ENCLOSURES: BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BUSHFIRE SEASON IS UPON US
August 1st marked the official start of the fire season and was accompanied by several outbreaks in the Blue Mountains, most notably the blaze at Wentworth Falls that is still burning in remote bushland.

As we discovered with the Winmalee fires of two years ago, given suitable conditions the situation can escalate very quickly into emergency status. The Rural Fire Service advises all families in fire prone areas to have a clear fire safety plan to ensure safety should a threat arise. The School also has a fire safety plan as part of its emergency procedures, and this plan was tested and proved effective in the 2013 crisis.

A copy of the School's Bushfire emergency procedures can be found in the Wycliffe Essentials Guide. I have also included the procedures in this week's newsletter. Please take the time to read through the procedures to prepare your family should a situation arise during school hours.

COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK

This week we feature our school Spanish teacher, Mr Daniel Zanardo. Mr Zanardo does a wonderful job in the classroom, as has been reflected over the past two years in the HSC results of his Spanish Beginners students.

His efforts do not stop there, and he has been integral to establishing mountain biking as a Senior School sport option; he has coordinated our school involvement in the Ride 2 Rescue, a fundraiser of Destiny Rescue, the School’s key charity that seeks to free children around the world from sexual exploitation and slavery; he is a key member of the environmental committee, and leads the ‘white knights’ in collecting waste paper around the school for recycling; he also has led overseas tours/mission adventures in South America.

We acknowledge how Mr Zanardo reflects the heart of Christ through his active service around the School.

Peter Jamieson
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AND HEAD OF JUNIOR

We are currently enjoying another visit from some teachers and students of Living Spirit College and China Holiness College, Hong Kong. Some of our students have the privilege of being in school buddies – spending time together during recess, Growth Group and lunch as well as some classes. The Hong Kong students are enjoying some specialist practical lessons with Mr Little (Science),
Mrs Kemp (Cooking), Mr Moor (Woodwork) and Mrs Gardiner and Mr Wright (Art). They are also sharing some cultural presentations with many of our students. Some 5/6 students and Mrs Kruik and myself, took them on a short bushwalk in our school grounds. This was a new experience for most of the visitors. It is a great opportunity for our school to extend our outlook as we learn about another culture and share the love of Christ with them.

Who says spelling is boring – Mrs Short has lots of fun tricks up her sleeve to get Kindy excited about spelling!

DATE CLAIMERS FOR K-6 PARENTS:

K-6 40 Hour Famine – Mufti and ‘Miss Out” day – Tuesday 18th August. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation on this day. As younger students are not advised to go without food, each class will be considering what they can ‘miss out’ on for a day as a way to serve others.

‘Book Week Celebration Afternoon’ – Wednesday August 26th – From 11:30 am onwards. Parents are welcome to come along and share in activities with your children – drama, book week parade and some readings. Bring your lunch and enjoy lunch with your children.

We are looking for parents, grandparents or friends who would like to share their favourite book as a child, by reading to their child’s class, or to a small group. You could read an entire Picture Book or just a ‘taster’ from a favourite novel. If you are willing, please contact myself cedwards@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au Don’t be shy, kids are a very appreciative audience!

K-2 Sport Morning - Tuesday 8th September, 8:45 to 12:15 on the oval. Families & friends welcome.

K-6 Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off – Friday 11th September 8:45 – 10:15 Come and see the skipping skills children have acquired as they have been practising. Great exercise and lots of fun!

We hope to see you at some (or all) of these events!

God bless,

Coral Edwards

**SCHOOL NEWS**
Books light up our world because they shed light upon others and ourselves. They help us to understand more about life and the diversity as well as the common experiences that characterise God’s world. Here are three more of the CBCA short-listed books for 2015.

*Pig the Pug* by Aaron Blabey (nominated in the Early Childhood category)

Pig is the greediest Pug in the world. In fact, he seems to think that he owns this book, along with every other toy in the house. He is grumpy, rude and unreasonable. But when Pig the Pug is asked to share his toys, something unexpected happens. Hopefully Pig has learnt a lesson and – hopefully – our young readers will too.

*Snail and Turtle are Friends* by Stephen Michael King (nominated in the Early Childhood category)

Snail and Turtle are good friends. They have some things in common and some things that they do differently, yet they enjoy spending time together. Along the way, they introduce young readers to the idea that not everyone has to be the same and that even friends will have different likes, dislikes and preferences which add to the value of the friendship. Friends can even like different aspects of the same activity or experience. Valuing difference as a positive rather than a negative thing is a wonderful lesson to learn.

*The Lost Girl* by Ambelin Kwaymullina and Leanne Tobin (nominated for the Crichton Award for New Illustrators)

The concept of Mother Earth is not one shared by Christians. Yet for Aboriginal people it expresses their relationship with the land that sustains them.

The Lost Girl introduces children to this way of looking at the Creation. In doing so, it opens up an awareness of the bounty of God’s provision in what can seem a hostile environment and introduces children to another worldview to consider in the light of God’s revelation of himself in the Bible.

It is also a significant book for its connection with our local indigenous residents. While the author, Ambelin Kwaymullina, comes from the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia, the illustrator is local artist, Leanne Tobin, who is a descendant of the remarkable Dharug woman, Maria Locke, whose father was Yarramundi, ‘Chief of the Richmond Tribes’ from the Boorooberongal people at Richmond.

Mr Cooney

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**Junior School News**

**Penrith RSL Inter-Schools Chess Tournament**

Last week, three teams from Wycliffe Christian School competed in the Penrith RSL Inter-Schools Chess Tournament over two days. As you will see from the results below, this annual event is proving popular with students from local schools.

The students enjoyed the round robin tournament format, which was conducted in a friendly but competitive atmosphere. After each round, each team’s scores were used to match them against players from other schools of similar ability. While participation and enjoyment were the key measure of the day, all teams acquitted themselves well, with the difference between bands of results often being only one game. Thank you to Mr Duncan, Mrs Johnson and Mr Cooney for accompanying the students. The results are:

Primary Team B, of Samuel Johnson, Michael Dillen and Harry Bernays, came equal 13th out of 53 teams.
Primary Team A, of James Clain, Hamish Wright and Ben Cannon came equal 30th out of 53 teams.

Secondary team, of Eli Bamber, LeRoy Lewis and Lachlan Wright came equal 22nd out of 48 teams.

Students interested in playing or learning chess are reminded that there are chess sets available for use in the library and that the school chess club meets in the library every Tuesday in the second half of lunch.

Mr Cooney

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**SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS**

Just a reminder that inside the UAC guide which was issued to all our Year 12 students is a list of the upcoming Open Days for tertiary providers using UAC for admissions.

The following information might be of interest:

03 September, Thursday 4pm - 6pm How to Present your Fashion Folio: Learn how to present your HSC artwork or high school Textile & Design projects to their best advantage in a professional portfolio format. Organise your fashion drawings and other creative works in the most visually exciting way possible. Other topics covered include: BFB entry kit requirements, fashion portfolio formats, mood boards, graphics and layouts, work page flow, selection and editing techniques. Please RSVP to Olesya Bobrik at OBobrik@Holmes.edu.au [http://www.fashionmasters.com.au](http://www.fashionmasters.com.au)

Alphacrucis College Open Day: is a showcase of everything our college has to offer. Attendees will learn more about our Diplomas, Bachelors, Masters and Doctorates in Business, Music, Teaching, Counselling, Theology, Chaplaincy, Leadership, Ministry and Missions register at: [http://openday.ac.edu.au/](http://openday.ac.edu.au/)

Macleay College Open Day on Saturday 22 August Learn about our courses in Journalism, Advertising and Business, speak with current and past students about internships and careers after graduating. Tour facilities [https://macleay.edu.au/campaign/open-day-august-22](https://macleay.edu.au/campaign/open-day-august-22)

The University of Notre Dame Open Day - Saturday 29 August 2015, 9:00am to 3:00pm Learn about Notre Dame and its unique admissions process and meet current students and graduates. Discuss course options with academic staff and enjoy entertainment, activities, workshops and Campus tours. Register at [http://notredame.edu.au/openday/sydney/](http://notredame.edu.au/openday/sydney/)

Sydney TAFE Open Day Saturday 29 August 2015 9.00-4.00pm For more information email Claire.OConnell6@tafensw.edu.au or call 02) 9217 5015 [http://www.sydneytafe.edu.au/openday](http://www.sydneytafe.edu.au/openday)

NIDA 2016 applications now open for NIDA’s 2016 Master of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts and Diploma courses, and close 30 September. For full course details and to apply, visit [http://apply.nida.edu.au](http://apply.nida.edu.au).

Mrs Julie Pickworth

**MATHEMATICS STUDY CENTRE**

*Every Wednesday afternoon in the library from 3:00 - 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, sometimes 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*
SPORT NEWS

NSW BASEBALL SHADOW RESERVE

Congratulations to Hugh Catchpoole who represented CIS in its inaugural entry to the NSW All Schools Open Boys Softball championships. Such was Hughes Performance he was selected as one of the top 20 athletes to play in a 'possibles vs probables' match as part of the selection of a NSW All Schools team.

Hugh was not selected in the final team however to be named as a Shadow reserve was a fine performance.

CIS TOUCH FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVE

Well done to Sean Bartlett who played some quality touch football representing CIS against some of the best touch footballers in the state at the NSW U/15’s All Schools Touch Football Championships. Sean is a talented footballer and he has also helped me with the coaching of our Primary boys 7 aside Rugby League team. Well Done Sean.

7 ASIDE FOOTY

Great to see our 7 aside footy teams in action and training hard for the CIS 7 Aside Gala Days on 10 August and 24th August. Our boys are also playing in the Tuesday Nepean Zone interschool competition and both teams started with good wins against much larger Richard Johnston Anglican College outfits. The 14’s were poetry in motion as they tackled low and won 28-0 whilst the 16’s ran away in the second half to win 34-14.

What a delight it is training at lunchtimes with the 14’s boys. It is a real credit to them as they started training in my absence last term and they are just so motivated at training.

METROPOLITAN CUP QUALIFYING MATCHES

On the 4th August 2015, the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 boys soccer teams represented the school at the Metropolitan Cup Qualifying Matches at Mamre Anglican School. Year 5/6 had three games against Richard Johnson Anglican School, Nepean Christian School and Mamre Anglican School. Year 3/4 also played these schools except for Nepean Christian School.

The Year 5/6 team’s first game was against Richard Johnson Anglican School. This was a very even affair, with both teams having opportunities in front of goal. Wycliffe were gaining a slight edge, getting some corner opportunities, which worked in our favour for the final result. Michael Dillen performed well in goal, keeping all shots from hitting the net. Micah Webster made some crucial saves in defence, as did Samuel Johnson, Isaac Selwood and Oliver Short, while the three-pronged attack of Aidan Smith, Zachary Sampson and Trent Wallace applied some serious pressure down the other end of the field. Unfortunately, Richard Johnson were able to get one shot that reached its intended target, the final result 1-0.

In their second game against Nepean Christian School, the Year 5/6 team started off sluggishly, having just finished their first game. After the initial kick-off, the boys went on to control most of the game in Nepean’s defensive half. The team also showed a lot of versatility, some students playing in slightly unfamiliar positions with Coach, Mr Brown keeping...
the interchange continuously ticking over to give players some rest. When Nepean scored against the flow, it felt as though all the hard work the boys had put in was coming to no avail. However, in a forward press, started by the likes of Connor Edwards, Wycliffe were able to string together some passes in Nepean's 18 yard box for Harry Bernays to score a goal. Furthermore, in a second push forward, Ben Jenner optimised on a Nepean defender’s mistake and kicked the winning goal.

In the final game against Mamre Anglican School, the team was overwhelmed by the skills, control and teamwork shown by a very disciplined opposition. Despite the best efforts of goalkeepers, Michael Dillen and Samuel Johnson as well as a range of defenders the Mamre forwards scored relentlessly. Mamre’s confidence was such that their goalkeeper stationed himself a few yards out the front of the 18 yard box. Their defenders, wanting some share of the glory pressed further and further forward into Wycliffe’s defensive half.

It was one of those games that you had to work hard to find positives, the players were out on their feet and the score was beyond recovery. However, in a small passage of play that will go down in the history of Wycliffe Lore, Aidan Smith somehow found himself in possession of the ball and was able to get a decent kick past the Mamre defensive line...to the capable feet of Eli Little, who had snuck quietly behind the defence, but still in his own half and therefore still onside.

What followed hadn’t been seen all day. Never had the Mamre defenders run so fast to regain the ball. The goalkeeper, completely unfamiliar with the idea of conceding a score, (let alone receiving the ball) was in full retreat to defend the goal. Eli Little ran faster than he had all day and shot truly. It was a consolation goal that will be talked about around campfires in the story that was: The goal we got against Mamre. It was the spark that lifted the rest of the team to play some of their best soccer and play competitively for what remained of the game.

The Year 3/4 team had a good day of soccer. Having never played as a team before, it was difficult for the players to play in their usual style. In their first game against Richard Johnson Anglican School, Rory Jenner and Rowan Brischetto both worked hard up forward, stringing passes together to try and thread their way through a tight Richard Johnson defence. Jacob Howes and Elijah Edwards both worked hard on the wings, with James Inglis also performing well in an unfamiliar position on right wing when Elijah came off injured. Louis Short never stopped running and trying to control the game at centre half. Ashton Allan, Oliver Carr, Dominic Warren and Jeremy Hare all performed reliably in defence while Duncan Hare was brilliant in goal. James Inglis also did a great job in goal when Duncan came off injured. Unfortunately, the boys couldn’t adjust to the smaller fields and seemed to have trouble keeping organised against a well-trained Richard Johnson unit, who came out as convincing winners, 6-0.

The second game against Mamre Anglican School once again turned out to be a very difficult affair. Two highlights included Louis Short’s persistent defensive efforts and Elijah Edwards’ magnificence in goal. Unfortunately, this was not enough to stop Mamre from scoring past a competitive, yet inexperienced team. Nevertheless, the Year 3/4 team is to be commended on their never-say-die attitude both in effort and in spirit.

Overall, it was a fun day of soccer. A big thank you to the parents who helped out on the day with transport and coaching.

The Year 5/6 Boys Soccer Team: Back Row: Zachary Sampson, Eli Little, Trent Wallace, Samuel Johnson, Connor Edwards, Aidan Smith and Mr Brown (Coach)

Front Row: Micah Webster, Oliver Short, Michael Dillen, Isaac Selwood, Ben Jenner and Harry Bernays.

The Year 3/4 Boys Soccer Team: Back Row: Dominic Warren, Duncan Hare, Oliver Carr, Jacob Howes, James Inglis, Rowan Brischetto and Mr Brown (coach)
Front Row: Jeremy Hare, Ashton Allan, Elijah Edwards, Rory Jenner and Louis Short

SPORTS SPECIALIST TRAINING

Please note that Mr Stewarts Sports Specialist Wednesday morning group will not be running on Wednesday 12 August due to the Secondary Zone Athletics Carnival. Students both Primary and Secondary who are keen to excel in sport are most welcome to attend. The focus of these sessions is to develop Leg Power to increases in speed and agility which enhances the performance of most sports. If your child's sport involves jumping such as in Volleyball or Netball/Basketball this class will be most beneficial.

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Parents are most welcome to come along and listen in so they can help their child at home as doing the exercises twice a week is what is needed to improve performance. This Group Trains 7am Wednesday Morning on the School Oval.

I also encourage students to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity and coaching that parents in our school John and Monique Morgans are offering every Monday Lunchtime on Warrimoo Oval. I will add that you would pay considerable money outside of school to attend both these training sessions that are totally free.

Mr Stewart
K-12 Sports Coordinator

YEAR 5/6 MILO BLAST CRICKET CUP REPORT

On Monday 3rd August, Wycliffe Christian School was represented by two Year 5/6 cricket teams at the Milo Blast Cricket Cup competition in Glenbrook. The teams each played four games against teams from the Blue Mountains and Penrith region. They learnt a lot of new skills and enjoyed themselves on a glorious day of Cricket.

The boys’ team had an excellent day, playing against teams from Lapstone, Springwood and Leonay. Michael Dillen discovered in his first delivery that the fields were a lot smaller than he had originally experienced, the first ball going over the batsman and the wicketkeeper’s head for four byes. Connor Edwards got hit for 6 in one of his first deliveries. He responded by getting the batsman out, clean bowled with the following delivery. Isaac Selwood caused at least one run-out with his superior fielding. Callum Blackwood also scalped a wicket with a run-out while Zachary Sampson and Brady Hughes each cleanly bowled batsmen in their respective overs. Eli Little made life difficult for opposition batsmen (and often, the wicketkeeper) in most games, often beating them with pace and clever pitching.

When they were batting, for most part, the boys enjoyed a run-fest, taking advantage of the small fields with fours and sixes hit to all parts. Brady Hughes was particularly reliable with at least three sixes in each of his innings. Riley Milton used a somewhat unorthodox batting grip to hit a good share of runs. Zachary Sampson also hit sixes in most games. Ben Jenner played a strong supporting role with the bat, keeping the runs ticking over regularly and hitting a six or two of his own.

In terms of results, the boys won three out of their four games to finish seventh overall in what was a very highly competitive competition.

The girls’ team also had a very productive day with games against Mount Riverview, Leonay, Montgrove and Lapstone. Chloe Welsman had fun hitting the ball off the tees while Lydia Hubbard helped herself to multiple fours and sixes. Sarah Mitchell, Eleanor Maddock and Abbey Hardimon all batted consistently, hitting fours and sixes in each of their innings.

In the field, the girls made batting very difficult for the opposition. In the game against Montgrove, Ella Edwards, Abbey Hardimon, Olivia Greenaway and Sarah Mitchell each caused run-outs. Molly Gee bowled two out while on top of their run-outs, Sarah Mitchell and Ella Edwards each helped themselves to catches.

The girls won their first three games, which was good enough to get them into the grand final against Lapstone. Amelia Bemrose scored a six in her innings while Lydia Hubbard, Chloe Welsman, Sarah Mitchell, Abbey Hardimon, Molly Gee and Eleanor Maddock each helped themselves to fours. In the field, Molly Gee starred with two catches including a classic overhead juggling catch. She also got a run-out and caused a rare hit-wicket dismissal. Despite this, Lapstone's aggressive batting was too much for Wycliffe to handle, the girls going down valiantly in a competitive game.
The Year 5/6 Girls Wycliffe Cricket Team:


Front Row: Molly Gee, Chloe Welsman, Lydia Hubbard and Abbey Hardimon

Overall, the Milo Blast Cup was a very enjoyable day for students, teachers and organisers alike. A big thank-you goes out to the Secondary School students who assisted Cricket NSW with umpiring on the day.

UP COMING EVENTS

For the most up-to-date calendar information, refer to the School Website Calendar at www.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au.

Yr 12 HSC Trials Commence Aug 3-14
Year 9 Week Aug 3-7
China Holiness & Living Spirit College Visit Aug 5-14
Primary Zone Athletics Carnival Aug 6
Yr 5-11 Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Aug 10
CIS League 12,14,16;'s Aug 10
Sec Zone Athletics Carnival Aug 12
Kidsing & High School Choir – Penrith Eisteddfod Aug 13
Working Bee Aug 15
CSSA Pri Netball Gala Day Aug 17
Pri Metro Cup Soccer Aug 17

Primary State Athletics Aug 20
NSW Volleyball Cup Aug 21
CIS League 15’s Aug 24
CSSA Sec State Athletics Aug 26
Year 11 Yearly Exams Aug 31
CSSA Sec Girls & Boys Basketball Sep 4
Snr & Kidsong Choir Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Sep 4

COMMUNITY NEWS

Books Light Up Our World

Join our Book Fair on:
Tuesday 25th August
Friday 28th August

Opening Times Are:
8am to 3:30pm

The Fair Takes Place at:
The Library

Parents can make a secure online credit card payment at parentpayments.carnivalfairs.com.au
Bush fires are something we all tend to fear, especially when our families are located at different venues. The natural tendency is to rush to the school to pick up the children. This can be most unwise as roads become choked and people get caught away from their homes – the place where they can be of most assistance to those combating the fires.

The school has a detailed fire drill procedure that has been developed in consultation with RFS and checked as part of the Safety Compliance procedures by the Board of Studies. Children will be carefully and thoughtfully supervised during any emergency. Parents will be advised by SMS messages, the school website and/or the official school Facebook site.

To assist parents, the following information should be noted:

1. If it is certain to be a day in which the school is going to be in the path of a major bushfire, please keep children home. It is likely that Bush Fire Authorities will communicate this via the News, including the RFS website.

2. If a “Catastrophic” fire weather warning has been issued for the Blue Mountains for the subsequent school day, the school will be closed to all students, parents, staff and visitors. In the event of such a declaration students should not commence their journey to school or be transported to the school site.

3. Based on more recent advice from Emergency Authorities, it may be necessary to order a school closure for Wycliffe Christian School, for weather conditions that do not reach the “Catastrophic” declaration. This decision may come from the RFS or it may be made independently by the school on its assessment of risk. If in doubt please check both RFS and school sources of information.

4. During a fire emergency, parents should be aware that students at school are still under the school’s duty of care. This means that any student movements MUST be made known to the correct staff members.

5. Under certain fire weather conditions, the Principal may direct a “shelter in place” to the multipurpose hall or other on-site venue. In this case, parents are not necessarily going to be contacted by the school as a first priority, although we will attempt to notify parents by SMS message. Any parent who comes to school to collect their child during a “shelter in place” event will be required to stay at school until advised it is safe to leave. Once directed that they are safe to leave they must report to the assembly warden prior to leaving. The school will always comply with the directions of the Bush Fire Authorities or other emergency service personnel.

6. Under an extreme (worst case) fire emergency, the school may have been directed by emergency authorities to evacuate. In this extreme case it is imperative that parents cooperate with directions from Emergency authorities.
EVACUATION POLICY

Should the RFS declare a significant fire risk and order an evacuation, the most likely procedure will be transport by Blue Mountains Bus Company to a declared evacuation area, dependent upon fire weather conditions. Parents would then collect students from the relevant evacuation venue (after informing staff or emergency personnel allocated to that task). Written authorisation is required for anyone other than parents to collect children. Information, including any variation to the above, would be given through SMS messages, on the latest news page of the school website, on the official school Facebook site and/or local radio station announcements. Parents are encouraged to listen to media advice as this is often the earliest notification they will receive. In extreme circumstances procedures to protect lives are vital, therefore it is not possible to prescribe the specific action to be taken in every circumstance.

In 2015, Wycliffe Christian School will continue to co-operate with other regional agencies in modelling planning for a variety of fire weather situations.

LOCK-DOWN PROCEDURES

The School has a detailed lock-down procedure that is well communicated to staff and practised with students and staff to maintain readiness in the extremely unlikely event that the procedures have to be implemented in response to an emergency situation.