June Newsletter 2012:
So much happened last term we did not get time to squeeze out a newsletter, so this is a quick summary of the events and achievements so far.

- Bombora
- Gold Ball
- Warrnambool
- Lunch and Crunch
- New Zealand
- Albury
- Senior and Junior League competitions
- Year 8 Brighton Challenge
- Year 7 Trials
- State and National team selections

Bombora:
The finals of the year level beach competition were held on Wednesday 8th March with super competitive semi-finals between teams of 4 in the year 8 competition and pairs in the rest. The Grand Finals were all extremely close with some being decided by one point when time ran out. The evening finished with presentations to the winners by International superstar beach volleyballer and ex-student, Sam Boehm.

Results:
- Boys: Yr 8 - Zeb Farmilo, Jarryd Cotter, Jack Phelan
- Yr 9 - Dylan Walkom, Ben Williamson
- Yr 10 - Regan Fathers, Damien Nicholls
- Seniors - Henry Clough, Jake McIntyre

- Girls: Yr 8 - Clair Bryars, Tara Fathers, Tahlie Jones, Kelly Hall, Tayla Day
- Yr 9 - Maddy Mark-Seymour, Izzy Cross
- Yr 10 - Eliza Mansell, Eliza Bartel
- Seniors - Mia Suraharjo, Georgia Williamson

Gold Ball:
2012 Gold Ball saw Sunraysia from Midura, Norwood and Heathfield battle for the gold ball championship. For many this was their first taste of competitive matches and nerves showed early. This soon changed to fast, highly competitive and tight matches for the rest of the tournament. Heathfield boys had a great weekend with the Yr. 9 boys winning their way into the final first and the Y8 team grabbing the second spot in the final with a spirited win over Norwood. The Yr9 team prevailed in the final with just a little more experience under pressure. Heathfield girls had two teams in the semi-finals with one making it through to the final against a very determined Norwood team. Heathfield took out the very close hard fought match to take out both titles. Great weekend for participants, coaches and a fantastic preparation for the National Under15’s in Albury. A massive thanks to the work by parents in the canteen and the coaches Stuart Scott, Mia Heikkonen, David Eldridge, Sheena Peters, Jordan Colotti, Henry Breen, Henry Clough and Cimon Lee.

Results:
- Boys: 1st, 2nd and 5th - Girls 1st and 3rd

Warrnambool:
A bunch of senior Heathfield students made the bus trip to Warrnambool for an annual volleyball competition on the 9th - 12th March. We stayed in a volleyball gym making the trip down to the stadium to play two games a day. The volleyball was played at a very high quality with all the players being challenged by the experienced older players that we were up against. The younger students that hadn’t been to the tournament quickly learnt that just because the opposition looked a lot older than we were, their court positioning was amazing along with their smart hitting. We all had a fabulous time buying ice cream on the beach side, running out of petrol in the middle of nowhere and of course playing volleyball. A special congratulations to Mia Suraharjo for winning the best and fairest award in her division! Massive thanks to Mr. Scott, Sheena Peters and Gale Hermann for organizing the trip, driving the bus, giving up a long weekend and being great mentors for us all.

By Peter Giannes and Matthew Costanzo

Results:
- Boy 3rd Division 2
- Girls 3rd in their pool of Division 1

Lunch and Crunch:
Despite very hot conditions on the 14th March and a few schools not arriving due to the heat there was close to a record number of entries. The atmosphere for the whole morning was fantastic with courts all over the place. The Mt Lofty sports centre, the high school gymnasium, the beach courts and with 20 courts on the oval all filled with exited young primary school students the place was certainly alive. Thanks to the energetic student supervisors from the volleyball program the day ran superbly and the primary school teachers and parents present had nothing but praise for the way the day went.
New Zealand:
New Zealand this year saw two teams, boys and girls, go over to compete in the New Zealand National Schools Cup and enjoy some extreme activities. The extreme activities included Bungy Jumping, Zorbing, Free Falling, White Water Rafting and many more. The Maori village was fantastic cultured experience with food and dancing displays. The competition that went from 26th - 30th March, it was a lot different to our own schools cup with only about 100 teams in the competition, but it was still a lot of fun with the girls coming 3rd in Division 4 and the boys coming 1st in Division 3/A team did the Haka just before we shook hands after the semi finals and it was pretty scary. Everyone had a great time and all agreed that it was the best volleyball trip they'd been on! Huge thanks to Lachy Abbott for coaching and organising the trip and to Stuart Scott and David Eldridge for coaching and to manager Sue Rutgers.

Jake McIntyre
(Bungy jumper of the year)

National U15 Championship Albury:
In Albury, it was an overall fun and exciting week. Captain of the 1st girls team, Maddy Mark-Seymour led our team to an overall 3rd place. We had an exciting win against Queensland, but lost to NSW putting us into the bronze medal match. Captain Adam Sarre for the boys 1st team also lead his team to an overall 3rd place. They had some amazing games throughout the week, and played well. The other Heathfield teams played really well and played some amazing rallies. The year 8’s got a good understanding of what it means to play for Heathfield, and what to expect for Melbourne (Nationals Schools Cup).

A big thanks to the parents, Tony and Mandy Mark-Seymour, Rob and Jenny Ambagtsheer, coaches Stuart Scott, Janice Scott, Mia Heikkonen, Henry Breen, Henry Clough, Jake McIntyre and Cimon Lee for giving up a week of their holidays to make this trip possible.

Isabella Pearce 9.3

Results:  Boys - 3rd, 5th and 9th out of 13 teams  Girls - 3rd and 9th out of 14 teams

BRIGHTON CHALLENGES:

Year 8
We have had the year 8 challenge and again we were very pleased with our players. The Heathfield boys were slightly ahead, but the Brighton girls had the measure of all of the Heathfield teams. This will just make us work that much harder so skills and teamwork can overcome size and strength. Our physiotherapist, Ian Scarborough (Wakefield Sports Clinic) will be conducting his testing over the coming weeks and will be giving us advice as to the way we can work on the core strength and flexibility of our players. We are not so much talking about volleyball here as much as getting through life without long term injuries.

Year 9
The year 9 challenge is on Friday 3rd August. We will leave school at 8.00am and be back in time for school buses. Brighton have three courts so we will select three teams of boys and three teams of girls.

JUNIOR LEAGUE:
Thank you for your support with junior league with nearly everyone up to date with fees and the purchase of the new Lofty uniforms. Many teams have started very well and the grading rounds have finished. The new draw is on the VSA and Heathfield websites. Thanks again for the fantastic effort of all of the coaches.

STATE SCHOOLS CUP
The State Schools Cup is our major state event and is our qualifying tournament for the nationals in Melbourne.

The dates for the event are:

- Friday 14th September
- Saturday 15th September
- Sunday 16th September

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CUP:
Preparation for this event is well underway. We would like to keep the cost under $850 so it is close to last years cost but that will be determined by final numbers. Forms have recently gone out please be prompt with replies so final costing can be finalised.

STATE TEAMS ANNOUNCED:
The 2012 state junior teams that are to compete in Melbourne and Bendigo in July have been announced. We congratulate the following players.

Under 23: Sheena Peters (trainee)

Under 17:
- Regan Fathers
- Damien Nicholls
- Simon Gray
- Cameron Salt
- Jordan Colotti
- Ella Mansell
- Mia Suraharjo

Under 16:
- Maddy Mark-Seymour
- Ben Williamson
- Tyson Neale
- Isaac Binder
- and Brad Applebee.

Good luck to the U16 boys coaches Lachlan Abbott and Tim Noble. David Eldridge is assisting the Coach Jesse-Lee Jones from Renmark and Mia Heikkonen will be helping out with trainings.

Also congratulations to all those who tried out. Well done.

Beach competitions over the summer
Georgia Mansell and Maddy Mark-Seymour won a Womens A comp Coach Patty Rogers and Bo Soderberg won round 7 Mens AAA Glenelg beach series
Malachi Murch and Partner Cooper Peacock got to finals National U19 championships even thought they are still eligible for U17
Henry Clough and Jake McIntyre season of “AA” playing at Glenelg with a few wins under their belt.

Henry Clough and Simon Gray state beach team played in Queensland (in-between hurricanes).
National team selections:

Simon Gray and Jordan Colotti travelled to Singapore late last year with SASI and achieved a 4th placing.

Malachi Murch has just been selected in the Australian U19 Beach Volleyball Team to tour Cyprus, Turkey and Holland June this year. He has been preparing with one on one trainings with SASI head coach Alexis Lebedew.

Malachi, Simon and Jordan are also in the National Indoor Youth squad with a chance to play in Iran later in the year.

Simon Gray travelled to Thailand in March this year with the Australian Youth Boys Indoor team.

STATE LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL:

Many of our players are making an impact in the premier volleyball competition in the state playing for the Mt Lofty volleyball club in League, reserves and div 1 played on Saturday with some games Friday nights. The standard is one of the best in Australia so come in and have a look, the entry is free. Canteen facilities are available.

EARLY MORNING SPECIALIST TRAININGS:

“This is the best innovation we have introduced to Heathfield VOLLEYBALL IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.” Eldo

These specialist sessions are designed to have our players work with state experts helping our players play their particular position better. We have had a great response from our players. Each course goes for 5 weeks only from 7.30am – 8.30am. We have just finished the first 5 week block.

Topics in the first sessions were:

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QUIZ NIGHT:

The Volleyball program and the Stirling Rotary Club run a combined quiz night in term 4 on Friday 19th October. It is a very large quiz night with over 40 tables every year. The quiz night is unique in that the players who organises the table gets all the income $10/ticket @ (8) and, all the money that ends up on the table with the games. Players generally make $100 / table. Players can have more than 1 table.

1. Save this date.
2. Can you help out with some prizes from work?

COUNTRY VISIT WEEK:

As part of Heathfield’s role as a special interest sports school we host volleyballers from the country. If you would like to billet students for a week please contact the school. We like to place the students in their own year level and the country student shadows the Heathfield student to lessons but attends extra Volleyball classes as often as possible.

Important Dates:

Yr 9 Brighton Challenge…………………………..Friday 3rd August
Year 10 State Indoor Championships………………..Friday 22nd June
National Junior’s in Melbourne……………………..July 2nd – 7th July
Open KO Cup …………………………………………Friday 16th August
Quiz Night tickets go on sale………………………Monday 2nd August
Under 16 National Championships (Bendigo)……25th – 31st August
Junior League Finals……………………………...Friday 7th September
State League Finals………………………………..Saturday 8th September
State Cup/SA Indoor school championships …….14th-16th September
Volleyball Quiz Night ……………………………..Friday 19th October
Year 8/9 State finals…………………………………..TBA …………October
Australian Schools Cup trialll trial day………..Monday 26th November
Australian Schools Cup (Melbourne)………………8th -14th December

Members of the Heathfield Teams that have played this year:

Gold Ball:

Girls Team 1 – Cassie Bahr, Claire Bryars, Georgia Clough, Laura Hayden, Maddy Mark-Seymour, Issy Pearce, Kira Stevens, Amy Suhendran, Holana Warne – Coach Stuart Scott

Boys Team 1 – James Davidson, Lockie Formenton, Eddie Gardner, Daniel Haynes, Liam Healey, Jarrod Kerr, Miles Sanders, Adam Sarre, Mitchell Thomas – Coach Henry Breen, Henry Clough


Warrnambool:

Boys : Henry Clough, Matthew Castanot, Peter Giannes, Jordan Colotti, Darcy Lorimer, Jake McIntyre, Cameron Salt, Regan Fathers, Blake Fanning – Coach Stuart Scott

Girls : Chloe Bartel, Mia Sunahoro, Abbey Forrest, Shelley Rutgers, Sara Schulz, Joanna Peters, Kimberley Lawson, Lauren Hill, Eloise Foale – Coach Sheena Peters

New Zealand:

Boys: Kolin Van Schaujik, Matthew Castanot, Peter Giannes, Henry Clough, Jake McIntyre, Cameron Salt, Regan Fathers, Blake Fanning – Coach Stuart Scott

Girls: Shelley Rutgers, Abbey Forrest, Kim Lawson, Georgia Williamson, Rachel Cross, Mikaela Poole, Mary Shaw, Ella Mansell – Coach Lachlan Abbott, David Eldridge

Albury:

Girls 1: Lucy Ambagtsheer, Cassie Bahr, Claire Bryars, Ruby Hattam, Tahlie Jones, Georgia Mansell, Maddy Mark-Seymour, Issy Pearce, Kira Stevens, Ashleigh Beames – Coach Stuart Scott

Boys 2 : Jamie Butler, Georgia Clough, Elise Dawes, Holly Hall, Laura Hayden, Brooke Maker, Amy Suhendran, Holana Warne, Cheniah Potts – coach Mia Heikkonen

Boys 1: James Davidson, Lockie Formenton, Eddie Gardner, Daniel Haynes, Liam Healey, Jarrod Kerr, Miles Sanders, Adam Sarre, Mitchell Thomas – coach Henry Breen/Henry Clough

Boys 2: Jake Applebee, Jarryd Cotter, Zac Formston, Kyle Peach, Nathan Nicholls, Jack Phelan, Ben Salt – Coach Janice Scott/Jake McIntyre


Parent Support: Tony and Mandy Mark-Seymour, Rob and Jen Ambagtsheer