

SCHOOL

TALK

WEEK 3 TERM 3



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Count your blessings; name them one by one
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done* – so the old song goes. A dominant theme of the letters of the Apostle Paul is – **Be thankful!** His letter to the Christian people at Colossae, for example, touches on being thankful seven times. At one point the exhortation is to be **overflowing with thankfulness.**

At school we are very thankful for a wonderful start to Term 3:

- We welcome a number of new students and their families -
Reuben Bouchet (Preschool)
Eva Gosby (Year 1)
Aaliyah Keur (Year 2)
Elijah Gosby (Year 3)
Jasmin Stufkens (Year 7)
- Preschool for this year is nearly full; Kindergarten for 2018 the same
- Staff have been engaged in some very stimulating conversations following the recent 2 day, Christian Education National, NSW Teachers Conference, Inspired & Equipped, attended by well over 600 CEN schools across NSW.
- We welcome Mr Terry McCullough as our new Property Manager. Terry joins us with enthusiasm and a wealth of expertise, having served as Property Manager at Penrith Anglican College for the past seven years. We are pleased also to announce the appointment of Ms Alana Keur to our Reception team, commencing this week.
- Parents prayer group each Thursday morning at 8.45am is a vital inspiration as we pray for our school community and count our blessings. Come and share the privilege whenever you can (Infants play area when warm; Café 133 when not so warm)
- Thank you for your participation in recent Parent/Teacher interviews. Feedback to and from families is crucially important. Please do not hesitate to

let the appropriate member of staff know of your suggestions or concerns at any time. We are here to serve you.

- And last but certainly not least, teachers continue to faithfully teach the various subjects to students, assisting them to see things the way God sees things i.e. through the lens of the biblical story. Without such a perspective, such a reality check, out children's view of the world - and their lives - will be terribly distorted.

Thank the Lord and pray often for your children's teachers as they pray for your children and family.

Shalom!

George Glanville
Principal

FROM THE CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS DEPT.

CAPA DISPLAY NIGHT



Student Visual Arts work on display

What a way to end Term 2. Wednesday 28 June was the Creative and Performing Arts Display Night in the school Hall, showcasing student work from Year 7 to Year 11 in Music, Drama and Visual Arts. It was a fantastic evening and all contributing students should be very proud of their talent. We loved having the opportunity to share with our family and friends the nerve-racking thrill of putting our creative work on display for all to see. Thank

you to everyone who came on the night, to support the event and give encouragement and praise to the students involved. One of the ways that we can celebrate the goodness of God is to share that goodness with others, and nights like this offer the perfect opportunity to do so.



Year 10 Drama students, Erin Jackson and Jade Smith performing an extract from Run Rabbit Run by Alana Valentine



The Guitar Ensemble performing Kyoto Leaves



The Senior Choir singing When I Grow Up, directed by Jenni Mills, accompanied by Vanessa Padgett

SPOTLIGHT ON DRAMA

The end of Semester 1 is always a busy production time for Drama at Wycliffe. The Year 11 Students performed their piece, "It's The Truth", alongside 8 other local high schools, in the Flannofest production, THE TOWER, at the Q Theatre on Friday 23 June. Wycliffe's piece explored the frightening potential for lies to gradually infiltrate every corner of our lives. It became the journey of one character, swimming against the tide, reaching out for 'truth', questioning and searching – choosing not to blindly follow the lies delivered by 'the Tower' through glossy advertisements about "virtual immortality." We explored some of the truths outlined in Psalm 82, discussing verses 5-7 in class; "They know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness. But they will die like mere men." Through our performance, we hoped to portray the significant impact of turning our backs on truth and were privileged to be able to take this message right into the heart of public audiences in Penrith.



Students Harley Pauling and Connor Bradford



(Left to right) Harley Pauling, Connor Bradford, Sophie Mills, Emily Davies, Isaac Green and Liam Kelly

STAGE 5 ELECTIVE

Cosmic Symphony: During Semester 1, a class of Year 9 & 10 students engaged in this new elective course, which blends the study of Music & Astronomy into a single subject.

Apart from investigating music that has astronomical themes and uses ratios and number patterns found in nature, we further explored the wonder of God's creation by doing some observational astronomy at both the Year 10 Camp at Jindabyne and the local Linden Observatory. Observing highlights for our group included; the constellation recognition of Leo (the Lion), Scorpius (the Scorpion), Jupiter & its great red spot (a cyclone that's been raging for centuries), Saturn and its ring system, the Tarantula Nebula and the Spiral Galaxy M83, and Globular Cluster Omega Centauri, amongst many other celestial treats.



Students Billy Jack (Year 10) and Grace Cowles (Year 9) performing Set The Controls for the Heart of the Sun by Pink Floyd, with the Cosmic Symphony class at the CAPA Display Night

The highlight for the teacher, Mr David Gray, a talented musician and astronomer, was seeing the very high level of engagement with the subject from students. Much lively, inquiring discussion was had about what certain objects are, what they do and how it all works together in

the larger universe. Many people overlook the fact that the Hebrews were avid sky watchers. Encampment of the 12 Tribes of Israel was arranged as per the 3 months of each season and had ties to the Constellations of the Zodiac that represent each Season - see Numbers, chapter 2. Also the observations of both New Moon and Full Moon phases were an important part of ancient Israelite life.

SENIOR VISUAL ARTS

The 'interweaving of faith and belief' is a phrase Year 11 student Josiah Hill used when describing his recent Visual Arts submission, "Prayer Flags". This unassuming student has given time and energy to his artmaking. He sought to reflect both the physical and spiritual in a scroll of 30 small artworks that link his love of music, symbolism and places in his life with his Christian faith.

Year 11 art students are encouraged to seek their own emphasis and extend their skills through experimentation and reflection. His artwork has sensitivity that embodies the vision of unwrapping truth and nurturing faith.

Josiah also submitted an entry to the 'National Arts School HSC Intensive Studio Practice' programme and has been accepted into printmaking. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend holiday time working with tertiary tutors, is endorsed by the NSW Board of Studies and has been offered by NAS to Year 11 Visual Arts students in all NSW government and non-government high schools since 2000. We will hear more about his experience at the Intensive later in the year.



MUSIC TUTOR PROGRAM

Wycliffe offers a broad range of Music lessons for students. These lessons run during school time and are taught by our Music Tutors. Parents can arrange for their child to attend Music lessons for the following instruments: brass, flute, violin, drums, guitar, singing, piano, bass guitar and ukulele.

Mrs Alice Painter has some spots available on Mondays for violin lessons. Mrs Painter has been playing the violin since she was six and has played in community

orchestras around the world. She lives in Springwood and enjoys chamber music and playing in the Blue Mountains Orchestra. She is a patient and nurturing teacher and believes that every child can learn to play the violin well, given the right environment. She is currently working towards completion of Certificate III in Suzuki Violin Teaching.



Contact Mrs Natalie Maddock, Head Teacher of CAPA, with any questions about learning the violin at school, or any of the other instruments we have on offer.

Mrs Natalie Maddock
Head Teacher of Creative and Performing Arts
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LIBRARY NEWS



BOOK WEEK 2017

Each year, across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. As part of the celebration the CBCA nominates notable books by Australian authors and illustrators. From these a book of the year is chosen in each of the following categories: Early Childhood, Younger Readers, Older Readers, Picture Book and Information Book of the Year.

The theme for Book Week 2017 is Escape to Everywhere. Creativity is an aspect we share as God's image bearers. Through words and images, books can introduce us to new places, real and imagined, and provide us with companions for our journey. Yet, God's Word reminds us that we can never escape God's presence. No matter where we go, we are secure in his care.

*Where can I go from your Spirit?
 Where can I flee from your presence?
 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
 if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
 if I settle on the far side of the sea,
 even there your hand will guide me,
 your right hand will hold me fast.*
Psalm 139

You can see a display featuring the short-listed books that are in our library collection as well as a complete

list of all the nominated books. Over the next few weeks, Schooltalk will introduce some of these books that our children are reading and exploring in class and library lessons.

Wycliffe will be celebrating Book Week from August 21st to 25th. Among the activities planned for the week, is a special Book Week Assembly and Book Character Parade, and a special visit by Christian author, Katrina Roe. As well, a Book Fair, will be set up in the library. Students will be able to browse the books during the week but purchases will be restricted to Thursday and Friday for students. There will, however, also be a special opportunity for parents, grandparents and carers to purchase books on Wednesday afternoon August 23rd.

Mr Turner and I would be glad to hear from any parents who would be able to assist with sales at the Book Fair before or after school on the Thursday or Friday. Please contact us in the school library if you are able to help.

Mr Cooney

CAREERS ADVISER NEWS

All our Year 12 students have now received their own copy of the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) book which contains all relevant information for students regarding applying for tertiary study post school, both at most NSW universities and some private colleges. Those providers who do not use UAC have students apply directly to their institution.

Several scholarship schemes are mentioned in the UAC booklet and further details are provided on their website. I would like to draw attention to some of these schemes and encourage students and parents to investigate their provisions and speak with me regarding how the school can support and assist with applications. The following is taken from the UAC site.

"The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) aim to help students whose education has been negatively affected during Year 11 and/or Year 12 receive an offer to university. Institutions use EAS to help eligible applicants gain admission to university if their ATAR is below a course cut-off by allocating bonus points or places to eligible EAS applicants. Who can apply? To apply for EAS you must be able to demonstrate that your Year 11 and/or Year 12 studies have been negatively affected for a period of at least six months, as a result of circumstances beyond your control or choosing. You must also be:

- a UAC applicant for undergraduate admission
- an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia (including a holder of a permanent humanitarian visa). International students are not eligible to apply for EAS through UAC. What circumstances can I claim? Not all circumstances can be claimed under EAS.

There are 25 specific disadvantages that fall under seven broad categories:

- disrupted schooling

- financial hardship
- home environment and responsibilities
- English language difficulties
- personal illness/disability
- refugee status
- school environment

Universities Schools Recommendations Schemes (SRS). "SRS are one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission, using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR. Participating institutions can include Year 11 Studies, school's rating of your abilities in areas of study and school's rating of your aptitudes."

Both the above schemes require student lead applications and as such the school is not responsible for the application. I would encourage all Year 12 students to consider exploring these opportunities should they be considering tertiary study in the near future. Please talk to Mrs Pickworth who will walk you through the processes.

GET THAT JOB NIGHT

DO NOT MISS OUT

Thursday **10 August 2017**

VENUE
Kinnaird Room, Room L1-85
TAFE NSW, Mount Druitt, L Block
Cnr North Parade & Mount Street
Mount Druitt NSW

Thursday **17 August 2017**

VENUE
Entrée Training Restaurant
TAFE NSW, Kingswood, H Block
2-10 O'Connell Street, Kingswood NSW

2 SESSIONS ONLY!
Apprenticeship and Traineeship information evening. Come along and hear about the benefits of apprenticeships and traineeships from:

- Industry experts
- Apprenticeship centres
- TAFE teachers
- School staff

FREE Event

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29 August 2017

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• **FREE Public Entry**
Penrith Panthers Exhibition Marquee, Mulgoa Road, Penrith

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SCHOOL NOTICES

ENROLMENT FOR 2018

If you haven't already done so, please ensure that you complete an Application to Enrol Form for siblings of your children who are currently already at our school, especially for 2018.

Forms are available from the School Office or on the Wycliffe website.

FOR SALE - APPLE WIRELESS KEYBOARD & MOUSE BUNDLES

The I.T. department at Wycliffe has a number of unopened Apple wireless keyboard & mouse bundles.

Valued at over \$200 new, we are offering these to the community for \$75.

For any questions or if you would like to purchase a keyboard/mouse bundle, please email:

ict@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au



SEEKING HSC READERS AND WRITERS

If you are available and interested in working in partnership with us to assist our HSC students to equally access their HSC exams, we want to hear from you! With the HSC exams only a few months away, I need to begin the organisation of Readers and Writers. **YOUR HELP IS VITAL.** We are unable to use staff members to assist students in the HSC. If you are available to help out on one or more days I would love to hear from you. The HSC begins on Monday 16th October at 10:20am and the last exam we need Readers and Writers for is on Friday 3rd November.

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NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY (NCCD) IN 2017

The Australian Education Regulation 2013 requires the operators of all government and non-government schools that receive Australian Government funding to provide information to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training for the purposes of the NCCD. The NCCD is an annual collection that counts the number of students who have been identified by the school team as receiving adjustment/s to allow them to better access the curriculum. Schools are specifically required to enter the number (not names) of students who receive adjustments within Quality Classroom Teaching, and who receive supplementary adjustments, substantial adjustments and extensive adjustments. The Government has been collecting this data over several years to be more precisely aware of

student needs across Australia and to therefore inform their funding to schools.

Wycliffe Christian School has been analysing our students' needs for the NCCD over most of Term 2. Our official data collection period will soon end. Importantly, no names or identifying information will be provided to the government as part of the process.

An Information Sheet is available at: <https://goo.gl/445Jte>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Gateway Family Services
Parenting Group Program
Term 3, 2017



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year olds.</i> <i>* Childcare—Bookings essential</i>	Every Monday 31st July – 11th Sept 9:30am—11:30am ** NO Childcare	Blackheath Community Centre—Bates Hall Cnr GWH & Gardiners Crescent, BLACKHEATH	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
	Every Friday 4th Aug—15th Sept 9:30am—11:30am * Childcare available	Hazelbrook Public School 158 Great Western Highway, HAZELBROOK	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
123 Magic Parenting <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 0-12 year olds.</i> <i>* Childcare—Bookings essential</i>	Every Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th August 10:00am—12noon * Childcare available	Tanderra OOSH 14 Raymond Rd, SPRINGWOOD (behind Neighbourhood Centre)	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
	Every Tuesday 22nd, 29th Aug, & 5th Sept 10:00am—12noon * Childcare available	Penrith Church of Christ (Cottage) 158 Stafford St, PENRITH (Onsite parking available)	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
Bringing Up Great Kids <i>Learn your parenting style, the meaning behind children's behaviour, ways parents can take care of themselves & find support when they need it.</i> <i>* Childcare—Bookings essential</i>	Every Thursday 20th Jul—24th August 10:00am—12:00noon * Childcare available	Thrive Services 2 Station Street, KATOOMBA	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)

For more information and individual flyers go to:
www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewaysFS
 Gateway family services parent group program is funded by DSS and NSW FACs.
 Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.
 Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.
 Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.

NCNS

Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services

Parenting Courses and Workshops - Term 3, 2017

Having one of those days? Tired of yelling at the kids? Or just want to know more?
FREE Practical tips for everyday parenting



What's available this term?

GROUPS Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) - 2 to 12 years Stepping Stones Triple P - additional strategies Anxiety seminar ADHD seminar Resilience seminar Teen Triple P - Reducing family conflict Teen Triple P - Dealing with teen emotion Keeping Children Safe Brief individual support - by appointment Special Playtime Coping with your anger Parent traps Coping skills Partner support	Bookings are essential for all courses, seminars, or workshops. Facilitator: Narelle Smith All courses, seminars, and workshops are free. Phone: 47218520 or email: Parenting@nepeancommunity.org.au Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services NCNS <small>NEPEAN RESILIENCE EQUALITIES</small> www.nepeancommunity.org.au
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For dates, times, and venues, please see the reverse of this page.