FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO OUR SISTER SCHOOLS FROM HONG KONG

We welcome Principal, Mr Brian Fung, from China Holiness Church Living Spirit College, and his students and staff, as well as staff and students from China Holiness College.

I had the pleasure of visiting Principal Fung and his school when I accompanied our students on their recent overseas excursion to Hong Kong. Our staff and students were made feel very welcome by our sister school communities, and I look forward to Wycliffe having the opportunity to return the hospitality.

Our visitors will be with us for ten days from Friday 5th – Monday 15th August. I thank the families of Wycliffe who have opened their homes to our visitors.

It is so encouraging to share such friendship not only with a school community from across the globe, but one that also acknowledges and celebrates the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and seeks His will for the lives of their school communities.

THE SCHOOL CREST

Have you ever wondered the significance of the above image that appears central on our school crest.

The image highlights the God given responsibility of parents for the education and Godly upbringing of their children and the School's commitment to learning founded on God's Word. Further, it highlights the significant partnership between the school and parents, as it seeks to support parents in fulfilling this responsibility.

The school values its partnership with parents and is keen to continue to nurture the wonderful sense of community we share at the school. As the school Board continues its strategic planning process priority will be given to;

• Honouring the role of parents in their children's education.
• Opportunities for parents to be actively involved in their children's education.
• Encouragement of Christian parents to be members of the School association.

NEW ELECTIVE INITIATIVE YRS 9 & 10

The Heads of Department, ably led by Deputy Principal, Ms Michaela Inglis, have been reviewing our elective program for Stage 5. The team has developed an innovative initiative that will be launched in 2017. From next year the elective offerings will be broadened, offering students a choice from up to 48 options over the two years. Students will be able to undertake study in a greater variety of subjects through the semesterised approach. In this way they will be able to explore a more extensive range of interests as they consider the future direction of their lives.

I invite parents and students of Years 8 & 9, as well as interested parents of younger years, to attend the Stage 5 information evening this Thursday 11th August commencing at 7:00pm in the School Hall.

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-13
THE RETURN OF COLIN

I am pleased to announce that Colin Buchanan will be returning to Wycliffe for another action and song filled concert on Saturday 10th September. Colin is Australia’s leading children’s Gospel entertainer, and his songs flavoured with scripture has entertained not only the present generation of young children, but even some of their parents.

The concert will commence at 11:00am and tickets can be purchased online: https://goo.gl/XUJXag or at Koorong Christian Bookshop, Henry Street, Penrith.

COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK

This week we recognize Administration team member, Mrs Tracey Brady. Tracey works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of so many aspects of school life. From data entry, to chief recorder at sporting carnivals, to arranging host families for our Hong Kong visitors, she never misses a beat. Often here till well past her finishing hours, Mrs Brady makes sure that the school functions in an organized manner.

We thank her for the Godly service she gives to our families.

Peter Jamieson
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

WRITINGS FROM THE GREAT WAR

Recent commemorations of significant battles from World War 1, Fromelle and Pozieres and Mouquet Farm in the Somme Valley have highlighted, not only the devastation of total war, but also the value of the written word to record and communicate history. Far more than the stark photographic images or grainy black and white film, it is the letters and diaries of the young soldiers, stretcher bearers, doctors and nurses which vividly capture the brutality and destruction, the fear and the which characterised the heart of sacrifice in the trenches of the Western Front.

In this day of instant messaging and the twenty-four hour news cycle, we may regard ourselves as more connected and better informed than those living a century ago but the legacy left by these boys, men and women to future generations such as ours is poignant in its honesty and eloquent in its reflection. May it set an example for those who make use of social media and blogs to provide a commentary on life in the Twenty-first century.

Another author writing indirectly about the effect of the Great War was Agatha Christie. Her famous detective, Poirot, made his debut one hundred years ago. It is often forgotten that Poirot was a refugee – an aged Belgian policeman who had been forced from his home by the war. He was based on Christie’s observations of the changing attitude of the British towards Belgian refugees, eventually viewing them as not “sufficiently grateful” as the war ground on.

The first Poirot novel, The Mysterious Affair at Styles, was written while Christie was a volunteer nurse in Torquay, tending to wounded soldiers during World War 1. In this novel, Poirot is keenly aware of his status as a refugee and an outsider – an attribute that continues to a larger or lesser extent through all the Poirot stories. While Christie was not seeking to make a political comment, her observation of real life contributes to the richness and appeal of her writing.

Mr Cooney

SPORT

NSW VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS TRISERIES

The NSW Schools TriSeries gives the best Volleyballers from our States schools opportunity to compete in a three way tournament between representative teams from the Public, Catholic and Independent school systems. Congratulations to Wycliffe’s Year 11 student Hugh Catchpoole who was a member of the Combined Independent Schools (CIS). After a strong 3 set to 0 win over the Catholic team, the CIS boys took on a very strong team from the Combined High Schools (CHS). The first set went down to the wire, CHS winning 30 to 28. The second set was equally as tense with CIS getting on top for 25 -23 win. Unfortunately, the wheels fell off during the third set for CIS. The fourth set was hard fought by the CIS boys, but the momentum was now with the CHS team who went on to win and clinch the series. Hugh was a lead player for the CIS, playing in the attacking role of ‘outside hitter’ and earning many of the team’s points with some strong spikes and aggressive play. Well done Hugh and congratulations to the CIS for a fabulous performance.
CSSA MOBILE APP

Could all parents please take the time to download the free CSSA Mobile App for any sport updates from the CSSA. Should a gala day be cancelled you will receive a message on the App.

The App also will tell you when various sport trials will be happening.

If you would like your child to trial at an event please send an email to Mr Stewart astewart@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au with your child’s:

• Date of Birth
• Preferred Position
• Playing history
• Your contact phone number

WORKING BEE

Reminder that the third Working Bee of the year is on Saturday 13th August 8am-noon. Jobs needed doing include: repainting outdoors tables, big wall on [NEW!] hard courts, pressure clean some stairs, bindii spray and fertilise small oval, spring clean B quad rooms, plus cut down some tree branches if possible.

Hope we’ll have good weather and look forward to another busy day!

FEE STATEMENTS

We have started e-mailing fees statements to all families at the beginning of each month. The statements tell you any carryover balance from last year, invoices this year and payments you’ve made. The intention is so any missed payments could be captured quickly so your account could be fixed up sooner rather than later.

James Chik
Business Manager

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

The HSC Trial Examinations begin on Wednesday 10th August with the English Examinations and conclude on Friday 19th August. Normal classes resume on Monday 22nd August.

These examinations run under the same conditions as the final HSC Examinations in Term 4. The students have been provided with Examination Timetables and Guidelines to direct and support them through this time.

Below are some of the important points:

• With the exception of VET courses, Year 12 classes will not run during the examinations.
• Students should be at the examination venue at least 10 minutes before the start of the examination.

• No technology (other than approved calculators) should be brought into the examinations room. This includes smart watches.
• Students are not permitted into the examination room more than 15 minutes after the start of an examination. No additional time will be provided after the examination to compensate. Should students not be able to attend a scheduled examination, they should contact Main Reception on 4753 6422 as soon as possible after the start of the school day. An Illness/Misadventure Form with required documentation should be submitted no later than 3 days after the absence.
• Students are not permitted to leave the examination before the end of the set examination time.
• Students should attend the examination in correct school uniform.

YEAR 12 FUTURE FOCUS

Post-Year 12, our students choose to head in many directions. For those wishing to follow a path involving tertiary study, both TAFE and UAC have published guides for 2017.

Last week, Year 12 Students interested in attending University met with Ms Inglis and were given the UAC (University Admissions Centre) guide for 2017. Students eligible for an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking) intending to apply for places in courses at University after they complete their HSC need to go to the UAC website and make their application (Cost $41). This website contains all the information students need to search courses, apply for university entrance, be aware of important dates and manage their applications.

Further guidance about UAC, Private Tertiary providers and TAFE and post school direction should contact the School’s Careers Advisor, Mrs Julie Pickworth. Mrs Pickworth also has TAFE Course Guides for 2017.

OPEN DAYS

SAE Sydney | AUGUST 6 2016 | 11:00AM - 3:00PM | Level 1, 11-17 York Street, Sydney. Register here: https://goo.gl/O2TdVa

The Hotel School Sydney opens its doors to students, families and friends for their annual OPEN DAY on Saturday, 10th September 2016. Visit hotelschool@scu.edu.au to register.

TAFE, Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE: Open Day will give you a chance to chat, ask questions and find out the range of courses we offer and career opportunities available. Find out more here: http://www.nsi.edu.au/openday

AIE (Games, Animation, SFX) Open Day on Sunday 14th August, 2016. Sydney, Melbourne Canberra and Adelaide campuses will be opening their doors to visitors eager to find out about full-time and part-time courses starting in 2017. http://www.aie.edu.au/OpenDay
CADETSHIPS, APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS

**Schindler Lifts Australia** - Electrical Apprenticeship

The Schindler Group is one of the world’s leading providers of elevators, escalators and moving walks. Applications for our 2017 Electrotechnology Apprenticeship Program are NOW OPEN. To apply, please visit our website [https://app.revelian.com/SchindlerCareers](https://app.revelian.com/SchindlerCareers). Applications close 31st August.

**EARLY ENTRY**

**Western Sydney University** Info & Interview Days Events to assist students find out about careers in creative fields of communication, media, arts & design (visual communication) & register for an early offer place for 2017 in our undergraduate courses.

Open Day - Aug 28th, Careers & Portfolio Day - Sept 2nd [https://goo.gl/KU5LNY](https://goo.gl/KU5LNY)

**UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY: EARLY ENTRY YEAR 12 - NOW OPEN**

The University of Sydney’s Early Entry Year 12 (E12) Scheme has expanded this year, now offering 69 courses, up from 39 last year. The number of principal supported applications per school has also increased from 20 to 30. Applications open 20th July and close 2 September. For more information, including a timeline and hints and tips guide go to: [http://goo.gl/GbV5rC](http://goo.gl/GbV5rC)

**RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS – FREE**

A valuable new resource for the careers sector Good Education Group is excited to announce the launch of the Good Careers Guide. The Guide features everything you loved about Job Guide, while providing updated content tailored to meet the needs of the modern day student or jobseeker. The resource comes as a print publication as well as a free to access e-book, website and app. For more information visit: [https://www.goodcareersguide.com.au](https://www.goodcareersguide.com.au)

**EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES (EAS)**

Each year the universities in NSW who require admission through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) acknowledge that some students sitting the Higher School Certificate experience disadvantage that is outside their control. Most of UAC’s participating institutions have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) to help students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage gain admission to tertiary study.

To be eligible for EAS consideration your educational performance must have been seriously affected, normally for a period of at least six months during Year 11 and/or 12 or equivalent, due to circumstances beyond your control and choosing.

There are seven broad categories of disadvantage, all of which are outlined in the EAS booklet which is available at USC’s website, [http://www.uac.edu.au/](http://www.uac.edu.au/):

- Disrupted schooling
- Financial hardship
- Home environment and responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- Personal illness/disability
- Refugee status
- School environment

Should a student apply successfully through this scheme, the universities will make adjustments granting up to five bonus ATAR points.

Students are encouraged to investigate this scheme. The EAS is a student based, not school based application. The application does require supporting documentation including school documents. As this can be a lengthy process, please make sure students request assistance from the school by Wednesday 14th September. There is no guarantee that requests for support received after 14th September can be completed by the end of Term Three.

**EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Equity Scholarships (ES) help financially disadvantaged students with the general costs associated with tertiary study.

Equity Scholarships are awarded to students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those who receive Centrelink income support payments such as ABSTUDY, Austudy, Youth Allowance, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single) or the Carer Payment.

There are two types of Equity Scholarships:

- Institution Equity Scholarships (IES) are funded by individual institutions and their value, eligibility criteria and duration differ between institutions.
- Commonwealth Scholarships for Indigenous applicants are funded by the Australian Government. The existing Commonwealth Scholarships Program is being modified and the new guidelines are not yet known.

Students can apply for an Equity Scholarship through UAC if they are currently enrolled student, or hope to receive an offer of admission in 2016–17 to one or more of our participating institutions. Applications remain open from August until July the following year. Again all details and the application is available on the UAC website.

Please feel free to contact Mrs Pickworth if you have any questions about the above information.
DESTINY RESCUE: RIDE2RESCUE 2016

On Saturday 17th September students, teachers and parents from Wycliffe will be participating in the Ride2Rescue cycling event on the M7 cycle-path. This event raises funds for Destiny Rescue.

Over the last three years, Ride 2 Rescue has raised over $100,000 which set up and covered the running costs for two Destiny Rescue homes in Laos for children who were being trafficked and then saved by Destiny Rescue. The children in Destiny Rescue’s care receive top quality counselling, medical assistance, education and vocational training opportunities to help them successfully reintegrate back into society when they complete the Aftercare Programme.

The Laos houses for Destiny Rescue are now financially secure so this year Ride2Rescue will be supporting India. Destiny Rescue has just begun to work in India where there are tens of thousands of children trapped in slavery.

We are aiming to rescue 100 children through our event this year. All sponsorship donations are fully tax deductible and 100% of the funds raised will go directly to Destiny Rescue in India.

If you want to participate in the event, receive further information, join this campaign or sponsor someone or be a volunteer on the day; please visit the link below: https://goo.gl/GXB2FP

Cassiopeia Coffee Roasters in Katoomba and Springwood have sponsored 30 cycling tops (currently being manufactured). These will be available for $40 and come in different sizes.

Our school will have a 35 bike trailer (available from Friday 15th September) and the school’s mini-bus for students needing transport to the venue.

GLENBROOK ATHLETICS CENTRE

FAMILY, FUN & FITNESS

Season 2016/2017 starts late September.

Saturday morning competition – Tiny Tots (4 at 30th Sept) to U20s.

4th + Children are free.

Registrations: Glenbrook Oval – Saturday Sept 3rd & 10th 9am-1pm. Proof of age for registrations. Registrations online from August 1st.

For any information or how to register please visit Facebook or website, www.glenbrooklac.org

Centre contact Matt Andrews 0438 351 478 or glac40th@gmail.com