If you have visited the School in the last week you may have noticed the new flagpoles that have been installed in the island adjacent to the bus bay. The new flagpoles have been installed to replace the School’s original flagpole that was removed a number of years ago to allow for the extension of the Administration building.

Following protocol the Australian flag will fly daily on the flagpole to the left. On the additional flagpole flags flown will vary as outlined below:

The Australian Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Islander Flags. These remind our School community that God created all humankind in His own image and that His hand led people of all races to lands to make their home, originally in Australia our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Other days will feature the Tongan Flag to mark our sister school relationship with Taufa ahau Pilolevu College, and the flag of the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong, in respect for our relationship with Living Spirit College.

Other flags may be flown on occasion.

To acknowledge the significance of this the 100th year since the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, an ANZAC centenary garden will be established around the flagpoles.

STRENGTHENING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Communication is the key to any successful relationship. If the School and parents are to share an effective partnership in learning it is therefore essential that we foster open and timely channels of communication.

To this end the School has specifically designated three afternoons a week (Tues, Wed & Thurs) as focused communication times from 2:50-3:20pm. During this time staff will focus on unanswered emails from parents, receive phone calls, and be available for a formal interview or even for a parent to drop into the class/staffroom to catch a teacher on a quick matter. Our goal is to respond to parents within one working day, however as we are expecting increased communications the school is committing to a response within two working day’s maximum.

A number of staff (particularly in the Senior School Years 7-12) have regular teaching commitments, extracurricular activities and/or executive responsibilities and may be unavailable on some days. Where possible, please contact the staff member ahead of time to confirm their availability.

To contact staff via email their address is the first name initial followed by surname, with the school address following. eg. Peter Jamieson is (pjamieson@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au).
While email may be a convenient way to communicate, it is no substitute for personal discussion either by phone or face to face. I have included within this edition of School Talk a guide to email etiquette for parents. I would encourage parents to read the guide so as to make effective use of the eCommunication. Two of the most significant points highlighted are:

1. Emails should be short and to the point. If the message takes up more than a couple of short paragraphs at the most, it is more appropriate to talk personally with teachers.
2. Avoid email ‘tennis’. If the ‘conversation’ requires responses to and fro, then once again talking personally is necessary.

I look forward to continuing to strengthen the partnership we share in the education of your children. Should at any time you wish to speak to me personally please do not hesitate to make contact, either in person, by phone or email (principal@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au).

**School Senior Executive Structure**

Accompanying recent changes in school culture and organisation there have been some amendments to our school structure and related executive responsibilities.

The School effectively now has two separate sections:

**Junior School (Preschool-Yr6)**

Mrs Edwards’ Deputy Principal role has focus on the Junior School section, both curriculum and pastoral care. If a parent has a significant issue or question related to Preschool - Yr6, then Mrs Edwards is the one to speak with.

**Senior School (Yrs7-12)**

Mr Little’s senior executive role has evolved to Director of Welfare 7-12 (Pastoral Care), with special responsibility for the HSC years.

Ms Inglis expanded senior executive role is Director of Administration encompassing whole school organisation (Prep-12) and curriculum (Yrs 7-10).

In her previous role as Head of Campus, Mrs Edwards had heavy involvement in the daily life of both the Junior and Senior sections of the School. The most significant change in practice will be that parents with issues or questions related to the high school are asked to direct these to Mr Little or Ms Inglis respectively.

Of course I am always available should parents (Preschool - Yr12) wish to broaden their discussion.

**Community Member of the Week**

This week we feature Declan Myers of Year 9. I had the pleasure of getting to know Declan a little better last week at the Year 9 camp. It was very clear that Declan loves life, and fully involved himself throughout the camp, from kicking footballs, to riding quad bikes.

His huge smile is an encouragement to all.

Peter Jamieson
Principal

**Come & Watch the Blues Crush the Cane Toads**

In Game 1 The Blues went down in a ‘nail biter’. Can they overcome the Cane Toads in Game 2 and keep the series alive? Students bring your dad or mum and join with Mr Jamieson for this historic occasion as NSW seeks to retain the trophy.

Sausage sizzle from 6:45pm. Drinks and snacks throughout the evening.

- **When:** Wednesday June 17th
- **Time:** 6:45pm
- **Where:** Wyrilide Common Room.
- **Cost:** $1 per person (on the evening)
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AND HEAD OF JUNIOR

ABSENCES KNOWN IN ADVANCE
This is a reminder about the change in requirements regarding known absences during the school term. Schools are no longer required to issue a Certificate of Exemption for situations such as extended leave for a family holiday or leave required for convalescence after surgery or a prolonged illness. If you are intending taking a family holiday in school term, please send a letter detailing the dates of the absence. This leave will most probably be marked on our records as approved leave, although we may set work for your child to complete depending on the length of the absence and their stage of education. For prolonged recovery from illness or surgery, please send a note of explanation and a Dr’s certificate. This will be recorded as sick leave.

Thanks for your cooperation,
Coral Edwards

SCHOOL NOTICES

Wycliffe Christian School
11 Drama
in Flannofest 2015

TIME PIECE
Friday 26 June 7pm
Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre
Tickets $18 from Box Office
4723 7660

Year 11 Drama Production - Wycliffe’s Year 11 Drama class will again be competing in the Western Area Theatre Festival known as Flannofest, held at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre on 26 June. Tickets for the 12pm matinee or the 7pm evening performance are $18 and are available at the JSPAC Box Office. Alternatively, you can book or buy tickets online at:


The 2015 Flannofest production, *Time Piece*, will be a compilation production where each participating school will present a scene about the role of TIME in our lives. We look forward to your support and hope you will enjoy the show.

Natalie Maddock
Head of Faculty CAPA

DESTINY RESCUE MAKE A STAND FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who got involved in Wycliffe’s Destiny Rescue Fundraiser last Friday 29th May 2015. It was a great success, with many students standing to raise money for Destiny Rescue.

Lots of students also got involved in a photo shoot for Destiny Rescue, featuring those standing for the cause holding a sign saying “I will Stand” and a short clip outlining why they decided to Make A Stand. These photos and videos will be sent to Destiny Rescue AND the rescued girls in safe homes as a visual representation of our support here in Australia (after parents have signed and returned the permission note).

When Lukas from Destiny Rescue came to speak to Yr 7-12 students last week, he reminded us of our duty to assist those less fortunate than us. This message was well responded to by the community, and showed us that no matter how old you are, you can still make a difference!

For those who Made a Stand and are still collecting sponsor money (online or cash), please be sure to have that in by Friday 12th of June. Already students
have raised over $7000, with more money still coming in! A big thank you to Siobhan Toft, Thomas Brischetto, Molly Gee, Samuel Powell and Michelle Milton who have made a mammoth effort in their fundraising.

LIBRARY NEWS

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
This week’s library display is dedicated to World Environment Day. It celebrates God's good creation and reminds us that human beings have a special God-given role in creation. One of our Wycliffe parents, Matthew Toulmin, introduced me to a term that encapsulates this role. It is Ecommission. You can find out more about this concept at the website: hopeforcreation.com.au

Christian author David Smith says that God asks us to be:

• a responsible ruler under God who serves the creation
• a gardener, who tends God’s garden in thankfulness for this amazing gift
• a care-taker, working on God’s behalf
• a tenant or guest in God’s world, not the owner
• an earth tamer, mirroring God by bringing creative order not destruction

We are blessed to live in a beautiful part of God's creation, surrounded as we are by the Blue Mountains National Park. The display contains some of the resources that we, as a community, use to teach our children to enjoy this special place in thankfulness and wonder at the diversity and majesty of the bush valleys and escarpments. We teach them practical ways to care for God's creation through our sustainable gardens, our use of solar panels and our recycling program. We challenge them to hear and obey God’s ecommission.

Mr Cooney

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

MATHEMATICS STUDY CENTRE
Every Wednesday afternoon in the library from 3:00pm - 3:45pm, Years 7-12.

The Mathematics Study Centre offers free support to those students who need help with mathematical problems, small or large. Whether homework is proving challenging or if help is needed reviewing topics before examinations and tests, sometime a helping hand can make all the difference. While the centre does not offer structured tutoring, maths teachers will be on hand to assist with any maths problems and this can often make a real difference.
This service is available for students from Years 7 to 12 and students are welcome to come on a drop-in or regular basis.

Ms Michaela Inglis - Head of Mathematics

YEAR 11 2016 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Senior College Blog site now has information to assist students and parents in understanding the requirements of the HSC as well as information on subjects and programs of study for students commencing Year 11 in 2016.

The website can be found at:

http://wycliffeseniorcollege.edublogs.org

You will need to log on with the password wsc2014

On this site you will find:

- A power point presentation outlining the structure and requirements of the HSC.
- A Booklet of general information.
- Information on courses.
- A copy of the Initial Survey form.
- A forum to post your questions.

Students will obtain hard copies of the documents during their Year 10 program session on Wednesday 3rd June.

I believe the forum can be a powerful tool in addressing questions in a timely manner and developing an understanding of common issues and concerns.

This will be the beginning of a consultative period between students, parents and teachers leading up to our "Course Market" for Year 11, details as follows:

DATE: Wednesday 10th June 2015
TIME: 3.30pm to 6.00pm
VENUE: The Library, Wycliffe Christian School

The purpose of this afternoon is to provide both parents and students with the opportunity to speak with teaching staff about courses that are of interest to them for 2016-17.

Based on the initial survey, a final subject choice form will be distributed to students in early Term 3.

"Out of the Green" (Logo competition)

Our school Environmental Committee is running an internal competition, available for all students to enter. The winner will receive a prize for the best logo that is simple but strong in reflecting the theme: based on a nature, plants or the environment.

The logo will be used by the Environmental committee to advertise their initiative in School Talk and elsewhere.

Entries close on 19th June 2015 and will be judged in Week 10. All entries to go to Dr Persis via Student Services

KEY ALLIANCE CAREERS EXPO

Just a reminder that the KEY Alliance Careers Expo is being held next Tuesday night at Penrith Christian School, Simeon Rd Orchard Hills, from 6-8pm. This is a great opportunity for our students and parents to meet with representatives from universities and other providers of tertiary education to talk about course requirements and opportunities for study post school.
This is a free event for students in years 10, 11 and 12.

Julie Pickworth

**SPORT NEWS**

**CSSA STATE CROSS COUNTRY – PRIMARY**

Last Friday, 31 Wycliffe Primary students travelled to Sydney International Equestrian Centre to compete in the CSSA State Cross Country. All students represented the school brilliantly, displaying a competitive yet fair and encouraging attitude throughout the event.

Each student should be proud of their efforts as they pushed themselves to achieve pleasing results.

Our top two spots for each age group are as follows:

**9 Years Girls/9 Years Boys**

Meeka Grierson – 25th Rowan Brischetto – 7th

Dakota Smith – 42nd Rory Jenner – 16th

**10 Years Girls/10 Years Boys**

Olivia Greenaway – 13th Josiah Grierson – 10th

Hannah Kennedy – 44th Levi Powell – 75th

**11 Years Girls/11 Years Boys**

Amelia Bemrose – 45th Thomas Brischetto – 29th

Sarah Mitchell – 49th Ben Jenner – 59th

**12 Years Girls/12 Years Boys**

Amelia Dobson – 6th Trent Wallace – 20th

Molly Gee – 18th Connor Edwards 29th

Particular mention must go to Amelia, Molly, Eleanor and Ella, for coming 3rd in the team scores for the 12 Years Girls.

Thank you parents for your attendance, support and volunteer work. It was greatly appreciated.

Rowan and Thomas Brischetto

**UP COMING EVENTS**

For the most up-to-date calendar information, refer to the School Website Calendar at [www.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au](http://www.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au).

- Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday Jun 8
- Key Alliance Careers Expo @ PCS Jun 9
- Year 10 Course Market Afternoon Jun 10
- CIS Pri & Sec State Cross Country Jun 11
- Yr 12 History Excursion Jun 11
- Yr 12 Dance Showcase Jun 12
- Yr 11 INT Excursion Jun 12
- CSSA AFL Gala Day Jun 15
- CSSA Sec State Netball Gala Day Jun 15
- Yr 7-12 Athletics Carnival Jun 17
- Yr 3-6 Winmalee Cup Jun 19
NO COMPROMISE’ was the catch cry of legendary gospel singer song-writer Keith Green. These concerts are a chance to hear his music passionately & faithfully reproduced.

**Friday 10 July**
Glenbrook    7pm
Lower Mountains
Anglican

**Sunday 12 July**
St Annes Anglican
Ryde    6pm

**TICKETS $20 adults**
$15 conc. / $40 family
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02 9262 5017 to book