation" and to the Aviation Museum in Port Adelaide to learn about "The History of Aircraft." In addition to this, we have participated in the Life Saving programme at Marion Outdoor Pool, as well as a very successful Sports Day.



2020 Certificate II Kitchen Operations students destination pathways

- **Cypress Hof:** 1st year apprentice Lenzerheide Restaurant taken over from Bella Upton one of our past students stepping straight up to Sous Chef.
- **Jessie Hinrichsen:** school based traineeship at Educare Little Learners a child-care centre as a trainee chef
- **Jamie Harris:** school based apprentice at a Saturno group hotel at The Mile End Hotel at Mile End
- **Vanesa Vega Ramirez:** employed at Trattoria Di Roma at Christies Beach
- **Andrew Attana:** employed with view of apprenticeship in kitchen at Gouchos
- **Adele Hubmayer:** apprenticeship at Café Argo on the Parade, Norwood
- **Nic Pardon:** school based apprenticeship at Saturno group hotel at The Colonist Hotel, Norwood
- **Edward Ming:** school based apprenticeship with Max Sharrad currently at Nido but will transfer to the new restaurant Fugazzi Bar & Dining at old Rigoni site in Leigh street
- **Holly Williams:** employed in the kitchen, waiting to be signed for apprenticeship at Castle Tavern



Vocational Education and Training (VET) at Hamilton Secondary College continues to progress from strength to strength in 2021, with a record number of students participating in VET courses.

These courses include:

Hamilton Secondary College

- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
- Certificate II in Tourism
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Screen & Media (Film)
- Certificate III in Travel

Short Courses

- Business Essentials
- Coffee and Beverages (barista)
- Café Catering
- Tourism & Travel

PEER

- Certificate II in Electrotechnology and Powerup
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation of SA

- Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing)

MINDA

- Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)

MADEC

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

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