

SCHOOL

TALK

WEEK 7 TERM 2



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Throughout this term I've enjoyed visits to the Principal's office of small groups of students from the Primary School. What a wonderful lot of young people they are! For 10 minutes or so we've talked about how their teachers care for them and how they might care for their teachers. Their responses have been very insightful.

At the Year 11, 2018 Information Evening last week, I spoke on a much more sobering note - it happened in Manchester. An Ariana Grande Concert. Another terror attack. Another heart-breaking story of lives senselessly ripped apart. Teenagers excited beyond words on a night they had anticipated for weeks. Dads waiting outside to bring their children home. They never came.

I taught English and History to HSC students over many years. Tragically a number of my students never reached the HSC. Life can be so crazy and unpredictable. As I said at the Information Evening, preparation for the HSC is an important thing, but it is not everything!

Our School motto says it all - 'Remember your Creator'.

Shalom!

George Glanville
Principal

P.S. Our Year 7 and Year 11 Information Evenings held recently were very beneficial and informative events. If you were unable to attend and missed out on the Information Booklets, you are welcome to contact Wendy Kuschert on **4753 6422 ext 613**

PRIMARY NEWS



FIDGET FRIDAY

You've seen them, you've heard about them. Maybe you've even bought them...Fidget Spinners! This is the craze gripping many young people in our school community. Maybe you're more familiar with yo-yos, elastics or 'knuckle bones!' There is some medical support behind this current craze, suggesting that this hand-held device is a way for young people to manage anxiety and ADHD. At times they can cause a bit of a distraction in class, so Last Friday, K-6 students were invited to D3 for 'Fidget Friday.' Here they were encouraged to undertake a range of challenges and use the spinners without interrupting classwork!



Challenges included:

- 'Keep a fidget spinner spinning on the tip of your nose for 5 seconds.'
- 'Make a fidget spinner rotate exactly 10 times with one touch...'
- 'Spin the fidget spinner on your big toe.'

It was wonderful to see the way older students helped and encouraged younger students to read the cards and complete the various challenges. Who knows, maybe we'll see the return of the 'knuckle bones' craze after Grandparents Day!

THE BUSH CLASSROOM



Kindergarten students often venture out of their regular classroom into the surrounds of the bush. Here, in what's termed 'the bush classroom,' they spend time exploring a beautiful part of God's creation and doing activities that enhance the classroom experience. This week they were looking at the art work of local artist Bundeluk. Whilst in the bush classroom, they made some ochre paint and left some handprints on the cave wall.

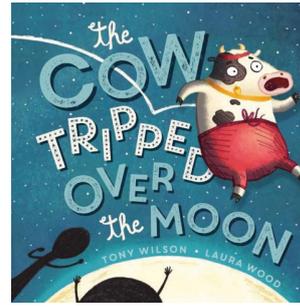


LIBRARY NEWS

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Once again, this year, students from Wycliffe Christian School will be participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 24th May at 11am. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its seventeenth successful year this is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book

that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades F to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework.



This year the children will be sharing 'The Cow Tripped over the Moon' written by Tony Wilson. The book is based on the well-known nursery rhyme and explains the long road and constant encouragement needed by anyone, person or cow, who wants to achieve their goals, whether large or small. It is a reminder of God's wisdom in placing us in families and communities and the blessing of encouragement as we seek to run with perseverance the race marked out for us (*Hebrews 12:1 and 10:25*).

Mr Cooney

SPORT NEWS

SECONDARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



The 12/13 years age group who displayed a great spirit of participation at the carnival.

2017 AGE CHAMPIONS

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| • 12 yrs | Charlie Barrett | Olivia Greenaway |
| • 13 yrs | James Clain | Amelia Bemrose |
| • 14 yrs | Micah Webster | Mia Williams |
| • 15 yrs | Jacob Powell | Rebecca Tabor |
| • 16 yrs | Darcy Jackson | Nalani Clark |
| • 17 yrs | Ethan Wallace | Jess Murray |
| • 18 yrs | Hugh Catchpoole | Aisha Hume |

The winning house for the day was Destiny Rescue.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GAMES - NETBALL



Congratulations to Mia Williams, Year 8, who received the Most Valuable Player Award for NSW CSSA 15's Netball at the National Christian School Games.

NSW were runners up at the championship, losing in the final after being undefeated the entire week. Mia attends the Wednesday Morning Wycliffe Speed Training sessions and is very dedicated to the extra hours of training each week.

SCHOOL NOTICES

FLANNOFEST 2017

Flannofest gives high school Drama students the opportunity to explore different theatrical styles, and work with industry professionals including writers, directors, actors and technicians, as together they create an original performance 8-12 minutes in length.

Year 11 Drama are working on their coming production, The Tower; a collaboration with eight local high schools. The production will be held at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. See below for ticket details.

ONE NIGHT
EIGHT SCHOOLS
MAKE WAY

The Joan presents
THE TOWER
Produced by The Q

12pm & 7pm
23 June 2017
Tickets: \$18
The Joan, Penrith

What does the Tower mean for you?
Is it everything you wanted to escape from
or the very place you're trying to get to?
Is it a world of hierarchy or chaos or both?
Maybe it's something you can't see?
Maybe it's just a rumour?

Bookings
thejoan.com.au
4723 7600

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GLENMORE PARK HIGH SCHOOL
NEPEAN CREATIVE + PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL
SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL
WYCLIFFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Wycliffe Christian School AFL Auskick Centre- After School (School Oval)
Each Tuesday starting 30th May- 20th June From 2:50-3:50

Each child will receive: Auskick Boot Pencil Case, Footy Cards, GWS hat, footy pump and AFL Auskick Ball!
Your child will enjoy this safe, fun action packed 4 week program ideal for Boys & Girl aged 4-12 for only \$45

Also included is a free family pass to a GWS Giants home game at Spotless Stadium!
Register now at www.AFLAUSKICK.com.au enter your postcode and click on Wycliffe Christian School
Register online or in person at the first session.
For more information contact: Jake Ross 0426 284 559 jake.ross@afl.com.au

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WESTERN SYDNEY
APPRENTICESHIP
& TRAINEESHIP
EXPO**

29 August 2017

- 3.00 - 8.00pm
- FREE** Public Entry

Penrith Panthers Exhibition
Marquee, Mulgoa Road, Penrith

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AND TRAINING
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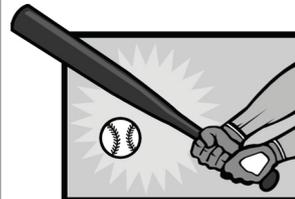
If you're interested in being an exhibitor, email brett.carter18@tofensw.edu.au or call (02) 9208 9506

BLUE MOUNTAINS BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CLUB



Summer Softball Registrations

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays in July
Lomatia Park, Springwood
10am-1pm



Junior- Adult
Girls/Boys,
Male/Female

Training is at Lomatia Park, Springwood
All games are played on Saturdays
at
Surveyors Creek Softball fields,
Glenmore Park

NEW Junior players, please bring
Birth Certificate (original & a copy)

Check our website:
bluemountains.softball.org.au



Penrith City Children's Choir

is about to start its second project for 2017

'Fabulous Forty!'

directed by

Lucy McAlary

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years) are invited to join us for this project:
Workshops Sundays 25 June (Part I) and 6 and 20 August (Part II)
Public performance Sunday 27 August

If you love to sing, please join us.

No auditions!

For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:
0418 202 849 or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au



**Resilience is
key
for helping
kids to
thrive in life.**

From *Floundering* to *Flourishing*




Helping our kids shift from stuck to strengths

Who is this workshop for?

All adults who have some connection to kids; parents, carers, extended family, sports coaches, teachers, mentors etc.

How can this workshop help?

It will be a great opportunity to learn about the current research on what helps kids come through adversity

It explores ways to enhance kids' resilience, helping them bounce back from challenges in fun ways.

It is particularly helpful in facing tough times.

It will help parents identify how to maximise their kids successes, and to grow through their challenges.

This Workshop will give you tools to enhance and improve kids' resilience. You will come away with some practical steps to take together as you help your child grow their optimism and resilience.

These workshops will introduce you to the resilience doughnut model developed by Lyn Worsley.

LOCATION: Lower Mountains
Neighbourhood Centre,
Blaxland

WHEN: Wednesday 14th June, 2017

TIME: 10:00am – 12noon

COST: FREE

REGISTER at GATEWAY: 1300 316 746

ENQUIRIES: Stephen - Ph: 4782 1771
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