ENCLOSURES:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

COLIN RETURNS

Once again on Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} August at 4:30pm, the School will be hosting a live concert by children’s favourite, Colin Buchanan. Last year to a near capacity crowd, Colin entertained local children, from our school and beyond, in a concert full of music, song, laughter and flying streamers.

For over 15 years Colin Buchanan’s Concerts have become an annual must-see for thousands of fans across Australia. Colin’s biblically faithful, catchy songs have delivered God’s Word to a generation and on stage he bursts with a unique ability engaging all ages, singing favorites and new tunes, getting everybody singing, dancing and laughing along.

For this year’s Wycliffe concert Colin’s special puppet pal, Nudge, will be making a guest appearance, bringing some extra orange furry fun to the show.

It will prove an all-age celebration of God’s goodness and greatness for our students and their friends, Mums/Dads, and maybe even provide an opportunity for some of our teenage students to relive the songs of their childhood.

So how about joining us to be part of the chaos, energy and fun at this year’s concert. The School Café will be open so bring a change of clothes for the kids, at the end of the school day enjoy a coffee with friends before the concert begins at 4:30pm.

Last year quite a few Preschool enrolments flowed from the concert and it would good to invite neighbors and friends so they may not only enjoy the concert, but also obtain a glimpse of what a great school we have at Wycliffe.

Koorong is facilitating the concert. Tickets are $12.50 per person aged 2+ and are available by calling 02 9857 4477, online at koorong.com or over the counter at Koorong’s Penrith store on Henry Street.

COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK

This week we feature Tom Brischetto (4/5B). Tom loves sport, representing school in athletics and various sport teams. He works industriously in class, and is very responsible and caring.

Tom also exercises his leadership skills through his role of supervising a ‘Morning Moves’ activity showing maturity and sensitivity as he assists younger students and ensures all are included and having fun.
ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT A SCHOOL THAT VALUES COMMUNITY IS THE PRACTICAL WAYS WE SEE THIS IN EVIDENCE AND THE BROAD RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WE CAN SHARE IN TOGETHER.

THE VISITING TEAM FROM HONG KONG LEFT EARLY THIS MORNING, FULL OF PRAISE AND APPRECIATION FOR THE WAY THEY WERE WELCOMED BY HOST FAMILIES AND SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO QUICKLY BECAME THEIR FRIENDS. THEY HAD A STRONG SENSE OF THE COMMUNITY WE OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED AND THE TEACHERS COMMENTED THAT THEY GENUINELY FELT LIKE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST. OUR PRAYER IS THAT EACH OF THE STUDENTS WILL TAKE HOME A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS.

IF YOU THINK YOUR YEAR 10 STUDENT MAY WISH TO TAKE PART IN THIS EXCHANGE IN 2016, AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE TRIP, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK ME.

BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING

Year 3 – 6 students learnt some basic first aid skills that should enable them to be helpful members of community. They were instructed in assessing danger, checking for response, sending for help, how to place the patient in a recovery position, how to stop bleeding and for 5 & 6 – basic bandaging. The sessions were very informative and ‘hands on’ with each of the students practising the newly acquired skills. Our thanks go to St Johns for enabling this fantastic program and Cheryl Lynch the presenter.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA, FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

As indicated earlier in the year our school is required to participate in this census. A letter detailing the process and the strategies to be put in place to ensure confidentiality is attached to this edition of School Talk. It is important that you read this letter so that you understand the process. We hope that the information collected will ultimately be put to good use in assisting students with disability.

OUR THANKS GO TO THOSE MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WILLINGLY HELP IN SO MANY WAYS – IN READING GROUPS, NUMERACY GROUPS, EXCURSIONS, EXAM READER/WRITERS. YOU ARE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY!

HERE’S A REMINDER OF THE K-6 DATE CLAIMERS

K-6 40 Hour Famine – Mufti and ‘Miss Out” day – Tuesday 18th August. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation on this day. As younger students are not advised to go without food, each class will be considering what they can ‘miss out’ on for a day as a way to serve others.
‘Book Week Celebration Afternoon’ – Wednesday August 26th – From 11:30 am onwards. Parents are welcome to come along and share in activities with your children – drama, book week parade and some readings. Bring your lunch and enjoy lunch with your children.

We are looking for parents, grandparents or friends who would like to share their favourite book as a child, by reading to their child’s class, or to a small group. You could read an entire Picture Book or just a ‘taster’ from a favourite novel. If you are willing, please contact myself cedwards@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au Don’t be shy, kids are a very appreciative audience!

K-2 Sport Morning - Tuesday 8th September, 8:45 to 12:15 on the oval. Families & friends welcome.

K-6 Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off – Friday 11th September 8:45 – 10:15 Come and see the skipping skills children have acquired as they have been practising. Great exercise and lots of fun!

God Bless,
Coral Edwards
Deputy Principal

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**READER/WRITER REQUEST**

We are so grateful to the people who gave their time as a reader/writer to help our Yr 12 students in their recent Trial HSC exams. We are now seeking volunteers to help with the upcoming Yr 11 yearly exams. These will run from Monday 31st Aug until Friday 11th September. Most exams are in the morning. If you have a heart for our students who need some support in the form of a reader/writer, please contact Poppy Gee on the following email address. cletcher@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au . This time can be credited to your PIP hours for 2015. Thanks for considering this way of being involved in our community. Poppy Gee (on behalf of Carolyn Letcher)

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**HAWKESBURY EISTEDDFOD RESULTS**

Congratulations to the Concert Band and String Orchestra, which both achieved second place in their respective sections at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod last week. The Wycliffe Guitar Ensemble gained a third place for their performance of “Sally Gardens” and “Pirates of the Caribbean” at the same eisteddfod. For the Concert Band and String Orchestra, this was the first major performance of the year without their Year 12 players and these results are a credit to the work of the younger players. Thank you to Mrs Saunders and Mr Gray for their dedicated work with the Wycliffe ensembles.

Mr Cooney
This week’s CBCA Award nominees both feature a child’s relationship with older relatives. The main characters begin with two very different viewpoints but their understanding converges by the end of each book.

**The Simple Things** by Bill Condon (nominated for younger readers)

Stephen’s family are spending three weeks with his eighty-year-old Great Aunt Lola while she recovers from a fall. Things do not begin well but first impressions can be deceiving. Stephen is full of questions and Lola is full of surprises. In fact, in spite of their age difference, Stephen and Lola become firm friends. Stephen is helped in his appreciation of his elderly relative by the attitude of his new friend, Allie, the girl who lives next door to Lola and who enjoys a close relationship with her grandfather. Allie introduces Stephen to the simple things in life, such as fishing, cricket and climbing trees. But it is Aunty Lola’s willingness to entrust Stephen with a special, secret task that finally seals their new-found understanding.

**Figgy in the World: All you need is a plan and courage** by Tasmin Janu (nominated for Younger Readers)

Figgy has a problem. She is the only person in the whole of her native Ghana with that name. How did this come to be? The rest of her considerable energy is spent pondering the big wide world, until one day her thoughts are taken over by a conversation she overhears in which she learns that her beloved grandmother, who’s raised her, is very sick. So begins Figgy’s quest to travel from Ghana to America, where she’s heard she can get the best medicine. Her only companions are her pet goat, Kwame, and Nana, a boy her age, who becomes like a brother. Does she make it to America? Borrow the book from the library to find out.

Mr Cooney

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**SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**MATHEMATICS STUDY CENTRE**

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

**SCHOLARSHIP OFFER**

The Blue Mountains Health Trust has a scholarship on offer for a student who is entering a Health related course in 2016 at a NSW Tertiary institution. There are some criteria attached to the scholarship including residing in the Blue Mountains. Applications close 7th October and Mrs Pickworth has more details.
SPORT NEWS

EMMANUEL GONZALEZ
FOR THE U/20'S A LEAGUE

Congratulations to one of the elite sportsman in our school, Emmanuel Gonzalez from Year 12. Emmanuel has been contracted to play for the u/20s A League Team Sydney FC. He has also been one of 22 players selected nationally to attend Youth Young Socceroos camp from the 15th August - 19th August.

This is just the most fantastic news for this very humble young man who has put so much time and effort into training and perfecting his skills. Having broken the u/18's Premier League (Elite 1) goal scoring record this year, it is just wonderful that the champion Blacktown City Striker has been given the recognition that he so fully deserves. Well Done Emmanuel and I am sure many in the Wycliffe Community will be following your progress in the years ahead.

Andrew Stewart
K-12 Sports Coordinator

UP COMING EVENTS

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Books Light Up Our World

BOOK FAIR!

Join our Book Fair on:
Tuesday 25th August
Friday 28th August

Opening Times: 8am to 3.30pm
The Fair Takes Place at:
The Library

Secure Payment Option
Parents can make a secure online credit card payment at parentpayments.carnivalfair.com.au

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14 August 2015

Dear Parents

**Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2015**

Our school is required to participate in the collection of nationally consistent data on students in our community with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to these students. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability and this information will be used to determine funding allocated to the school for students with disability, from 2016.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

Wycliffe Christian School is required to provide this data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.


Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: [http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/)

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school by Friday August 21st, 2015. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on Education Council website: [http://www.schooldisabilitydatal.edu.au/](http://www.schooldisabilitydatal.edu.au/)
If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact Coral Edwards.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

Coral Edwards
Deputy Principal

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by Friday 21st August, 2015.

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Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2015

I/we _____________________________________________________________

Name of parent/carer

do not wish my/our child ______________________________ to be

Name of child

Counted for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent / Carer signature: ____________________________ date: __________