



HAMILTON
SECONDARY COLLEGE



newsletter

Term 2 , May 2021

From the Principal, Peta Kourbelis

Parent-Teacher Interviews

I am pleased to note that the vast majority of our parents participated in parent-teacher interviews. This year teachers held face to face interviews with parents of year 12 students and communicated with all other parents via phone. From the College's perspective, this method proved to be successful in ensuring everyone's health and safety.

Mobile Policy

Last week we presented the College's new Student use of Mobile Phones and Personal Devices policy to the Governing Council. Thank you to students and parents who participated in the consultation process. The policy is in line with the Department for Education's requirements. The new policy will be on our website for families to access from Week Nine.

NAPLAN

In Week Three, year 9 students participated in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. NAPLAN is a series of tests administered throughout the week assessing student's Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Numeracy. I am pleased to note that students focused on doing their best throughout the whole assessment period. I would like to thank staff for the impeccable organisation of these tests and for their efforts to ensure that students felt calm and prepared for each test.

Uniform

As winter is already with us, I ask families to work with the College on the matter of school uniform. Whilst the majority of students are dressed appropriately, some students continue to wear non-uniform items of clothing. It is important that students wear the Hamilton uniform. We continue to work hard with approved suppliers to ensure that our uniform is warm and comfortable for students in winter.

Space Academy

We were very pleased with the large interest that we received for entry into our Space Academy which commences in 2022. Applications have now closed and interviews were conducted last week. Families will soon be contacted with the outcome of their application.

Diary Dates

27th May - 3rd June
Reconciliation Week

June

11th - Student Free Day
14th - Queen's birthday holiday

July

2nd - Last day of Term 2
19th - First day of Term 3

Uniform Shop

Monday - Friday
8.30am-3.00pm

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Home Economics

Home Economics this term has begun with some exciting new tasks!

In Year 9, students have been working on honing their inner Food Artist, turning ordinary ingredients into edible art pieces. Building on these technical skills each week, students have begun planning their very own Food Art creation, where they will create a healthy lunch in the image of a cartoon character, to be suitable for a toddler. Watch this space for some exciting stuff ahead!

Year 10 students have been immersing themselves in foods from all around the world, planning an interview with someone from a country or culture that they are unfamiliar with. From here, students will begin planning a dish which best represents this country, to put towards a Global Banquet, at the end of the term.

In Stage 1, students have researched the elements which make a meal "Instagrammable." Findings included the use of hyper-coloured, uber-healthy ingredients to create aesthetically pleasing dishes. From here, students selected an image of an Instagrammable meal to replicate. I'm sure you will agree, that the students have achieved excellence in this task! What beautiful dishes and cakes our students have created.

Year 12 students have been working collaboratively in planning a healthy range of breakfast items to cater for the staff and recently applied their technical skills in poaching eggs and creating avocado roses. We're looking forward to enjoying their delicious breakfast menu.



Kate McElligott
Home Economics



Senior School

The stakes have been raised in Term 2 in the Senior School at Hamilton Secondary College and our Year 11 and 12 students have been up for the challenge. Since our last newsletter, the Year 11 and 12s have received their Term 1 reports, received feedback through Parent/Teacher interviews and have now begun working their way towards the first milestone of the year. For our Year 12 students, this milestone is finishing their Research Project, which is due to be submitted by the end of Week 8. For the Year 11s, they are aiming to achieve their best possible grades for Semester 1 and receive their first block of 60 Stage 1 SACE Credits. The next 5 weeks will be some of the toughest of 2021 for the Year 11 and 12s and we wish them all the best.

Pathways

In the second half of Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2, the senior school students have been engaging in a variety of different tasks and activities during pathways sessions. Firstly, all Year 11 and 12 students have continued their work with Sam Ghamrawi from Sekseed. The focus in the latest sessions has been avoiding procrastination and developing successful habits. Sam is returning in Weeks 4 and 5 for his final two sessions with the senior school students. In addition to their sessions with Sekseed, the Year 11 and 12s have engaged in a whole school assembly, re-familiarised themselves with how the SACE works and received study support. During the whole school assembly, many Year 11 and 12 students were recognised for their outstanding academic achievement. I would like to congratulate the students below on their excellent performance in their subjects during Term 1.

Highlights

Other highlights for the senior school have included an excellent performance by Zahra Hochuli at the whole school assembly and the Port Noarlunga Aquatics excursion undertaken by our Year 11 and 12 Sports Studies students. This involved the Year 12s spending 3 days and the Year 11s spending 1 day at Port Noarlunga developing and perfecting their Kayaking skills as a part of their SACE assessment. Well done to Ms. Livingstone and the Sports Studies students for representing their college and performing well at Port Noarlunga.



Academic Achievement – Year 11

Sankalp Muralikumar
Rosemarie Fermin
Jung Hyunjin
Nguyen Nha Linh
April Hansen
Nicole Valente
Huynh Ngoc Kim Ngan
Mohamad Mahmoud
Huynh Minh Hieu Nguyen
Jesuye Joel Doherty

Academic Achievement – Year 12

Tichafara Chipangamate
Nhi Ly My Dung
Vanshika Syal
Thanh Thao Tran

Commitment to Study – Year 11

Choi Yerin
Nguyen Nhat Nam
Pham Nguyen Minh Ngoc
Santiago Arias Palacio
Emanuel Gatbunton
Jack Porter
Matus Trnka
Harshit Gupta
Dao Canh

Commitment to Study – Year 12

Wey Bognot
Ashlea Black

Student Clubs

Breakfast Club

Every Friday morning the school Café is alive and buzzing as students flock for breakfast at the Breakfast Club. Run by our wellbeing team of Malcolm Lobban, Tamara Seaman as well as our ASETO Kelly Roe and Pastoral Care worker Tory Green, students have the chance to have a chat and fill themselves up with toast, fruit and warm hot chocolate for those cold mornings.

Breakfast Club begins at 8 am every Friday morning and all students are welcome.



Homework Club

Homework Club is a popular and highly valuable club for students at Hamilton as it gives them the opportunity to complete homework, finish assignments and receive extra help from their teachers. The club is popular with students from 8-12 and all are welcome any time.

Homework Club occurs every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.15-4.30pm in the Library.

CPSW



Hello! My name is Tory and I am the new CPSW (Christian Pastoral Support Worker). Australian-born but American-raised, I moved to Adelaide from Los Angeles, California, seven years ago. Professionally, I have taught middle and secondary English for the last two years. Through my time teaching, I discovered that my greatest passion is people and relationships; I am energised and motivated by wellness and wholeness in a community. I am really excited to be able to fully invest my time in this and support the community at Hamilton Secondary College in any way that I can. Personally, I'm a big fan of writing, singing, and listening to music; cooking and eating delicious food; and hiking. I cannot wait to get to know you and what gets you excited about life.

My office is next to Ms. Seaman in the Well-Being area, and I am on campus on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Friday mornings for Breakfast Club. If you need to reach me, you can send me an email anytime to tory.green@hamcoll.sa.edu.au.

Athletics Parallel Carnival 2021

On Wednesday 5th May, our students from our Disability Unit and Robinson class attended the SA Athletics Parallel Track and Field Carnival.

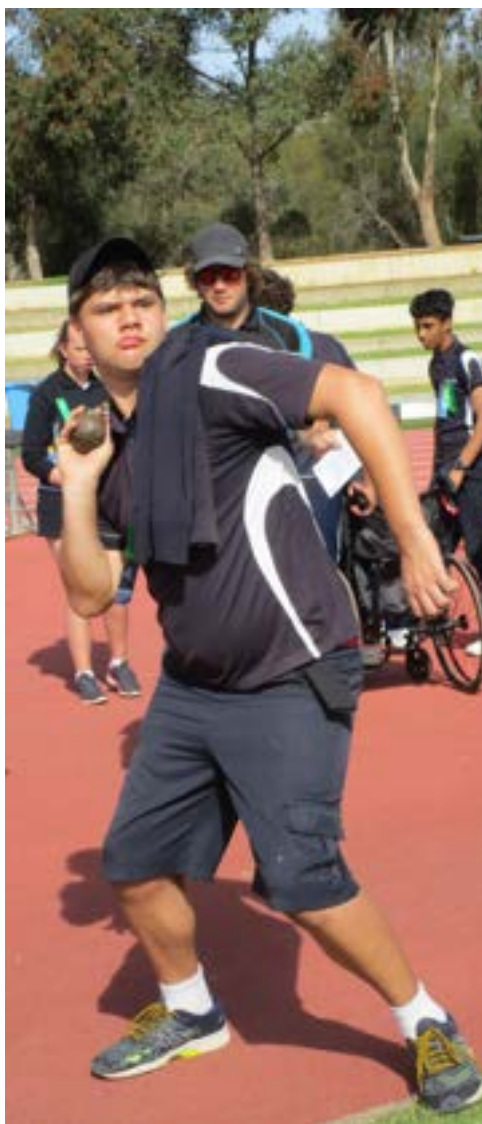
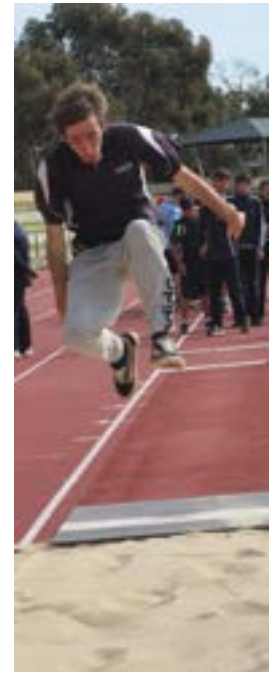
All students competed in 100M, 200M, 400M, Long Jump, High Jump and Shot Put. We had several teams enter the relay races and our Senior boys (combined from all 3 classes) won.

A big thank you to all the students and staff for supporting each other and creating a wonderful day for all.

Rebecca Hill

Assistant Principal

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International News

Connect Program Overview

On Wednesday 5 May we were visited by the new Director at International Education Services Ms Narelle Slivak together with and the Regional Business Managers Ms Rebecca Fuss, Mr Andre Petrillo and Mr Matthew Rawes. They were here to observe our online Connect Program in schools together with 27 local agents for international students. It was great to see the high level of engagement by the students and their teacher Ms Olga Kascak as they discussed real food and junk food and the similarities in advertisements in Korea, China, Japan and Vietnam. It was so nice to be able to proudly share with agents all of the hard work that has gone into the development of the Connect series over the past 12 months. The feedback we have received from our guests has been overwhelmingly positive. Agents shared that the schools' dedication, passion and creativity has provided them with increased confidence to promote this program to families offshore. It was also great to be able to showcase the new facilities we will have at the completion of our building works.



Hamilton Secondary College is currently operating 3 online classes of ISEC and Pre SACE Connect students who are patiently waiting for the COVID borders to open.

Flora Botting

Ambassadors Club

Term 1 was an exciting time for the Ambassadors Club!

During Term 1, Takatori Kokusei High School from Japan would normally visit Hamilton Secondary College for their annual Study Tour where they would immerse themselves in Australian culture and interact with our students in and outside the classroom. Due to COVID-19, this could not happen so we decided to take the Study Tour online and host a virtual meeting with some students at Takatori Kokusei High School. Our students at HSC came to the session equipped with their laptops and many questions ready to get to know the Japanese students. Our virtual study tour even made headlines in the local Takatori newspaper!

The Japanese students prepared a presentation for our students on different aspects of Japanese culture. The experience allowed our students to meet new people and learn about life outside of Australia. The students from both Schools loved the experience and we hope to connect with Takatori Kokusei High School more throughout the year.



Emily Shepherd

Ice Factor

After a break from training during Term 1, the HAMILTON HORNETS Ice Hockey Team is back in the rink. Our boys are so glad to be back on the ice. In our first three training sessions following our long sojourn, they have shown extraordinary levels of enthusiasm and energy. It is a joy to watch their blatant happiness as they launch themselves into the rink in pursuit of the puck, jostling each other for the lead position and good-naturedly trying their best to push a team-mate into the wall or send them sprawling across the ice.

After a break of some 20 weeks, we are not quite as nimble as we once were, but the boys are working hard to extract every advantage from our training sessions. They listen attentively to our ICE FACTOR instructors and put their heart and soul into the drills and 'skill-builder' strategies that will make us strong again. Our aim is to do everything we can to ensure a rapid return to the A-Grade levels of the ICE FACTOR league.

Though the cut and thrust of Ice Hockey is undeniably the biggest drawcard for our boys, ICE FACTOR provides all sorts of other worthy experiences for our team members. Prior to being let loose on the ice today, we enjoyed a riveting presentation from a Company Sergeant in the 7th RAR. Fresh from two deployments in Afghanistan, and a previous peace-keeping role in East Timor, Sergeant Michael gave our squad an insight into the teamwork and camaraderie of life in the Australian Army. We were shown the typical infantryman's kit that Australian troops carried into the battlefields of WW1, and the modern-day equivalent carried by our soldiers today. We were introduced to Gilly suits that allow our soldiers to blend into the undergrowth, remaining camouflaged and undetected when working behind enemy lines. We handled 'bullet-proof' vests and helmets, ammunition packs and bayonets. More importantly, our boys heard first-hand from an experienced Australian soldier, of the opportunities and careers that await those who might consider a future within the Australian Armed Forces.

We sincerely thank the ICE FACTOR team for the wealth of experiences that are offered to our boys, both on and off the ice.



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Marion Primary School Visit

In Week 2, Hamilton welcomed a class of year 6 and 7 students from Marion Primary School for a day of Taster lessons where students can get some experience with the college and the types of lessons they will enjoy at secondary school.

Students took part in a Home Economics lesson where they developed their food hygiene skills and cooked some delicious Pizza Pinwheels. They then jetted off on a quick journey to Mars as they completed the Mars Mission taking the role of Astronauts and Mission Controllers.

It was a pleasure to welcome the students of Marion Primary School and we hope to see them again.



Space School

There is never a dull moment when it comes to the space industry or Hamilton Space School. Many of you may have seen the first powered controlled flight by an aircraft on another planet. The successful helicopter is named Ingenuity and on April 19th it conducted a successful mission as part of the NASA Mars 2020 mission. Ingenuity is a robotic solar powered helicopter and since that first flight, it has conducted four more successful missions.

In keeping with “firsts”, Hamilton Secondary College is proud to be a participant in potentially naming Australia’s first state satellite.

Steven Marshall the Premier of South Australia has said *“Every primary and secondary school student across South Australia will have the chance to name Australia’s first state satellite, which will be sent to low-Earth orbit to collect data to benefit South Australians on Earth.*

Students will be invited to put forward name ideas for the locally manufactured satellite that reflect South Australia’s heritage and rich cultural and linguistic diversity, with the winner to be announced at the 12th Australian Space Forum later in the year.”

Hamilton Space School is also proud to announce our upcoming Space Academy is confirmed for launch in 2022. We have an excited group of year 7’s and 8’s that will make up our first cohort. One of the goals behind the Space Academy is to empower students to develop passion and skills combined with knowledge and experience that will prepare them for university and further education linking to careers in the space industry. If you know of any potential year 7 or 8 students interested in applying to be a part of the Space Academy please visit the website or contact the school.



NAPLAN Testing Week

In week 3, year 9 students sat the NAPLAN tests for the final time in their school career. To give them some extra energy and brain power, staff cooked students a hot breakfast each morning including freshly made pancakes, toast and fruit.

The year 9 NAPLAN tests consist of four different online tests that assess students' skills in Numeracy and Literacy. Students completed one test each day beginning with the Writing test,

followed by the Reading, Conventions of Language and finishing with, Numeracy test.

The students showed excellent diligence in their approach to the many tests and should be proud of their efforts. The results of the NAPLAN tests will be available to parents by the end of the year.



VET

All Hamilton courses and other RTO courses that are held on site are well underway. Many of the VET students will be undertaking work placements for their courses in the next few weeks.

Hamilton will be introducing short courses that will offer our students a 'Statement of Attainment' (which is nationally recognized) and SACE credits. The following short courses will be offered next semester:

- **Coffee & Beverages**
10 Credits in Stage 1

Master the skills to prepare espresso coffee and a range of other beverages such as juices, milkshakes, frappes, smoothies and health drinks. In this course, you will learn the basics of preparing and serving beverages as well as the requirements for food safety.

- **Business Essentials**
30 Credits in Stage 2

Develop your skills to produce engaging and visually appealing documents. Learn how to use advanced features of common business software to plan and prepare resumes, cover letters, reports, presentations, financial data and a range of other documents. This course will provide you with valuable skills in any aspects of your life.

- **Travel and Tourism**
20 Credits in Stage 1

Learn how to source and use information to plan itineraries and activities in a quick and effective way. This accredited course gives you an introduction to the exciting tourism and travel industry and a taste of the work of a travel agent. You will also develop your knowledge of some key Australian touristic destinations.

For further details please contact me on 8275 8300.

Ms Desanka Arezina
VET Coordinator



Sports News

Santos Athletics

On Monday the 29th of March, Hamilton Secondary College took 40 students to Santos Stadium to represent our school in the State Track and Field Athletics Championships F grade. It was fantastic to see so many Hamilton students competing in great spirits against schools from all over the state. There were also a number of students who put their hand up to fill in for events on the day, including events where students were competing against older competitors. The efforts of these students were greatly appreciated.

We also had a number of fantastic individual performances in events across the day. Joel Doherty, Tichafara Chipangamate, Lachlan Thomas, Aidan Manning, Matus Trnka, Spencer Loader and Blessing Akpaloo all winning the events they were in on the day. A special mention to Joel Doherty who gained a standard of athletic excellence in the 100m, 200m and long jump with times and distances of 11.83s, 23.31s and 6.29m respectively.

In the overall team scores, the boys finished 2nd out of 6 in our division narrowly missing first place by 13 points to Plympton International College. This was a fantastic effort by our boys on the day. Our girls battled hard all day and ended up narrowly missing out on 5th place by 9 points to ASMS. The combined total of the boys and girls scores left us in 3rd place which is an excellent effort.

A huge thankyou to all the students who competed on the day as well as the Year 11 and 12 Sport Studies students who helped organise the day and helped to ensure everything ran smoothly. As always, Mr Papageorgiou's efforts in ensuring this day ran smoothly are greatly appreciated. Additionally, a big thanks must go to Mr A Fisher, Miss Livingstone and Miss Shepherd who came along on the day and helped contribute to a fantastic day of competition.

Zone School Sport

Zone school sport for term 1 has wrapped. We entered two teams in the 8/9 girls' volleyball competition and a team in the 8/9 boys' basketball. All teams fought hard and enjoyed some good results. A big well done to all students who participated in zone sport for term 1. Finally, a massive thankyou must go to Mr A Fisher, Mr Heald and Miss Livingstone for coaching the three teams.

Zone school sport is back for term 2 and 3, with Hamilton entering teams in the open girls' badminton (Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm), open boys' basketball (Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm), and 8/9/10 mixed volleyball (Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm), competitions. It is fantastic to see Hamilton students participating in these competitions and giving their best effort each week. Well done to all students who are going to participate and a big thankyou to Mr Heald, Miss Shepherd and Mr Moschou who have volunteered their time to coach teams.

Thanks, Mr J Fisher
Sports Coordinator.

