FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PRESCHOOLERS WELCOME DAD!

In celebrating Fathers’ Day our youngest students welcomed their dads to Preschool on Saturday 3rd September.

Fathers, along with their preschool children must have slept well that evening after a busy morning of play, exercise and construction. The morning’s program was based around the sort of activities children are involved in on an average day. This provided fathers with greater insight into what their children do at preschool.

All preschool dads woke up to a special prize on Sunday morning, special rocky road crackles made by their child/ren and a personalized card completed during the week.

The role of being a dad is a gift from God, as well as an awesome responsibility. Studies show that a father (or significant other male role model) who is affectionate, supportive and involved contributes greatly to the overall balanced development of not only their sons, but daughters as well.

God himself provides the best example of fatherhood. “Abba Father” is one of the most significant names of God in understanding how He relates to people. The word Abba is an Aramaic word that would most closely be translated as “Daddy.” It was a common term that young children would use to address their fathers. It signifies the close, intimate relationship of a father to his child, as well as the childlike trust that a young child puts in his “Daddy.”

It is life changing to understand the full force of what it means to be able to call God, “Daddy”. He loves us and wants the best for our lives. That is why he sacrificed his own son, Jesus, so that all who place their faith in him can receive God's forgiveness and enjoy the relationship with Him that we were created to enjoy.

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

Matthew 7:9-11

YEAR 12

Year 12 students are in the final straight on the way to the finish their schooling years. Some students have been with the school for 13 years, and many others have joined somewhere along the way.

To celebrate all that God has achieved in their lives through their education at Wycliffe, several significant events are planned for our school community.
**Wednesday 21st September**
- Yr 12 Final Assembly from 8:30am
- Yr 12 Graduation evening from 7:00pm

**Thursday 13th October**
- HSC examinations begin

**Wednesday 9th November**
- Yr 12 Formal – Loxley on Bellbird, Kurrajong at 5:30pm for photos.

We give God praise and thanks for this fine group of young men and women, and look forward to celebrating with them.

**NEWSLETTERS FROM TERM 4**

Communication with home has been significantly improved over the past 18 months. The skoolbag app has enhanced the efficiency of important information to parents. Our improved webpage is informative and contains links useful pages relating to the school.

The school facebook page features a steady stream of stories and photos from significant events and achievements around the school. The site receives many visits from our families and then is shared beyond through social networks into the wider community. Visit the school facebook page here: [http://goo.gl/9EtfqY](http://goo.gl/9EtfqY)

Due to the increased use of social media our school newsletter, School Talk, will move to fortnightly publication from Term 4. Important communication in between times will be transferred through the skoolbag app.

**VISUAL ARTS NEWS**

As I mentioned in an earlier edition Georgie Findley of Yr 11 was shortlisted as a finalist in the Young Archies awards, the young people's competition along the same line as the Archibald Prize.

Georgie has recently appeared in a promotional video for the Young Archies competition. She has proved not only to be a very talented artist, but also a very competent public speaker. If you would like to view the video it can be found here: [http://goo.gl/hTP1c5](http://goo.gl/hTP1c5)

Well done Georgie! We are all proud of you. It is so great to see you sharing your God given gifts with others.

**COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK**

This week Keira Lee in Year 7 has been recommended for acknowledgment.

Keira Lee shows compassion and grace in her relationships. She has a mature attitude to learning and relates well with staff and students.

Keira has demonstrated a strong perseverance in her studies, despite some illness earlier in the year.

Well done Kiera! You provide a fine example to your peers.

**LOCAL TRIVIA**

Over the past couple of weeks I have noticed a low pitched and repetitive, what I believed to be, mechanical sound from the surrounding area.

Intrigued, and seeking an explanation I mentioned it to staff in morning devotions time, and Mrs Hare solved the mystery.

It is not a machine at all, but a Bronzewing pigeon in the neighbouring bushland.

We are truly blessed to enjoy the beauty and diversity of God’s creation in the lower mountains.

*Peter Jamieson Principal*

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**ROALD DAHL CENTENARY**

September 13th, 2016 is the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Roald Dahl. Although books such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and James and the Giant Peach, were instantly successful in the 1960s, Dahl’s popularity has certainly grown into an international phenomenon since his death in 1990. The most recent examples are the musical version of Matilda and Steven Spielberg’s film version of The BFG.

Dahl’s books and poetry are filled with wit and, at times, dark humour. His characters are often unlikeable and, at times, downright scary, acknowledging that the world affected by sin can be scary, strange and unsettling at times for both children and adults, despite the fact that we grown-ups like to think that we’re in control and ignore the hope and peace offered by our Creator.

But Dahl’s writing also has an affirming message that dreams can become reality and that kindness can overcome greed and fear. Speaking in an interview for The Daily Review, Lucy Dahl, the author’s youngest child, said that one of the most important lessons that her father communicated to his children was “not to be embarrassed by who you are and what you want to be”.

Despite, or possibly because of, tragic events in his own life, Dahl used his creativity to bring pleasure and happiness to others through the power of imagination. Lucy says that says her father’s greatest fear for his children was “boredom”. Certainly, Roald Dahl’s stories continue to delight the children and teachers at Wycliffe Christian School.
You can find out much more about the centenary and enjoy some online activities at this site: https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/worlds/roald-dahl/

Mr Cooney

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

For children ages 5 – 16 (beginners to advanced). Fully supervised. Racquets are also available for hire. Lunch provided on the Friday, along with prizes!

Springwood World of Tennis, Spring Street, Springwood

When: Mon 26th to Fri 30th September 2016 (9am - 3pm)

For more information, or to book, please ring 4751 5383 OR 0416 083 472

TECHNOLOGY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

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LEGO ROBOTICS - $80

Design, build and program a Mindstorms robot that follows commands & completes challenges. New content. Ages 8 +

Wednesday 28th September (09h30 - 15h30)
@ Wimmalee Girl Guides Hall

GAME DESIGN - $45

Design and create your own game using Scratch and play it online. Challenge others to beat your highest score. Ages 7 +

Thursday 29th September (13h00 - 16h00)
@ Dedicated Learning Centre

TINKERING & MAKING - $45

Learn about electronics, circuits, motors, LEDs & buzzers. Create your own toy to take home. Ages 9 +

Friday 30th September (13h00 - 16h00)
@ Wimmalee Girl Guides Hall

AMAZING MECHANISMS - $80

Build, program and modify Lego models using gears, pulleys, levers, motors and sensors. Ages 6 +

Thursday 6th October (09h30 - 15h30)
@ Wimmalee Girl Guides Hall

SCRATCH CODING - $45

Learn to program using Scratch, a coding language created for kids by MIT that can be used at home for free. Ages 7 +

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@ Dedicated Learning Centre

WEDO ROBOTICS - $45

An introduction to Lego Robotics using Bluetooth and Ipads to control & program robots. Ages 7 +

Friday 30th September (09h00 - 12h00)
@ Wimmalee Girl Guides Hall

STOP MOTION - $45

Create your own movie and learn how to change backgrounds, add sounds and use special effects. New content. Ages 7 +

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BOOK ONLINE BEFORE 12th SEPTEMBER

www.buildamind.com.au
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Dedicated Learning Centre - 29a Singles Ridge Rd, Wimmalee
Girl Guides Hall - 233 to 243 Singles Ridge Rd, Yellow Rock

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SCHOOL TALK