FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NEW LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Over the past six months Ms Michaela Inglis has assumed the role of acting Deputy Principal. Over this time she has fulfilled the role admirably, using the gifts God has given her in serving students, staff and families of the school.

During the recent vacation break representatives of the school Board and Christian Education National (CEN) interviewed Ms Inglis for the ongoing permanent role. The interview panel was not only impressed by the fine job she has done over the past semester, but also by her sense of vision and expertise in the area of curriculum development. As such the panel was unanimous in offering Ms Inglis the permanent role of Deputy Principal, which she has accepted.

I give God great praise for bringing Ms Inglis to Wycliffe, and look forward to her continued contribution to the leadership of the school.

To allow Ms Inglis the time to fulfill her new responsibilities Mr Marshall has been appointed to the newly formed role, Co-ordinator of Daily Routine and School Organisation.

CONGRATULATIONS GEORGINA

Our whole school community is very proud of Georgina's recent success in the 'Young Archies' (the junior section of the prestigious Archibald prize portraiture competition).

Georgina entered a portrait of her Pop, Sid. Her artist's statement read:

“I have chosen my poppy (Sid). He has a very gentle, loving and caring nature. He has lived a tough life and was always hardworking. This shows in his kind but rugged face, which made him an interesting subject for my artwork.”

One of 2,249 entries, Georgina has been shortlisted among twenty finalists, and is one of only five in her age group (16-18yrs). It is so encouraging to see Georgina making the most of, and enjoying, her God given gift and interest in art.

The portrait is now on display in the NSW Art Gallery. The winner will be announced in September. Well done Georgina!

WHO IS JOHN WYCLIFFE?

Over the upcoming months the School Board will be giving considerable focus to strategic planning. In looking to the future it is important for the school to revisit its core ideology, as this must form the foundation to the planning process.

Over the recent staff development week (held in the last week of the holidays) in the morning sessions emphasis was given to the foundation upon which the school has been built. We are a Christian school, but that title can be somewhat nebulous and needs to be defined in relation to its outworking in our particular school context.

Three specific features that have remained constant in life of the school were identified and, over this and subsequent editions of School Talk, I will reflect upon each. This week we will consider the most obvious of the three, the man whose name the school has carried for four decades, John Wycliffe, and what that means for the life of our school.
John Wycliffe grew up on a sheep farm on the outskirts of London. He left for Oxford University in 1346, and became quickly recognized as one of Oxford’s leading philosophers and theologians.

He deepened his study of Scripture that led to his criticism of official Catholic church doctrine. Believing that the Bible should be for all people, not just the clergy (only Latin translations were available at the time), he began translating the Bible into English. The church bitterly opposed his efforts asserting that only priests were worthy of reading the Scriptures.

Wycliffe’s response was; “Englishmen learn Christ’s law best in English.”

God used John Wycliffe to make His Gospel available to ordinary people and thus Wycliffe is widely regarded as the ‘morning star’ that announced the latter arrival of the Reformation, and modern day Protestantism.

By carrying the name ‘Wycliffe’ as a Christian school we reassert the relevance of the Bible to all peoples. Further as the word of God the Bible provides the lens through which we should judge all human endeavor. Therefore, the Bible provides the worldview upon which all teaching practice and general school life is founded.

"Trust wholly in Christ; rely altogether on his sufferings; beware of seeking to be justified in any other way than by his righteousness." (from John Wycliffe’s biblical teaching on faith)

Oil portrait of John Wycliffe, painted in 1995 by Mrs Sue Buckle, teacher at Wycliffe

Have you ever wondered the significance of the image that appears on our school crest? In next week’s edition of School Talk we will be considering this question.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**COMMUNITY BOOKSHELF**

Following the Principal’s invitation for parents to join with the staff in reflecting on the foundations of the School, it seems an opportune time to remind parents and carers of the Library’s Community Bookshelf. This is a stand in the library containing a selection of books that we hope will be of particular relevance to adults in the school community.

The collection includes a history of the man, John Wycliffe, as well as books about the thinking and practice of Christian Schooling and Christian Worldview Education. The Community Bookshelf also contains books by well-known Christian authors and philosophers, as well as some examples of the larger Young Adult collection, which will provide parents and carers with a taste of the books popular with older teenage readers.

The Community Bookshelf is located in the central Library space, opposite the photocopier. Please come and browse whenever you are in the School. Parents and carers are able to borrow books from the School Library for themselves or to supplement their children’s borrowing.

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**SPORT**

**SECONDARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

It was a cold, windy Winter day at Tom Hunter Park for the Secondary Athletics Carnival, however this did not deter our athletes from having a fun day of competition and fellowship together.

Student involvement was very good with a number of year groups really embracing the concept of "Having a go" with high participation levels.

There were many fine performances and a long-standing long jump record was broken by Mia Williams from Year 7, who broke Kristi Johnston’s 199, 13 years Girls record of 4.41m with a leap of 4.66m.

The following students won the distinction of being their respective Age Champions:

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Students placed 1st and 2nd will be representing our School at the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival on 12 August 2016.

Having won both the Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals, The Yellow House (Destiny Rescue) made it a clean sweep of the carnivals, however it was a close competition between the 3 houses:

**Yellow (Destiny Rescue)** 1335
**Blue (Samaritan’s Purse)** 1190
**Green (Voice of the Martyrs)** 1158

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Peter Jamieson
Principal
It was good to see a number of students wearing House colours, however this is one area I would encourage students to work on next year as it would be good to see more colour around the ground.

Carnival days are always enjoyable and a time where staff and students can relate in an environment away from the classroom. They are also a wonderful time for parents and staff to work together and build relationship. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents and past students who helped out on the day with the running of events.

Andrew Stewart
K-12 Sports Coordinator

YEAR 3/4 MILO BLAST CRICKET CUP REPORT

On Tuesday 26th July, the members of the Boys and Girls Year 3/4 Cricket teams represented the School at the Milo Blast Cricket Cup at Summerhayes Park. They competed against various different schools in the region. In windy conditions, the teams each played four games (out of which they each won 2) with dance music pumping in the background. Overall, they represented the School proudly and learnt a lot about cricket throughout the day.

THE YEAR 3/4 BOYS CRICKET TEAM

Back Row:
• Rory Jenner – batted open and freely, hitting fours and sixes in all directions.
• Rowan Brischetto – hit fours and sixes at nearly every opportunity.
• Ronnie Morgans – yelled encouragement to all the others and played a well-balanced all-round game.
• Louis Short – bowled very tightly, snatching three wickets in one of his overs.
• Andrew Dillen – bowled well and smashed some fours.

Front Row:
• Jeremy Hare – played efficiently, particularly with the ball.
• Declan Keiper – took a stunning single-handed catch behind the stumps.
• Zach Jenner – bowled straight, keeping the batsmen honest.
• Jack Mitchell – hit some brilliant fours along the ground in very sensible batting.
• Tyler Gray – Smacked a few runs and was very clever with the running between the wickets.

THE YEAR 3/4 GIRLS CRICKET TEAM

Back Row:
• Paris Burke – batted well with a good stance, hitting the ball accurately.
• Eloise Sargent – played excellently with the bat and ball. Also made a few catches.
• Emily Gilchrist – hit some fours and ran well between the wickets.

Front Row:
• Faith Hurley – developed her confidence throughout the day, especially with batting.
• Bethany Sampson – had some excellent bowling action and confidence in the field.
• Laura Whitehouse – Tried hard all day and really developed her bowling.
• Charlotte Howes – Showed a lot of enthusiasm in the field, making sure that the opposition batters didn’t get their runs easily.

SCHOOL NOTICES

STAGE 5 2017 ACADEMIC & PASTORAL PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST 7.00 - 9.00PM

The School would like to extend a warm invitation for students and their families in Years 8 and 9 to learn about the 2017 Academic and Pastoral Program for Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10). Alongside an explanation of the mandatory academic courses and Year 9 Encounter Program, will be the exciting launch of our new Elective Program. As a school in God’s Kingdom, we have been looking for ways to provide students with opportunities to explore who they are as well as their God-given interests and gifts, both spiritual and practical. The Heads of Department in the Senior School have been developing a new approach that will see students able to select from approximately 48 semester courses each year across two lines, up from the current 7 electives across two lines over two years. When designing the new elective offering, we have been looking at achieving a number of things, namely: giving students an opportunity to follow their passions; exposing students to new opportunities; preparing them for Years 11 and 12 by allowing them to experience a wide variety of options; and increasing their skills in a broad and engaging way before they are locked into their HSC courses.
As this new Elective Program will also impact on all current Year 9 students as they enter into Year 10, the School would like to extend a warm invitation to these students and their families to attend.

**TRIAL HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE**

Our Year 12 students are approaching their last set of school-based formal examinations: The Trial Higher School Certificate. These examinations will occur from Wednesday 10th August to Friday 19th August and are structured to mirror the actual HSC examinations in October. Our prayers are with them as they work towards “The Trials”, and prepare to submit major works or perform practical pieces in the Creative and Performing Arts. As we move around the school at various times, please be mindful of the sectioned-off areas around the Hall and Forecourt and maintain a quiet perimeter to assist in creating for these students the best possible environment for them to focus on their tasks.

*Michaela Inglis*
*Deputy Principal*

**DESTINY RESCUE: RIDE2RESCUE 2016**

On Saturday 17th September students, teachers and parents from Wycliffe will be participating in the Ride2Rescue cycling event on the M7 cycle-path. This event raises funds for Destiny Rescue.

Over the last three years, Ride 2 Rescue has raised over $100,000 which set up and covered the running costs for two Destiny Rescue homes in Laos for children who were being trafficked and then saved by Destiny Rescue. The children in Destiny Rescue’s care receive top quality counselling, medical assistance, education and vocational training opportunities to help them successfully reintegrate back into society when they complete the Aftercare Programme.

The Laos houses for Destiny Rescue are now financially secure so this year Ride2Rescue will be supporting India. Destiny Rescue has just begun to work in India where there are tens of thousands of children trapped in slavery.

We are aiming to rescue 100 children through our event this year. All sponsorship donations are fully tax deductible and 100% of the funds raised will go directly to Destiny Rescue in India.

If you want to participate in the event, receive further information, join this campaign or sponsor someone or be a volunteer on the day; please visit the link below:

https://goo.gl/GXB2FP

Cassiopeia Coffee Roasters in Katoomba and Springwood have sponsored 30 cycling tops (currently being manufactured). These will be available for $40 and come in different sizes.

Our school will have a 35 bike trailer (available from Friday 15th September) and the school’s mini-bus for students needing transport to the venue.

**AFL AUSKICK**

Each Monday, from 8th August (Week 4) - 29th August (Week 7), Wycliffe will be hosting an action packed program of Auskick games and skills development - an ideal program for boys and girls aged 4-12. This will run from 3.10 - 4.10pm. To register, visit: aflauskick.com.au

For more information contact Kathryn Glover on 0432 943 376 or via kathryn.glover@aflnswact.com.au
You can also refer to the attached package at the end of School Talk.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**2016/2017 Registration Days**

- Saturday-Sunday, 30-31 July, 11am-1pm
- Saturday-Sunday, 6-7 August, 11am-1pm

**Glenbrook Oval** (near the cricket nets, opposite the Bowling Club)

**Junior boys and girls**
- Under 8s to Under 16s
- Free registration for Under 8s and Under 9s

**Senior players**
- (over 16 years at 1 September 2016)

**Juniors Contact**
- Craig Batty 0408 602 405
- juniors@gbcc.com.au

**Seniors Contact**
- Peter Smith 0432 840 754
- seniors@gbcc.com.au

Or go to our website to register online from 30 July: www.gbcc.com.au
Free two/three day workshop for parents and carers

Workshop: 16-17NSWPC7  
Location: Penrith NSW

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:
- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your young person
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Highlight the policies, system and processes that contribute to the educational environment
- Increase your capacity to maximise your young person’s learning at home and at school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers
- Support small group discussions on a range of topics relevant to young people on the autism spectrum and their families
- Provide an opportunity to review your progress and plan next steps during an additional session one month after initial workshop days

Workshop details

Venue: Penrith Panthers  
123 Mulgoa Road
Penrith NSW 2750

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 August 2016 (2 consecutive days)  
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Online registrations for the Two Day workshop open on Tuesday 12 July 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website www.positivepartnerships.com.au. You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au.

Additional session – will be held on Wednesday 21 September 2016.  
Registration for this session will be taken at the initial workshop days and details about venue will be shared on these days

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training through the Helping Children with Autism.  
The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily package represent the views of the Australian Government or the Department of Education and Training.
REGISTER NOW!

Wycliffe Christian School AFL Auskick Centre
(School Oval)
Each Monday starting 8th August (Week 4) – 29th August (Week 7) from 3.10pm - 4.10pm
Each child will receive:

4 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS* to:
GWS GIANTS v Fremantle at Spotless Stadium,
Saturday 20th August, 4:35pm

*You must register and pay online by Monday 8th August to receive this ticket offer in the mail. Subject to availability.

Auskick Lunch Pack includes:
AFL Sherrin Football
Footy Cards
Height Chart
...and much more!

Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only $40!
To register visit www.AFLAUSKICK.com.au and enter your postcode then click on Wycliffe Christian School AFL Auskick Centre – “After School” or register in person at the first session. Payment via cash or cheque is also accepted.
For more information contact: Kathryn Glover on 0432 943 376 or Email: kathryn.glover@afnswact.com.au

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PARENTS

NAB AFL Auskick is a great way for kids to have fun, make friends and learn skills of Australian Football.

Through weekly coaching sessions with our passionate qualified staff, your child will be part of a great team, learning new skills and playing non-contact AFL games.

PLUS Each participant will receive an awesome benefits pack full of gear when they join.

CREATE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

TO REGISTER FOR NAB AFL AUSKICK, FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS ONLINE:
1. Visit aflauskick.com.au
2. Enter your school in the centre locator
3. Select the centre you would like to attend
4. Complete the registration process

KIDS

Play & Post! Colour in the NAB AFL Auskick image for your chance to WIN an AFL prize pack to the value of $250.

To enter, ask your parents to
1. Follow @aflauskick on Instagram
2. Take a photo of your colouring in and post it on Instagram with #aflauskick

For more information and terms and conditions, visit aflauskick.com.au/playandpost

WIN THIS

*Prizes based on club of support.