

INTERFACE

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From The Principal

Students Get Their Say

At Hampton SHS we are always willing to listen to our students and consider their requests and suggestions. These are forwarded via the Student Council to the Principal where they are considered and discussed by the school executive team and then discussed at the School Management Information Forum (MIF) with the senior staff in the school. Some recent examples of student initiatives and suggestions being implemented are:



Year 10 Exams

These were suggested by our Year 11s and 12s in their belief that Year 10s could benefit from the experience as part of their preparation for Courses of Study. The results can also be used to assist in subject selections in Year 11. After careful consideration it was decided to implement exams this term as part of student assessment processes and to use them in the consultation process for subject selections for Year 11s in 2008.

"It is fantastic to see students in our school giving such serious thought to their futures and academic studies"

Free Dress Day

Nearly all students are complying with the school dress and uniform requirements for our school. The Student Council requested that a free dress day be permitted as recognition of student compliance and to raise funds for a charity of their choice by donating a gold coin. This has been agreed to and they will plan for the day.

"Our students are thinking of others in need as well as themselves"

Hampton Radio

A group of students requested to set up this lunchtime activity as part of the school's efforts to provide more lunchtime activities. This successful activity from previous years is again being made possible this year by the efforts of students to cater for their peers.

"We trust that our students will take advantage of this Enjoyable student initiative"

These are just a few recent examples of the way students, staff and the school administration work together to ensure that Hampton SHS builds a culture of shared community. It makes our school a place where students want to be and where they can learn and try new things in a secure and safe environment.

Lindsay Pearse
Principal



Cool 2 Care Day

"I enjoyed the activities and think the program is a great idea because it teaches you about bullying and what to do if it happens to you." *Damien*

"It was cool to do all the activities and now **know** that we are safe at the environment we call school." *Tiana*

"It was fun and we got to learn about bullying and what to do about it." *Jasmine*



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From Student Services



Welcome

I would like to welcome to the Student Services team, Ms Rebecca Bruce. She has taken on the position of Middle Years (8 and 9) Coordinator as Miss Emma Coulson is travelling overseas for the remainder of the year.

Rebecca is available in the Student Services office for at least one hour every day and can be contacted on 9270 5700.

Improved Student Services at Hampton

The school has reduced the potential for anti-social behaviour in the toilets by ensuring that there is closer supervision of these areas at recess and lunch. The upper school and lower school boy's toilets are locked during class time and the boys sign for the key during class.

The Student Council, P&C and the school admin team have been busy getting quotes and applying for funds to implement improvements within the school environment. This includes the removal of the old lockers and the installation of over 100 new lockers. They will be placed behind fencing to increase the security of this expensive resource during out-of-school hours. We hope that both the Federal Government and the P&C will see the benefits of these projects and assist with the funding of them.

Are you being served?



Many students have commented on how quickly they can now get served at the canteen. This is due to the increase in the number of people available to serve students. The Year 12 student councillors are engaged in structured workplace learning within the school to assist the canteen staff. This provides the Year 12s with an opportunity to gain credit towards another subject, obtain a TAFE qualification and provide a valuable service to the school community.

Frantic Start to Term 2

The beginning of Term 2 has been frantic with many students involved in extra curricula activities. There was a Year 11 excursion to X-treme Leisure laser sports on

Change of number

Attendance Officer, Michelle Johnson is available on 92705797. Michelle can be contacted from 7.30am to 3:00pm everyday for absentees.

Wednesday 2 May that saw 50 students involved in laser tag games. The Year 12s had a river cruise on Friday 4 May. Fifty students enjoyed a crisp evening on the Swan River cruising from Perth to Fremantle.

The student councillors along with a group of invited friends went to the Perth Convention Centre on Wednesday 16 May. They were part of the St John Ambulance world record attempt to teach the most number of students' life saving CPR at the same time. Five Year 10 students attended the Global Leadership Conference on 22 May and we look forward to their efforts in fundraising for the 40 hour famine.

On Wednesday 9 May all Year 8 students were involved in the schools countering bullying day "It's Cool to Care". I encourage all parents to ask their son or daughter about how they identified their potato or the importance of not engaging in bystander behaviour. After this very busy morning 112 Year 8 students went to camp at Camp Simons in Roleystone. For three days the weather was kind, sunny and no rain. The students and staff engaged in many activities including the crate climb, low ropes, and team games. The students also had the opportunity to handle snakes and lizards. Comments from students included: 'I loved it, great experience' 'Very cool to get away from school' 'I liked the walk.' and 'The food is great'

On the 15 May and 23 May many parents took advantage of the opportunity to talk with teachers about their child's progress. If you were unable to attend and have questions about your child's performance at school, please feel free to contact teachers for a quick chat.

We are all hoping that June will be less hectic but some events to look out for in June include:

- Year 8, 9 and 10 reward excursions
- Year 10 work experience (last week of this term)

The final touches will be completed for the upper school ball on Friday 3 August (Week 1 Term 3). Parents and students are reminded that all deadlines will need to be met for this event.

Paula McMahon
Student Services Coordinator

Student Council News

There will be a Uniform Free Day on Friday 29 June. Students will need to make a gold coin donation to not wear their uniform on this day. All money raised will be donated to the SIDS Foundation as our school's contribution to Red Nose Day. Students should read the posters around the school for further information.



Health

Cervical Cancer Vaccination Program

The human papilloma virus vaccine which is also known as the cervical cancer vaccine will be offered free to all females between 12-26 years old.

There are two components to this program. Firstly, the school based program targets girls aged between 12-18 years of age in 2007 and 2008. **In May 2007 the first vaccine was given to Year 10, 11 and 12 girls at Hampton who had parental/guardian consent.** In 2008 this will be offered in WA schools to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 girls.

Secondly, is the general practitioner and individual immunisation program, which will target the 18 – 26 year old women and those aged 12 – 18 years who have missed doses of the vaccine through the school program or who were not attending school. This will run from July 2007 to June 2009.

On completion of this catch up program in June 2009, there will be an ongoing school based immunisation program offered to girls between 12-13 years.



Female students in Year 10, 11 and 12 who have parental consent to have the vaccination at the school, will be having their second vaccination on Wednesday 20 June.

Please be aware that it is important that your daughter has breakfast and adequate fluids prior to the immunisation. Please contact Claire Bishopp (school nurse) at Hampton SHS 9270 5700 or Binh Luong at City of Bayswater on 9272 0604

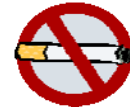
Is it asthma?

Does your child have a wheeze, shortness of breath, cough or a tight chest

- With a cold or chest infection?
- Early in the morning or late at night?
- During or after exercise?
- When it is really cold?
- If the temperature suddenly changes?
- Near cats or other animals?
- Around cigarette smoke?
- Around pollens or moulds?

If the answer is 'yes' to any one of the above, it could be a sign that your child may have asthma. For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of WA on (08) 9289 3600 or your GP.

**Claire Bishopp
School Nurse**



Smoking is not permitted on school grounds. Students caught smoking, are spoken to by a Deputy and a letter is sent home. A further offence results in more severe consequences. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from the school nurse.

Gathering Information for 2008

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer that advertises the dates of career expos and university open days. Students and parents are encouraged to discuss 'where to after high school' and gather as much information as possible from a variety of experts. For general information try the universities or TAFEWA websites. For 2007 course TER cut off scores visit the TISC website. Contact the Prospective Students Office at universities or TAFEWA Colleges with any queries.

During guest speaker periods, Monday period 2, each of the universities will provide information to mainstream students. I have engaged a speaker who will be able to assist students with information about how to maximise their chances of completing a competitive university application.

**Julian Ackermann
Senior Year Coordinator**

Helpful Hints from the ICT centre

My Space, You Tube, Bebo and similar sites have made the news lately and some of us wonder, "What's that" One website you may find useful is www.parentsguidetomyspace.com.

If you are a parent who is concerned and wonder what you can do.... Here are a few ideas from other parents:

1. Locate the computer in a central area of the home like the kitchen/dining or games room where you can see what's on the screen.
2. Make sure that the Task Bar is visible to see the programs that are open. (If a child closes a program window as you walk past, there's good reason to insist that the task bar is always visible.)
3. Talk to your children. Ask them to show you their profile on MySpace www.myspace.com or You Tube www.youtube.com . You don't need an account to view information on some of these sites.

4. Some parents have the internet access cut off if there is inappropriate use. Children who are using the technology responsibly are usually prepared to show their parents what they are doing/loading on the site.

At Hampton, a program called Web spy tracks internet use and students who attempt to use websites like MySpace or YouTube or web based email like Yahoo or Hotmail have their accounts disabled for a set period. Using this system, we work to ensure that the internet is not used as a medium for anti-social behaviours such as bullying at school. Students are instructed not to 'share' their passwords or accounts with others as this is similar to sharing your bank PIN or internet banking password.

Most of our students do show responsibility and we congratulate them on their maturity.

**Maria D'Cunha
ICT Coordinator**

Hampton Boys DASH to Fame

Ashley Turner Year 11 and Tyrone Robinson Year 10 successfully auditioned for STEPS Youth Dance Company back in March this year. The all male dance company has been working extremely hard, rehearsing every Sunday since March as well as giving up a full week of their school holidays. The boys will be performing DASH in week 8 to school students and public audiences.

CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK to Tyrone and the Ashmeister!!!!

Jessica Lane
Specialist Dance Teacher



Chaplain's Corner

Anger - Students have recently asked me how to manage their anger. The first thing is that anger usually comes from hurt. It is a secondary emotion: that is, you feel something else before you feel anger. So telling people that they have hurt you as soon as possible after the event is probably important. You may have heard "Don't let the sun go down on your anger". It means that if something is annoying you deal with it and talk about it before the end of the day. Don't let it linger and fester, otherwise when you do let it out you'll explode. If you do happen to find yourself really annoyed, breathe deeply, count to ten and state in a calm low voice what you would like. Blind rage lets people know that whatever they were doing has got to you and that they have won, you got out of control. Being out of control is a weakness, not a strength. So use the formula, "I feel when you... and what I'd like in the future is...", whenever someone annoys or hurts you even a little bit.

P&C News

I would like to remind parents and citizens that the next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 11 June at 7pm in the ICT centre. All parents are invited to hear information about the spending of P&C funds and the principal's report in a friendly environment.
Garry Taylor, P&C President

Global Leadership Convention

Miller Sampson, Ibrahim Faraj, Hannah Thompson and Sarah Hegarty attended a Global Leadership Conference that was run by World Vision. It was a very informative time as they looked at a creative way of the complex issue of global inequity. They played simulation games where they were the humanitarian workers in a war zone with refugees. They had to make ethical decisions for a large number of people, without knowing whether their decision would pay off. Issues of water and sanitation and food programs versus longer development issues were considered. These students are keen to help run the 40 hour famine later in this year.

Chaplain's Camp Coming Up

We are also running a camp in Mundaring with hiking, orienteering, rafting, abseiling and tenting in late June for 4 days. We will be targeting students with a desire to increase their confidence and social/ team skills.

Thanks for your support. This is a great school!

Steve McKinnon
Chaplain

Term dates

Term 2 ends 6 July
Yr 10 work experience 2 July – 6 July
Term 3 commences 24 July (Tues)

Year 12 River Cruisers!
Great crowd and energetic atmosphere.



REMINDERS

1. Denim is NOT part of the school uniform and as such students are not permitted to wear it.
2. Please place your child's name in all uniforms, especially jumpers and tracksuit jackets.
3. Track suit pants NEED to be plain navy blue, no logos or stripes.
4. Please encourage your child to arrive at school before 8:30am. If they are late then a note or phone call is required.
5. Year 10 subject selections for Year 11 in 2008 are due **NOW**.