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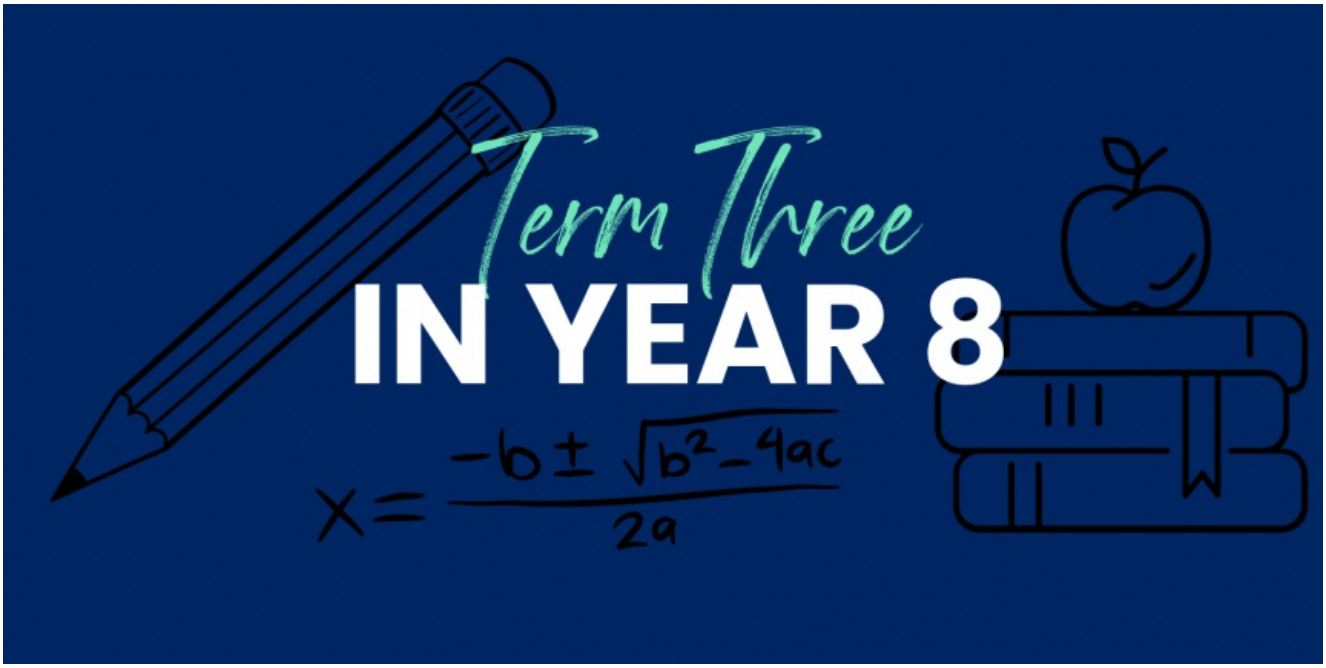

YEAR 8 UPDATE

Year 8 have continued to engage positively with a range of wellbeing and community-building activities throughout Term 3. During our extended Wednesday Pastoral Care sessions, students have been participating in the Wellio wellbeing program, exploring topics such as mental health, resilience, healthy relationships and mateship. These lessons complemented the College's recognition of R U OK? Day last Thursday, encouraging students to reflect on the importance of checking in with friends and helping create a culture where everyone feels supported and valued.

Adding an element of friendly competition to the term has been the introduction of the Year 8 Survivor Challenge. Designed to strengthen connections between students, promote participation and build house spirit, the challenge has encouraged students to interact with peers beyond their usual friendship groups while demonstrating teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. The inaugural challenge featured a large-scale knockout game of Scissors, Paper, Rock, with Liddell House claiming victory in both the boys' and girls' competitions. The challenge returned this week with a fresh twist, combining Scissors, Paper, Rock with a hopscotch-style course. The Lewis girls proved dominant throughout their competition, while the boys' competition between Wilberforce and Carmichael produced a thrilling finish, with Wilberforce eliminating Carmichael in the closing stages to secure a hard-fought victory. The enthusiasm and willingness of students to get involved have made the Survivor Challenge a highlight of the term so far.

There are several exciting events still ahead before the conclusion of Term 3. On Tuesday of Week 10, students will participate in the annual Hassall Gift Fun Run, which marks the beginning of the

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2026-27 House Cup competition. The event follows an exciting end to last year's competition, where Lewis were crowned champions for the first time in over a decade. Congratulations to Lewis on this outstanding achievement and we look forward to seeing all houses compete strongly as a new House Cup campaign begins.

On Thursday of Week 10, the entire Year 8 cohort will participate in a wellbeing experience facilitated by Brainstorm Productions, presenting The Hurting Game. This interactive workshop explores empathy, respectful relationships and the impact that words and actions can have on others. Through guided participation and reflection, students will develop a deeper understanding of kindness, inclusion and personal responsibility. The program aligns closely with Thomas Hassall Anglican College's commitment to nurturing character, wisdom and positive relationships while helping to foster a safe and caring community.

As we approach the end of the term, it has been pleasing to see Year 8 students embracing opportunities to grow both individually and as a cohort. Whether through wellbeing initiatives, friendly competition or upcoming whole-cohort experiences, students continue to demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to support one another. We look forward to finishing the term strongly and celebrating the many successes of Year 8.

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