**ENCLOSURES:**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY**

The Internet and related technologies have sparked the information age, which has radically changed the nature of communications and sees an ever-growing amount of information at our fingertips.

In response to these advances there has been a massive shift in educational practice over the past twenty years, moving from having a couple of computers distributed around a school, to designated computer laboratories, to an emphasis on having a device in every student’s hand.

At Wycliffe the greatest barrier to such an individualised approach has been limited internet access to the school. The bushland setting has restricted options for accessing greater bandwidth, which has resulted in slow download/upload speeds, especially when multiple users are onsite. Over the coming months, the School’s Internet connection will be upgraded to a dedicated fibre link, to greatly increase the download/upload bandwidth/speed. This will support the school’s expanded use of information communication technologies.

The School’s ICT committee has been considering options for the adoption of a 1:1 computer to student ratio, an approach that is already being rolled out across some neighboring schools. After considering options, the committee is leaning towards the Chromebook device, using Google Apps for Education (GAFE) and a trial will be conducted in Term Three involving some classes in Years 7-10. Following the trial, parent sessions will be conducted to reinforce the vital partnership we share with families, providing details of the 1:1 program and results of the trial.

The increased use of technology is exciting as it not only provides students with immediate access to web based information, but also has the potential to empower the learning process through the incorporation of educational technologies. With increased access comes greater responsibility, and the school will certainly focus on preparing our students for safe and responsible use of the technology.

If you are considering purchasing a computer for your child/ren, it may prove wise to communicate with our ICT team, to ensure the purchase of the most appropriate device. They can be contacted via email at ict@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au

**WINTER COLD AND FLU SEASON**

The winter cold and flu season is upon us as has been evidenced by the number of students absent each day. There has also been a significant increase in the number of children reporting to sick bay, some fronting as soon as they arrive at school in the morning.

I encourage parents to keep their child/ren home if they are ill in the morning. This will prevent the spread of infection. Sick Bay is an emergency and temporary resource should students fall suddenly sick at school. Our administration staff in managing sick bay will attend to children, but where it is clear the child is too sick to return to class; we will be calling parents to pick their sick child up from school.
**Afternoon Traffic**

Just this week at afternoon pickup time there was a slight collision onsite between a car and a bus. Can I please remind parents that due to the congestion at the end of the school day parents are requested to park outside the school grounds at the adjacent oval, and walk down to meet their child/ren or have their child/ren meet them outside the main entrance gate. For the safety of all concerned, especially students, I would ask that the mentioned protocol be adhered to.

NB For Preschool parents, or those of children with a disability, entry into school grounds at the end of the day is permitted as long as it is within times that do not interfere with buses (ie before 2:45). If your departure is delayed, you will need to wait until after buses have left, before leaving.

**Community Member of the Week**

This week we acknowledge Mrs Kerry Tupper. Mrs Tupper has demonstrated a long term commitment to the School (one staff member showed me a staff photo from 1987 with a very young Mrs Tupper in the front row).

Despite all those years at Wycliffe Mrs Tupper maintains amazing enthusiasm for her teaching role and the students she serves.

Mrs Tupper’s God given passion for Ancient History is contagious, as is reflected by her students’ fine results at HSC level. She is an inspiration to all in what it means to serve God with one’s whole heart.

*Peter Jamieson*

*Principal*

**Prayer Points**

- Our Year 12 students as they move towards the home straight in their schooling years.
- The people of Nepal as they seek to rebuild their lives after the tragic earthquake.
- That God will grant our Prime Minister wisdom as his Government leads our nation.

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

Psalm 108:8-12

**From the Deputy Principal and Head of Junior**

**Environment & Green Mufti Day – K-6**

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and others are warmly invited to join with the Junior School as we celebrate the wonderful environment God has given us.

On **Thursday 18th June**, you are invited to come along at lunch time to share lunch with your children and their friends. We will then meet on D-block steps and give information for the afternoon.

Some of the activities will be planting gardens, weeding and rubbish collection and a bush walk. We have organised plants but you are encouraged to bring your own gloves and small garden spades.

We are pleased that this activity will further enhance our surroundings, following the good work already started by the various working bees.

This is a **GREEN Mufti Day** for students, who are asked to wear an item of green clothing if possible.

Children are asked to bring a **gold coin donation** to cover the cost of the plants and equipment purchased.

We look forward to sharing with you on this occasion.

**Hong Kong Visit**

Once again, we are happy for the opportunity to welcome students and teachers from Living Spirit and China Holiness College. They will be visiting our school from Wed 5th August, arriving at the end of the
School day, departing early in the morning of 14th August.

At this point we are looking for families who will be willing to host one or more of the students. This is a fabulous opportunity to get to learn a little about another culture and to share some Aussie culture with these visitors. It is a very rewarding experience, as those families who have helped in the past will attest to. Although the students are Secondary, they are also very happy to join families with younger children, and this has been very successful in prior visits. There is a small daily rebate which assists with costs. There is no expectation that you act as a tour guide, just that the students share in your everyday activities so as to learn about our way of life.

If you are interested in being a host family, or would like more information, please email me cedwards@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au

Coral Edwards  
Deputy Principal / Head of Junior School

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**School Notices**

The 2015 Flannofest production, *Time Piece*, will be a compilation production where each participating school will present a scene about the role of TIME in our lives. We look forward to your support and hope you will enjoy the show.

**Natalie Maddock**  
Head of Faculty CAPA

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**Piano News**

Congratulations to Ben Jenner and Hamish Wright on their recent excellent Australian Musical Education Board piano exam results. The closing date for the next round of exams is 31st July and more information will be given to potential candidates soon. Congratulations also to Oliver Carr, Ella Edwards, Hannah Kennedy, Esther Mills, Sarah Mitchell, Stratford Powell, Riley Uden and Hamish Wright who performed at the Nepean Blue Mountains Music Teachers Association midyear concert in May. We now have 42 students learning piano with us at school. And congratulations also to Jeremy Hare and Isabella Wilkinson, two of the youngest students to sign up for the Thirty Piece Challenge at the beginning of the year, who were the first to finish their 30 pieces this week. They put in a huge effort to reach their goals. Parents should look out for some special homework - check out the ABC Classic FM top ten “Swoonworthy” countdown from the June long weekend. YouTube up some pieces and tell us your favourites. Would you have voted for the winner? (We didn’t!) Just a reminder that Mrs Padgett (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday lessons) will be away for weeks 9 and 10 in Term 2. And Miss Padgett (Thursday, Friday lessons) will be away for weeks 1 and 2 in Term 3.

Hard work makes you happy so practise now.

Miss (Miriam) and Mrs (Vanessa) Padgett

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**Library News**

**Where can I find a book about ...?**

I wonder if you have a favourite book, a favourite author or a favourite genre or type of story. Libraries, especially school libraries, want to assist readers to enjoy reading by providing easy access to quality literature and information resources.

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[Website Link]
Traditionally, this access has been facilitated by the alphabetical shelving of fiction, according to the author's name, and the use of the Dewey system for non-fiction books.

While students are taught these systems and the procedure for locating books using the online catalogue in Primary library lessons, there is still a desire by a growing number of library users to be able to quickly find their favourite series or story type. They are more interested in finding a book “about”, than a book “by”.

For many years our younger readers have found many of their favourite books in collection boxes based on favourite characters such as Thomas the Tank Engine, Grug and Geronimo Stilton or a popular series such as Mr Men and Little Miss, Too Cool and Zac Power. There are also collection boxes in the primary library for types of books such as Mystery, Funny and Adventure. Our older readers are also able to find Young Adult novels and Visual Literacy books collected together in dedicated spaces in the secondary library.

This year, in response to requests from students and teachers, the library staff have begun small genre collections for students from the middle years. As you will see from the accompanying graphs, illustrating the experience of another school library, students in the upper primary years and lower secondary years find this system particularly helpful.

These genre collections are designed to make finding a suitable book easier. The books in the collection are regularly rotated to provide an introduction to a variety of authors and ensure that students can always find something new to read. The genres we have chosen to present in this way are Adventure, Crime and Mystery, Romance and Humour.

The Wycliffe library does not yet have the time and financial resources to adopt this “genrefication” approach for all our fiction resources but we will be monitoring the effect of this change for the students and considering how we might expand this service.

Mr Cooney

**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

**The simplest way**

...to be SunSmart!

Unlike sunscreen, clothing can’t be wiped or washed off, making it one of the best ways to protect your skin from damaging UV radiation.

- **For best protection choose:**
  - Shirts with collars or high necks, and sleeves
  - Trousers or longer shorts and skirts that come to below the knees
  - Clothing that is loose rather than stretched across the skin
  - Look for fabric that has a close, dense weave
  - Dark colours (navy, black, dark red) absorb UV rays and prevent them reaching the skin better than white and light colours

To help keep your kids safe, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)

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**SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**MATHEMATICS STUDY CENTRE**

*Every Wednesday afternoon in the library from 3:00pm - 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, sometime 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

**WORLD VISION YOUTH CONFERENCE**

On Wednesday the 3rd of June, three Student Leaders from year 11; Bec Bouchet, Vienna Rathbone and Sophie Shanahan represented our school by joining 1000 other Sydney students at World Vision’s Youth Conference (Stand).

The conference was for Years 10-12. It was held on different days across all capital and many regional cities within Australia. The aim of the conference was to provide a high quality, interactive and informative event to explore the key global issues that World Vision has expertise in.

This year World Vision is celebrating its 40th anniversary of the globally recognised 40 Hour Famine. Wycliffe has decided to yet again participate in this event.

During the conference we were challenged to come together and come up with a goal for our school. Our goal this year is to have over 200 students throughout Years 7-10 participating in the 40 Hour Famine. We're encouraging students to give something (not necessarily food) up for 40 hours to together help fight global hunger. The dates for 2015 are: 14-16 August.

Vienna Rathbone, Sophie Shanahan, Bec Bouchet

**POST SCHOOL OPTIONS EXPO**

Western Sydney Post School Options Expo for students with a disability will be held at Club Paceway in Penrith, Tuesday 21 July 2015 from 12pm until 6.30pm.

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“Out of the Green”

(Logo competition)

Our school Environmental Committee is running an internal competition, available for **all students** to enter. The winner will receive a prize for the best logo that is simple but strong in reflecting the theme: based on a nature, plants or the environment.

The logo will be used by the Environmental committee to advertise their initiative in School Talk and elsewhere.

Entries close on 19th June 2015 and will be judged in Week 10. All entries to go to Dr Persis via Student Services

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**UP COMING EVENTS**

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

- **CSSA Sec State Netball Gala Day**
  - Jun 15
- **Yr 7-12 Athletics Carnival**
  - Jun 17
- **State of Origin (Common Room from 6.45pm with Sausage Sizzle)**
  - Jun 17
- **Yr 3-6 Winmalee Cup**
  - Jun 19
- **Yr 7, 11/12 Rd 2 Immunization**
  - Jun 23
- **Yr 5/6 Basketball Championships**
  - Jun 25
- **Yr 10/11 Drama Excursion**
  - Jun 26
Preschool commences for Term 3
Jul 13
Yr K-10 Parent Teacher Interviews
Jul 16
School Community Prayer Meeting [aftr hrs]
Jul 20
Yr K-10 Parent Teacher Interviews
Jul 22

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Can you help replace much needed books? The following Book Drive needs your support. Bring any book donations for the Vanuatu Book Drive to the Public Reception desk at Wycliffe before the end of Term 2. Thanks

![Vanuatu Book Drive](image)

**Local Church News**

NO COMPROMISE was the catch cry of legendary gospel singer-songwriter Keith Green. These concerts are a chance to hear his music passionately & faithfully reproduced.

- **Friday 10 July**
  - Glenbrook 7pm
  - Lower Mountains Anglican

- **Sunday 12 July**
  - St Annes Anglican
  - Ryde 6pm

**Tickets**

- **$20 adults**
- **$15 conc. / $40 family**

BOOK NOW [www.nocompromise.info](http://www.nocompromise.info) or call BCA NSW 02 9262 5017 to book

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**Play Softball**

- Training at Lomatia Park, Springwood
- Play at the same place (Surveyors Creek Penrith)
- All ages 5yr-adults, boys, girls, men, women

- Play at the same time each Saturday during the Spring and Summer months with breaks during school holidays

- Registration: 12th and 19th July, 10am to 1pm at Lomatia Park, Springwood

Need more information? Phone: 0477 459 560. See our website: [bluemountains.softball.org.au](http://bluemountains.softball.org.au)

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

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**Private Sunday School**

We would love to welcome you to our exciting new program - Private Sunday School. This program is designed to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn about Jesus and grow in their faith. If you are interested in participating, please contact us at [info@mychurch.com](mailto:info@mychurch.com) to register. We look forward to seeing you soon!