Students have been busily at work over the past week creating fabulous designs for the Wycliffe Christmas card competition. It proved a very difficult task to narrow the submissions down to six, but I am pleased to announce the decision has been made and the cards have gone to print.

The image at the base of the page, featuring the 6 designs, will form the cover to the formal pack that will be available for purchase.

The packs containing six cards will be available for purchase for $5, or 5 packs (30 cards) for $20. Proceeds will be donated to Destiny Rescue, the school’s signature charity that works across Asia, rescuing children from the sex trade.

I would encourage our families to make these their Christmas card choice this year. Each card will contain a Christmas message from Isaiah 9:6 printed on the inside, and carry Christ's Christmas message/blessings out into the community, to friends and relatives of Wycliffe.

To place your order return the slip below, in a sealed envelope, to the Christmas box that will be located in Reception. As soon as the cards arrive we will begin distribution to families.

“For unto us a child is born, To us a son is given, And the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK

This week we feature Adam Henderson of Year 10. Adam is an enthusiastic and cooperative student who is a positive influence around the school. He demonstrates a real joy in learning, making the most of the educational opportunities God has prepared for him.

Peter Jamieson
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SKOOLBAG APP

Parents of children in Preschool to Yr 6 are invited to participate in the trial of this App. We are hoping the trial will be enabled this week and parents will be given more information as soon as we have the final details.

This App is free to parents, can be used on all smartphones (Apple & Android) and can be downloaded via the School website (Parent Portal) as well as the relevant App stores. It will enable the School to send notifications regarding School events, reminders, canteen menu, uniform lists and changes to routine. It will also contain links to the School website, Facebook and Twitter accounts and has the capacity for parents to complete eForms such as to notify the school regarding student absences.

Once P-6 parents receive details for accessing the App - we ask that as many as possible begin to use it so that feedback for the trial will be valid. If the trial is successful, we will be introducing Skoolbag for the whole school in 2016. We believe it will greatly assist in timely and efficient communications within our community.

IN THE CLASSROOM

As we have said many times, children in a P-12 school enjoy opportunities to share experiences they would not otherwise have.

An example of this was when our Preschool children were able to watch the School Orchestra in one of their rehearsals.

The little ones thoroughly enjoyed learning about different instruments and ‘having a go’ at conducting. The older musicians were pleased and proud to be able to share their expertise.

Also this week Preschool enjoyed a visit from Manning Patston, his brother Jerrah and Caitlin which was another opportunity for them to experience and participate in music.


Jerrah and Caitlin demonstrated a number of instruments and the children were able to experiment with them. Finally they all had a turn playing the gathering drum.

Continuing their quest through the Solar System, 5/6K discovered this week that the moon isn’t actually made of cheese...no it’s made from Oreos! Not really, but they had fun creating a model of the moons phases using Oreo biscuits as the moon.

They carved away cream and created waxing gibbous, waning crescents and the other lunar shapes. The best part of course...eating them all at the end!

2016 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Year 6 have received information regarding the free immunisation for students in Year 7 next year. Students who missed their vaccinations this year will be able to participate in the catch up program in Year 8 (2016). Parents should be aware, that whilst in the past this program extended to students in Year 9, this will no longer apply. Please see your GP if your child needs booster immunisation, for students in Year 9 and older in 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE PRAY

- Yr 2 / 3 - Swim School
- Year 9 / 10 - Exams
- Year 9 - Final Encounter Week

Coral Edwards
Deputy Principal
The Sydney Writers’ Festival is proud to present the 2015 Children's Festival of Moving Stories this November. The Festival begins with a giant bang on Sunday 8 November when two of the biggest names in children's books will be together for a one-day only, once in a lifetime show.

Number one international bestselling author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Jeff Kinney joins Australian superstar Andy Griffiths live on stage for two hours of laughter, mayhem and stories. In an exclusive event, teachers and parents can catch bestselling picture book author Mem Fox and award-winning illustrator Judy Horacek talking about their new book, as well as how to get children reading.

The Festival runs throughout the month of November and features free events for children and schools across Greater Western Sydney. As well as the return of Russ the Story Bus, look out for the Children's Author Roadshow at your local library, contribute your stories to the My Story Project, or book in for a special one-off Primary School Day program in Penrith.

You can find out more information at the website: http://bit.ly/1wLrHiq

Mr Cooney

GRAMMAR

CSSA TENNIS

Wycliffe had 6 students represent the school at the CSSA Tennis Champions:

- 3 Primary students - Brady Hughes, Dakota Smith and James Clain
- 3 Secondary students - Jake Newton, Alex Newton and Sam Casey

All students had a wonderful day.

Whilst not making the finals Dakota Smith, James Clain and Alex Newton won numerous competition games and played well. Jake Newton was in fine form winning 5 out of 6 pool games but narrowly missed making the finals by 1 point.

Brady Hughes once again played some excellent tennis and made the top 4 and after winning his pool he was narrowly defeated in the semi final 7-5.

Sam Casey a regular at our morning specialist speed classes played some excellent tennis to win through to the Semi Finals in the U/15’s division. However, like Brady he narrowly went down in the semi with a 6-4 result.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Grant Casey, a parent of the school, who is a qualified tennis coach and who has at times freely given of his time to help teach our students from both the primary and the secondary on how to improve their tennis skills.

SPORT SPECIALIST TRAINING

Just a reminder that the school offers to students the opportunity to have specialist fitness training which is helping to lift our athletes to higher levels.

Monday lunch time Interval Training with parents Mr and Mrs Morgans. Interval training is unique in that it develops speed with an additional cardio benefit. Students from Years 3-12 are welcome.

Wednesday Morning Speed Training with Mr Stewart. Meeting at 7am the focus is speed and agility using plyometrics and the principal of potentiation. Currently we have all levels of athletes training with us from NSW Volleyballers, Harold Matthews rep league and various levels of soccer including Western Sydney Wanderers. You don't have to be an elite athlete to join us, you just have to be keen and prepared to train hard and smart. Students from Years 4-12 are welcome in Term 4.

Lunch Time Strength Training in the B13 gym with Mr Osborne for Secondary students only.

Parents: Please if you see the B13 gym door open, feel free to check out the facility and see what the athletes are doing.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming school events are available from:
www2.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au/calendars

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR

Byron Smith will be speaking about the issue of Climate Change from a Christian perspective, including questions like “Why does it matter?” and “How do we respond?”.

This event will be held on Saturday, 14th November (7.30pm – 9pm) at Springwood Anglican Church (The Factory). Fairtrade tea, coffee and supper will be provided. Creche will also be available. For more information, contact Jozica on 0448 391 896.

Climate Change

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Springwood Anglican Church (The Factory), 28 Lawson Road, Springwood
Cost: Donation at the door. Fairtrade tea, coffee and supper. Creche provided
Any enquiries regarding the event please contact Jozica on 0448 391 896

Speaker: Byron Smith

Byron is Assistant Minister at St George’s Anglican Church in Paddington, a Fellow of the Centre for Public Christianity (CPX) in Sydney, a senior consultant on the Climate Justice team at Common Grace and is completing a PhD at the University of Edinburgh in the field of Christian Ecological Ethics.