



Newsletter No. 6

Term 4 - November 2020

From the Principal, Peta Kourbelis

Farewell to our Year 12 students

On Friday 23 October, we farewelled our year 12 students. The morning began at 8.30 am with a special breakfast followed by an assembly where we celebrated this significant milestone with lots of laughter and a few tears. Students thanked their teachers for their support, reminisced about their time at Hamilton Secondary College and talked about the challenges of 2020. As Year 12s complete final assignments and sit for exams, I wish them all well.

Graduation, Formal and Presentation Night

The Presentation Night, Graduation and Formal, are all significant College events, and students and staff have expressed a strong desire for these events to go ahead, despite the challenges of the pandemic. To ensure everyone's safety we have however, made some adjustments to previous procedures.

The Year 12 Presentation Night and Graduation Ceremony

The Presentation Night and the Graduation Ceremony for year 12 students, will be held as a joint event on Wednesday 25 November. As we need to comply with social distancing requirements, each year 12 student will be able to invite two family members to join them on the night.

Year 12 Formal

The Formal will be held on Thursday 26 November. Throughout the year, students have prepared for this evening by taking part in fundraising activities to ensure that the event is well organised and enjoyable for all.

Years 8 -11 Presentation Night

The years 8 -11 Presentation Night will be held at the Edwardstown Baptist Church on Thursday 19 November. It will be held on a different night to the year 12s to allow for two members of each recipient's family to attend whilst complying with social distancing regulations. We look forward to seeing families on the night.

New Performing Art Centre and Planetarium.

As families are aware, work on our new Performing Arts Centre and Planetarium has commenced. We have some very excited staff and students who cannot wait to see it completed, so that they can use the facilities. On Monday 19 October, Premier Steve Marshall, along with the education minister John Gardner MP and the local member for Elder Carolyn Power MP, visited the site for the sod-turning ceremony. We were all very proud of the students who also had an opportunity to participate in this ceremony and celebrate the first day of construction. They were excellent ambassadors for our College, articulating what this new facility would mean for our school community. <https://www.premier.sa.gov.au/news/media-releases/news/sas-space-school-begins-multi-million-dollar-upgrade>

Diary Dates

Uniform Shop

Mondays-Fridays 8.30 am - 3.00 pm

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

NOVEMBER

- 2 - 13 Year 12 Exams
- 19 Presentation Night
- 25 Graduation
- 26 Formal
- Yr 10/11 Finish
- 27 Closure Day
- 30 Student Free Day

DECEMBER

- 1 The Unit Presentation Night
- 3 VET Graduation
- 4 Yr 7 Transition Day
- 11 Last Day of Term 4
- Early Dismissal 2.15 pm

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Year 12/SACE

The hard work has continued for the Year 12 students at HSC throughout the end of Term 3, the school holidays and the beginning of Term 4. All of the Year 12 students were able to finish their Major Investigations, which were submitted to the SACE board. The results of these Investigations were fantastic and the Year 12 students should be commended on their hard work and dedication to these major assignments. In addition to this, many of the Year 12 students participated in the Term 3 Holiday workshops which provided the students with an opportunity to consolidate their knowledge, complete tests and practice exams and complete assignments. Following the holidays, the Year 12 students have been able to see the light at the end of the tunnel and have been working hard to finish off their final assignments and prepare for their exams. The final cut off for our Year 12 students for submitting work is Friday, Week 3. Good luck to all of our Year 12's with their exams and completing their final tasks!



Farewell Breakfast Cohort



Year 12 vs. Teachers Volleyball Game



Left to right front: Adam Gibson, Broden Smith, Oliver Hodgkinson

Left to right middle: Rahul Rajendra Kumar, Kenny Luong, Jason Su, Gordon Shaw-Newland, Joshua Castillo, Luke Garin, Alek Cabanlit

Left to right back: Aliyi Hassan, Ray Zhang, Kaleb McKenzie

End of Year Celebrations – Teachers vs. Year 12's Volleyball, Farewell Assembly and Breakfast

Over the past few weeks, in addition to completing their final tasks, the celebrations have begun for the Year 12 Class of 2020. The celebrations began with a traditional Year 12 vs. Teachers Volleyball game in the gym. Unfortunately for the Year 12 students, the teachers brought their A game, winning 2 sets to 0. On Friday Week 3, the Year 12 students celebrated the end of their secondary education with a farewell barbeque and assembly. The Year 12's were able to say their farewells to the staff and students Hamilton Secondary College as well as celebrating their achievements over the past 5 years. Some tears were shed, particularly when looking back at some memories and when the Year 12's presented a very special presentation to thank their Year 12 teachers. This special day will be one that the Year 12 students and the teachers will remember for a long time.

Reminder: Formal and Graduation

Please be reminded that the Year 12 Graduation is on at the Edwardstown Baptist Church from 5:30pm-6:30pm on Wednesday 25th November. The Year 12 Formal venue has changed and the Formal will now be at the Stamford Grand in Glenelg. However, the formal date remains on Thursday 26th November from 6:30pm-11pm.

Middle School

As the year draws to a close students across years 8 to 10 have begun finalising projects and their studies across the curriculum. For courses in the middle school such as English, Maths, Science and HASS, this has been a year long journey of building their skills and knowledge of a wide range of areas. For our practical subjects of STEM, HPE, Home Economics, Design and Technology, Art, Drama, and Music these journeys have been term or semester based. Year 8 students have had the opportunity to have a taste of all the practical and Arts subjects and has given them an experience that will allow them to make elective choices in later years. Meanwhile our year 9 and 10 students have developed their skills and knowledge to help them decide whether they wish to pursue these subjects in the senior school. During this term, students across year 8 to 10 have been involved in a range of projects within their classes. Year 10 students are now in the process of finalising their Personal Learning Plan assignments in preparation for SACE submission and will also take part in Career pathway sessions held by Flinders University. Year 10s will also have the opportunity to visit the Flinders University Campus and take part in taster sessions to give them an experience of life and learning in a university setting. Year 9 students have been developing their creative writing skills as they have twisted common fairy and folk tales. Whilst in STEM, students have been investigating the feasibility and value of asteroid mining. Finally Year 8 students have had the opportunity to continue their studies in practical and Arts subjects that they have chosen as electives. For example, in Home Economics they have been designing their own kitchen garden and h o u s e . Amanda Furness (AP - Middle School)



have begun to design their own gingerbread



NAIDOC Week

This week at Hamilton Secondary College we have been celebrating NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines Islander Day Observance Committee. The theme this year is 'Always was Always will be'. Some of the Aboriginal students have been working alongside the Aboriginal Secondary Education Transition Officer, painting canvas shoes with Aboriginal designs. We have been learning about the history of NAIDOC, its original purpose and how we celebrate

NAIDOC today. Our students are also going to be a part of the Tandanya T-shirt competition, where students will be designing an Indigenous inspired shirt that represents NAIDOC. We were



very blessed to be invited to Forbes Primary school, where three of our Aboriginal students were Indigenous Ambassadors for the day assisting in the running of different NAIDOC activities. I would like to acknowledge and say a big thank you to Sonny Goldsmith, Flayme Rollins and Olivia Wanganeen for all their efforts and promoting our school in such a positive way. Kelly Roe ASETO

Hamilton Disability Unit

Aquatics

On Friday the 23rd of October, students from the Hamilton Unit and the District Special Class spent the day at Port Noarlunga Aquatics learning to surf and kayak. For some students this was their first time on boards, but the instructors made sure that they had fun learning and succeeding.

Despite a strong current flowing out with the tide and a number of capsizes, students really enjoyed kayaking on the Onkaparinga River. Some students proved to be expert paddlers and powered around their classmates and instructors.

The incoming tide in the afternoon presented surfers with a small wave with a little bit of face. Perfect conditions for grommets! All students managed to crack a number of waves either on soft core long boards or boogie boards. Some students even managed to stand on a board for the first time. The smiles could not be hidden.

The surfers returned to school a little weary from the day's exertions, but extremely happy with their accomplishments.

Peter Brayshaw

Unit Teacher



Robinson Class

This semester the class have visited the Migration Museum in the CBD as part of our HASS curriculum. We have also participated in the 9 a side football carnival at Henley High, the basketball carnival at Springbank, a day of Aquatics at Port Noarlunga and some tennis skills sessions with a Tennis SA coach. We've been working hard in the Fitness Room and completed several tough STEM challenges in our Science lessons. Last week we hosted an assembly in the Unit, presented class and citizenship awards and performed our drama "The Dinner Disaster" with Ms Mancini.

Andy Woollett

Robinson Class Teacher



Ice Factor

The Hamilton Hornets Ice Hockey team is having a great run. Our team has really come together this term, with all players putting in their best efforts both on the ice and in the Ice Factor classroom. Prior to each training session, the team meets with our instructors for some life-skills coaching in a classroom provided within the Ice Arena complex. During these sessions, which are always light-hearted and jovial, we examine concepts that we hope will benefit our boys as they navigate the highs and lows of daily life.

We follow this with a session on the ice with our Coaches, working through a series of drills that always seems to be fresh and innovative. Our final hour is devoted to a scratch-match game of ice hockey, which has to be the most demanding and most thrilling sport on the planet. Our newer players are rapidly adapting to the unique skills required, aided in particular by working alongside some excellent players with long experience on the ice. We are always thankful for the input and encouragement from our longest serving player, Owen Limbert, whom we will be truly sad to lose at the end of the year. Our Slovakian whirlwind, brothers Dominik and Matus Trnka, also bring a level skill and agility that is the envy of every other team in the association.

Mike Eglinton

Sports Coordinator



Letters to Sponsors

Dear Sponsors,

My name is Amarveer Singh Arora and I am studying in year 9. I am 14 years old and started my Ice Factor program at the end of year 8.

I started ice hockey because I like to learn about different stuff, different sport and like to make friends.

Another thing is when I came in this school I didn't have any friend in the school. I moved here from India, so I didn't know anyone in my new school. I spent every day, just wandering around on my own. It was very hard to meet new friends. When I met the teacher he advised me and encouraged me to play ice hockey. Through Ice Factor, he helped me to make new friends and helped me to adjust to this new atmosphere.

I am very happy because my life has changed now. I have many friends and good team members who make me feel I am part of the group. I feel proud that I am a part of this game. I feel confidence when I play with my team members. Our coaches, Joey and Ambrose and Phil, also helped me a lot and encourage us in every training session. I am really thankful to my teacher who encouraged me to join, my fellow team members, and our coaches who helped and encouraged me a lot.

Yours respectfully,

Amaarveer Arora



Zone Sport

Our Zone Sport program for after-school competitions has started well. We are running a shorter season across the first 6 weeks of this Term. The COVID shutdown earlier in the year resulted in the cancellation of all organised sport for many weeks. All of the competitions that we would have run in a normal year, have been condensed into a much tighter time-frame.

Open Boys FUTSAL (Indoor Soccer) Our Year 10 and 11 Boys had a great run in the first 2 weeks of the season. The team functions well together, with excellent communication between players. The team is playing a strong, fast game with fluid passing between players on the field, resulting in strong wins against Urrbrae and Unley. Nawshad Shah and Rami El Haddad have done a great job organising the team, and we thank Pouya Maleki for acting as umpire during our HOME games.

8/9 Girls Badminton Badminton is an excellent game for students who want to be active, but don't necessarily enjoy contact sport. We currently have a great team of girls enjoying a spirited competition against Seaview and Brighton. We have had our share of wins and losses, but regardless of the outcome, the thing that stands out is the happiness and camaraderie amongst the team. Sara Baniya has proved a bit of a powerhouse in the current line-up, but all of the girls have played well.

8/9 Boys Basketball Our 8/9 Boys enjoyed their first victory for a long time this week, in a hotly contested game against Urrbrae. Victory has proven elusive across 2019 and 2020, so it was great to see the boys return from their game so elated. We have some excellent players in the team, but we just need to be a little faster. Mohamad Elbasossi is a particular standout, with his long arms regularly stretching out of the pack to seize a flying ball.

Year 8/9 Girls Volleyball What a pleasure it is to coach this team. All of the girls are enthusiastic and joyful in every encounter, singing and laughing on the bus as we make our way to and from games, and coming together as a well-oiled team on the court. We had a terrific victory this week against Blackwood, in a series of closely fought heats with a final result of 3 to 1 our way. Of particular note during this encounter, was the excellent sportsmanship shown by our girls. A series of mistakes by an inexperienced scorekeeper saw us regularly losing well-earned points. The team could see this happening, but not one of the girls raised a protest against the umpire. Standout player for the day was Ayla Matthias, with some fabulous spikes across the net that were entirely too much for the opposition team.

Mike Eglinton
Sports Coordinator

International

2020 International Student Award



The Study Adelaide International Student Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of international students. On Friday 23 October, Mrs Botting and I were amongst one hundred or so invited guests at the Adelaide Convention Centre for the Study Adelaide Awards. This event was hosted by Study Adelaide and awards were presented by the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency, Hieu Van Le, AC.

In a field of finalists mainly from the university sector, Kyle Daija from Albania, studying: SACE at Hamilton Secondary College received a Highly Commended award. When Kyle first arrived in Adelaide, he found it hard to adjust to the school system. However, through vigilance and focused determination, Kyle overcame his obstacles and achieved excellent academic results. He earned an A+ for his SACE research project, one of only 8 South Australian students to be given such a high mark. Outside the classroom, Kyle has contributed to his school in activities such as the Ambassador Club, Performing Arts Club and helping with various social and sporting events. He also volunteers at the City of Marion, helping out with children's and cultural events. Kyle says Adelaide is a student-friendly destination where he has come to understand the meaning and importance of school, and of seeing teachers as coaches. He aspires to become a social worker and says his studies in Adelaide have taught him the value of respect and to be grateful for the things he has. "I have made long-lasting relationships with other people who have supported me in my personal and academic journey."

Malcolm Lobban
International Assistant Principal

VET@Hamilton

Certificate II Kitchen Operations

It's been a very busy start to Term 4 with some excellent outcomes regarding working in the hospitality industry. The Certificate II in Kitchen Operations students haven't even completed the year, yet positions have been won and others are waiting for confirmation.

Confirmed positions:

- ~ Cypress Hof, 1st year apprentice Lenzerheide Restaurant taking over from Bella Upton one of my past students who will be qualified and stepping straight up to Sous Chef.
- ~ Jessie Hinrichsen school based traineeships at Educare Little Learners a childcare centre as a 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 applied and is progressing in his application for apprentice chef training with the Australian Navy

Waiting Confirmation:

- ~ Darcy Clark at the Oceans Cafe, Brighton
- ~ Adele Hubmayer at Souvlaki Bros Greek Restaurant, Glenelg
- ~ Nic Pardon at Hotel Royal and Cellars, Torrensville

Past Students:

- ~ Firm Buranasak at Adelaide Pavilion
- ~ Carlos Reid at Indigo International Hotel (New international Chain part of the Intercontinental group)



Holly Williams and Jessie Hinrichsen, two of our VET students, prepared and cooked a fantastic breakfast-brunch for the regional VET co-ordinator from our region.

We were also fortunate to have a visit from Ruth Tobin Industry Engagement Consultant, Further Education and Pathways. Ruth explained the process for school based apprenticeships to our Certificate II Kitchen Operations students and all the great opportunities that follow them with their chosen Pathway.

Congratulations to all the VET students and what you have achieved in a very difficult year.

Thank you also to our Hospitality Partners for their commitment and continued support towards our students.

Marie Romano

VET Trainer/ teacher





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It is a busy time for all VET students given all work has to be submitted by the end of Week 5 for Certificate III students or end of Week 6 for Certificate II students. Students who successfully complete the requirements in this timeframe will shortly after be receiving an invitation to the Graduation Ceremony to be held at Edwardstown Baptist Church on Thursday 3th December.

VET Enrolments 2021

Vocational Education and Training Courses can be undertaken as part of a student's SACE here at Hamilton. VET courses enable students to gain SACE credits that count towards completing their SACE Certificate and are also a Nationally Accredited Qualification. We are fortunate that we are a Registered Training Organisation here at Hamilton so we can offer many qualification to students here on campus. There are some vacancies in a range of VET courses for those students going into Year 10, 11 and 12, who are interested in applying for 2021.

VET courses at Hamilton Secondary College include:

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

Also next year we are introducing a number of short course, these include:

- Café Catering
- Tourism/Travel
- Coffee and Beverages
- Business Essentials

For experienced media students (18 years) wishing to advance their professional knowledge, experience and skills:

- Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Screen & Media

These are full time courses and are run by MAPS- Film School.

Other Registered Training Organisations who work alongside us are:

PEER

Certificate II in Electrotechnology

Certificate II in Engineering

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation

Certificate III Individual Support (Ageing)

MINDA

Certificate III Individual Support (Disability)

MADEC

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care.

Please contact Desanka Arezina at desanka.arezina@hamcoll.sa.edu.au if you are interested in applying.

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VET Coordinator

