

# SCHOOL

# TALK

## WEEK 4 TERM 4



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

At a recent staff meeting focus was given to the fostering of positive relationships between students.

As image bearers of God we have been created to reflect His goodness through shared relationships. God's creational intent was for us to enjoy oneness in relationship, both with Him and others. Unfortunately we live in a world infected by sin, and God's creational good intent has become distorted. As such, at times the way we treat each other falls short of God's good plan for our shared lives.



the bully, the bullied, and the not-so-innocent bystander

From President to High School and Beyond, Restoring the Circle of Relationship and Community from Inside the Classroom

I recommend the book *The bully, the bullied and the not-so-innocent-bystander* to our whole school community. The author, internationally renowned Barbara Coloroso, focuses on breaking the cycle and creating more deeply caring communities. Her book provides practical advice to parents as well as teachers, in promoting responsibility and fostering resilience. Our school's *Responding to Bullying and Harassment Policy* draws on her thoughts and advice shared through this book.

The latest revision of *The bully, the bullied and the not-so-innocent-bystander* was in 2016; publisher William Morrow. A copy is available through our school library.

### STAFFING NEWS

Particularly at this time of the year schools make appointments for the subsequent year, and therefore it is a time when sad news of staff departures hits schools.

Thus it is with great sadness that I announce that Stage 5 Pastoral Coordinator and PD/H/PE teacher, Mr Adam Osborne, has accepted a promotional position as

Deputy Head/Welfare in another independent school, and thus will be leaving Wycliffe at the end of this year.



Mr Osborne joined the staff at Wycliffe in 2009, specifically employed to spearhead the Year 9 Encounter Program through which independence and resilience has been fostered within many students over the past 8 years. In more recent times his role expanded to encompass pastoral care for students across Stage 5 of learning (Yrs 9&10).

Mr Osborne has a huge love for Jesus, which flows over to his shared relationships. He has provided great encouragement and support for students and staff alike, and his Godly influence will be missed at the school.

Mr Osborne shared with me that he continues to have a great heart and appreciation for Wycliffe, exemplified by his commitment to Ivory (Year 2), Melody (K) and Xavier's (Preschool) ongoing education at Wycliffe.



It is also with sadness that I announce that Senior School English teacher, Mrs Beth Fuller, will be leaving Wycliffe at the end of the year to take up an executive role at William Carey Christian school.

Mrs Fuller joined the teaching staff at Wycliffe in 2014. The school has been blessed through Mrs Fuller, and students will miss her warm and supportive approach to teaching. Our prayers are with Mrs Fuller, that God will prepare the path ahead at her new school.

Our prayers go with both Mr Osborne and Mrs Fuller as they step out into the next chapter of life that God has prepared for them.

While we shall sorely miss them both, and Mrs Williams whose departure I mentioned in an earlier edition, God is faithful and already calling and preparing the hearts of new staff who will join our school community to continue Christ's good work.

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Over recent weeks a number of new students have joined the school. We formally welcome:

Zai Goodhart (Preschool), Cody Westley Woolfenden (Yr 8), Lachlan Aurisch (Yr 9), Nalani Clark (Yr 9), Joshua Kuipers (Yr 9), Kya Walker (Yr 9).

## CINEMA UNDER THE STARS (K-6)

As mentioned in the last newsletter Sarah Goldsmith, along with a team of other very enthusiastic parents of the School, have finalised arrangements for Cinema Under the Stars.



The chosen feature is "The Bee Movie" starring the voices of none other than Jerry Seinfeld and Renee Zellweger. The evening will open with games and barbeque at 6:00pm with the movie commencing at 7:30pm. We thank Sarah's husband Daniel for making available to our community the necessary projection and sound equipment to host this event.

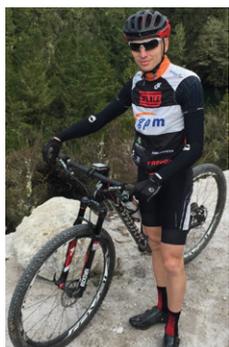
To ensure you get your movie pack please return the form distributed in class along with \$5 per person, to the box at reception. We look forward to a great night of fun and entertainment.

## COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE FORTNIGHT



It is always encouraging to see students make the most of their God given gifts. Connor Edwards, of Year 6, deserves due recognition for doing just that at the recently held NSW All Schools Track and Field championships.

Competing against the best the state has to offer, Connor finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 12/13yrs 100 metre final in a time of 13.12 secs. This sets Connor as the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest boy in the state for his age group.



Also this week we feature Scott Uden, father of Riley (Year 4) and Liliana (Year 1). Scott has a love of cycling and has been assisting Mr Zanardo and Senior School students with our Tuesday afternoon sport, Mountain Biking.

Scott is an outstanding cyclist in his own right, and has been selected to ride in a team of nine in L'Étape

Australia (organised by Le Tour de France), a cycling event run under professional conditions, with closed roads, a challenging route, a Sprint and a King of the Mountain section.

The team includes Amanda Spratt (current Women's National Champion, Olympic representative and Orica Bike Exchange professional) and another parent from Wycliffe Christian School, Dave Winfield.

We wish Scott and Dave the very best in their preparation and in the event.

**Peter Jamieson**  
Principal

## LIBRARY NEWS

### MURDER BY NUMBERS

I trust that the title of this week's Library News is not too startling. Earlier this year, I wrote about the Centenary of Agatha Christie's first novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, which introduced the detective, Hercule Poirot to the world. Crime Fiction is a staple of most public libraries. At Wycliffe our crime fiction collection supports one of the Wide Reading topics covered by Year 10 students, as well as entertaining armchair detectives from other years.

It seemed timely to include two items of interest from *The Guardian*, Australia. Hopefully, no spoiler alert will be required. The first story is about the issuing of a series of postage stamps by the Royal Mail in the United Kingdom, which feature designs based on six of Agatha Christie's books. Each design includes microtext, UV ink and thermochromic ink. These concealed clues can be revealed using either a magnifying glass, UV light or body heat and provide pointers to the mysteries' solutions.

While the first is a recent piece of news, the second is from 2015, when an expert panel gathered data from around one third of Mrs Christie's books and discovered that the solution to each mystery could be determined according to particular factors in the plot. No spoiler alert is required. I am not going to reveal the panel's findings but the following formula may be of interest. To me, it's more baffling than the plots themselves.

#### Whodunnit formula

$$k(r, \delta, \theta, c) = f\{rk + \delta + \theta\{P, M\}, c(3 \leq 4.5)\}$$

Key

- k* Identity of the killer
- r* Relationship to the victim
- $\delta$  Primary means of transport associated with the novel
- $\theta$  Method of murder and the detective characterised in the novel
- P* Poirot
- M* Marple
- c* Chapter of introduction of the killer
- f* Female

Source: Taylor Herring

**Mr Cooney**

## SPORT NEWS

### NSW PSSA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to Connor Edwards who with a time of 13.12sec is officially the 4th fastest primary boy in the State over 100m. This is an incredible result from a talented sportsman who has had a wonderful sporting year. Connor has involved himself in all school sports and earlier in the year was recognised by the AFL as a gifted player. Well Done Connor.

### CSSA TENNIS GALA DAY



Congratulations to Dakota Smith who won through to the Semi Finals of the CSSA Primary girls Tennis championships. Dakota won her first Semi Final however lost the second to last year's title winner. This is a wonderful result as Dakota not only played so well but improved on last years result where she narrowly missed the finals. Dakota has had a wonderful

sporting year. She represented CSSA at the CIS Primary Athletics Championships coming 2nd in the Discus and then 13th out of 27 at the Combined Independent schools Championships.



Well Done to Jake and Alex Newton who have for many years now represented the school at the CSSA State Tennis Gala Day. Once again both boys played well with Alex just missing out on the

Semi Finals after winning 3 of his 5 preliminary games. Jake also put in a fine effort but had a tougher time against older seniors in the Open category.

**Andrew Stewart**  
K-12 Sport Coordinator

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### HSC 2016

**A huge thankyou** to everyone who signed up to be a Reader/Writer for the HSC! We deeply appreciate your time and service to our students. You enable them to demonstrate their cognitive abilities much more by your service.

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE HSC, 2017

Information packs have been sent with information about the process involved in applying for Special Provisions for the 2017 HSC. It is vital that you begin the process now so that you have enough time to get reports from specialists.

If you have not received this in the, please contact me. If you have any questions, feel free to ring or email Mrs Vivian Walker: [vwalker@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vwalker@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au)

### YEAR 9 AND 10 READER/WRITER TRAINING

We are currently training students who are interested in serving their peers through being a Reader and/or Writer in exams. Students are required to discuss this with their parents/carers and obtain permission as well as sign an agreement to follow the Reader/Writer protocols.

### UPDATED REPORTS K TO 12

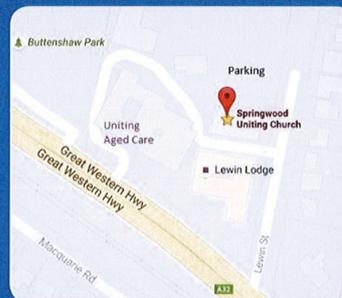
We are currently auditing our records. If you haven't provided us with reports about your child's specific condition/difficulty/disability, would you please organise to provide us with an electronic or paper copy ASAP. We really appreciate your assistance in this. Please address any reports to Mrs Walker - Ed. Support either via the Reception mailbox or your child's teacher (K-6) or email me: [vwalker@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vwalker@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au)

**Vivian Walker**  
Education Support

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPRINGWOOD UNITING CHURCH'S 2016  
**FAIR TRADE FAIR**  
SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER  
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