FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It always brings me great joy when I see students making the most of their God given interests and talents. As such I was delighted to join with Micah Bawden (Yr12 2015) and his family for the opening of the annual ARTEXPRESS exhibition.

ARTEXPRESS exhibits the leading major works of HSC Visual Arts students. Michah's major work, "Albi was just a 'stretcher bearer' ", pays tribute to his great grandfather and others, who played a vital, but somewhat less glorious, role in the First World War. Micah has a strong faith in Christ and approached the work with an attitude of thanksgiving.

Art teacher, Mrs Jennifer Gardiner, was very excited with Micah's achievement. Last year three of her HSC Visual Arts students were placed in the top performance band.

Micah's work, and others from around the state, can be viewed until the end of April at the Armory, Sydney Olympic Park. For more information visit: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au

SAD NEWS FROM TONGA

The school has enjoyed a long-term sister school relationship with Taufa'ahau Pilolevu College in Ha'aapi, Tonga. Our students have visited the school on numerous occasions and they has also hosted return visits from the students from Tonga.

Former Principal of Taufa'ahau Pilolevu College, Sione, was diagnosed with cancer. The school received communication over the weekend from 'Una, his daughter, now Deputy Principal at TPC, that Sione had died about a fortnight ago.

Sione spent many years serving the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, both in education and as a minister in churches. He was also a visitor to Wycliffe a few years ago. Those who knew Sione considered him a wise, humble and Godly man.

Please pray for his wife, family and community, thanking God for his Kingdom contribution and his faith.

OUR BUDDING SCIENTISTS

One of the great advantages of being a K-12 school is that the wonderful resources and staff of the high school can be made available to students in primary school.

Over the past two years, in preparing upper primary age students for their high school experience, Yr 5 and 6 classes regularly visit the Senior School Science laboratories for lessons with our specialist science teachers.

Featured above are Bella Croft and Amelia Bemrose of 5/6W, exploring the separation of solutions in a science lesson with Dr Persis.

CAFÉ UNDER THE STARS

Café under the Stars looms less than a week away. Last year’s inaugural event proved a wonderful community
celebration with around one hundred in attendance. The musical talents of students, staff and parents will be on display with coffee and dessert available for purchase through our school café.

We would love to see you there next Wednesday, 9th March, 7-9pm.

**AFTERNOON RUSH-HOUR**

The afternoon peak traffic period can become quite chaotic especially as buses back up the main drive waiting for room in the bus bay.

In managing the potential risk to drivers and students we are asking parents not to drive into the school grounds between 2:30pm and 3:00pm. Parents arriving between these times are requested to park in the parking zone of Warrimoo oval and either wait at the top of the drive for their children to arrive, or alternatively walk down into the school.

Our property staff member, Mr Ian Post, will be positioned at the top of the drive to ensure traffic flows as outlined. I would ask all parents to cooperate with his direction, as the wellbeing of your child/ren is at the forefront of our minds.

**MAYORAL AWARD ACHIEVEMENT**

For the past eight years, the Blue Mountains City Library has conducted a Summer Reading Program. The program promotes the value and enrichment that reading provides in the development of our children. This year over two thousand local children participated in Summer Reading Program over a period of nine weeks, reading a total of 11,110 books. Samuel Howes, from Year 9, received the Mayoral Award for Best Teen Reader in the Blue Mountains during the Summer Program.

Samuel was presented with his Award and book voucher by Vicki Edmunds, Manager, Library and Community Services and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Van der Kley.

**SPORT**

**PAUL KELLY CUP – LOWER MOUNTAINS CHAMPIONS**

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On top of a good win the boys were wonderful ambassadors for the school as they played hard but played fairly, with impeccable behavior on the field.

The next round of the Competition will be in May and the boys will be working hard to build on this achievement on March 2nd 1904, Ted Geisel had a varied life with a number of different careers, all revolving around his skill as an artist.

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**Dr Seuss**

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The Team: Connor Edwards (c), Riley Carlson (C), Oliver Carr, Brayden Gray, Josiah Grierson, Duncan Hare, Samuel Kennedy, Dominic Warren, Cameron Winfield, Harry Bernays, Callum Blackwood, Thomas Brischetto, Michael Dillen, Benjamin Jenner, Charlie Wilkinson

Andrew Stewart (Coach)
K-12 Sport Coordinator

CSSA PRIMARY ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Thursday, 25th February, 32 students from Years 2-6 represented Wycliffe Christian School at the CSSA Primary Zone Swimming Carnival. In the heat of the day, the carnival was still thoroughly enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike, especially while they were in the pool.

Wycliffe fared extremely well, with most events finishing with a top-4 result from a representative from the School. In fact, out of the eight schools competing on the day, Wycliffe came 2nd overall, which was an impressive result and a big improvement on our performance last year. Additionally, 14 students will be representing the School and the Zone at the CSSA Primary State Swimming Carnival on Monday 7th March.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented the school, especially to those who achieved age champions for their respective ages; Oliver Carr (11 years boys), Olivia Greenaway (11 years girls) and Rory Jenner (10 years boys).

A BIG THANK-YOU to all of our parent helpers and the Year 10 Physical Activity and Sport Science class who assisted Mr Stewart in making the carnival run so smoothly.

SCHOOL NOTICES

YEAR 12 COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES ARE CONDUCTING RESEARCH

This term, in Year 12 Community and Family Studies, students are conducting their Independent Research Projects. The task requires the students to choose a topic of interest and conduct their own primary and secondary data collection, then write a report on their findings. The following students wish to conduct their research at school by surveying different students using written questionnaires. While student participation is completely voluntary, the Year 12 students would greatly appreciate their participation in the completing of a quick survey at school. If you do not wish your child/dependent to participate in any questionnaire would you please email the student conducting the particular research in question.

• Zoe Byrne, Impact of Music on Study, Surveying years 9-12
  zoe.byrne@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au
• Sophie Shanahan, Do to tattoos affect perceptions?, Surveying years 7-12
  sophie.shanahan@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au
• Annelise Harris, The Impact Clothing has on the Wellbeing of Teen Girls, Surveying years 7-12 girls
  annelise.harris@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au
• Abbey Sampson, Adolescent Girls’ Participation in Physical Activity decrease as they mature, years 9-12
  abigail.samson@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au
• Brooklyn Edwards, Influence of parents and carers on their dependants, Surveying years K-6
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