ENCLOSURES:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I was delighted last week when I had the opportunity to share a learning experience with our Kindergarten students. Students had been learning about "people and places special to me" and had been considering a special local indigenous site, Red Hands' Cave in the Blue Mountains National Park.

Our Kindergarten students ventured down to their ‘bush classroom’, a natural area in the gully adjacent to their classroom, to create their own ‘red hands cave’. After gathering local sandstone they crushed it into a powder, added water creating their own ochre paint to decorate their ‘cave’.

Kindergarten parents you would have been so proud of your children. They have grown up so much over the past term. They completed their activities of foraging and painting with such order and discipline. They were excited about learning, and all very keen to participate.

It would be remiss of me not to mention their teacher, Mrs Short. She has established a wonderful relationship with her students, built on respect and encouragement. Mrs Short has the ability to draw the very best out of the children placed in her care.

The lesson I enjoyed was one of the best examples of quality Christian Worldview teaching that I have ever seen. Etched in my mind from the end of the lesson was the children spontaneously singing of Jesus, the King over all creation.

"People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Luke 18:15-17
**Father/Son State of Origin Night**

I originally advertised the father/son state of origin evening for the first match of the series. However the first match is in Sydney, and there may be members of our community who will be attending the game.

For that reason I have transferred the evening to Game two, to be played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Wednesday June 17th. We will share a sausage sizzle from 6:30pm in the lead up to the match, and together enjoy watching the NSW Blues smash the Queensland ‘cane toads’. More detail will come home in over the upcoming weeks.

_Peter Jamieson_  
Principal  
*Go the Blues!*  

![NSW vs QLD](image)

The school will supply most PPE but in case of a large roll up it would be good if you could bring some working gloves if possible. Of course hat and sunscreen are advisable.

**What tasks are being carried out?**

The list for this week is being finalised but usually involves activities such as spreading mulch, pruning, general yard work, cleaning eg. air conditioner filters, covering books.

**Are tools needed to be brought?**

Once again the school has a large array of tools, but an extra shovel or two won’t go astray.

I look forward to seeing you on the day, and of course once again I will be brewing some fine coffee in the café for the morning tea break.

**Community Member of the Week**

This week we feature Michael Dillon of 5/6W. In talking to his class teacher, Mrs Walker, she commented that Michael is a well-behaved and polite student always willing to lend a helping hand. His huge smile goes with him everywhere and is an encouragement to those around him.

**Matters for Prayer**

Please pray for:

- Our HSC students, particularly those working on practical tasks eg. Art, Drama, Music, Industrial Technology. These practical major works need to be completed for external marking mid Term 3.
- Those in our community suffering from illness, particularly as the Winter season approaches.
- Our school community; that we will continue to honour and bring glory to Christ in all that we do, and that students will grow to become all the He has created them to be.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AND HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

This week Preschool – Year 2 students had the opportunity to learn about ‘Responsible Pet Handling’ an initiative of BMCC. We had a visit from Leslie and her dog Ruby – a very affectionate Staffordshire Terrier. The students asked lots of questions and offered some well-informed answers to the questions directed at them. Leslie was very sensitive to those students who may be a little nervous around dogs and Ruby was very well behaved ….as were the children!

At Wycliffe we recognise and celebrate that God made and is concerned about EVERY aspect of us. He sees all that we are and all that we do and in the scheme of His kingdom – there is much more to celebrate.

God bless,
Coral Edwards

SCHOOL NOTICES

Singing Lessons

Half hour lessons on Mondays will be available at school with Mrs Jenni Mills, BA Dip Ed, A.Mus. A (Vocal)
$28 per lesson
Please call for more information 0425 236 249 / 47514569
Or speak with Mrs Natalie Maddock (Head of CAPA)

2015 AGM

Due to unexpected delays, the AGM that was scheduled for Monday 18/5 has been pushed back to Monday 1/6/15, 7:30pm.
Parents are also invited to the monthly prayer meeting on the same night just prior to the AGM, 7pm-7:30pm in the Staff Common Room.

James Chik
Business Manager

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LIBRARY NEWS

THE BROTHERS QUIBBLE

The book chosen for this year’s Simultaneous Reading Day explores the theme of sibling rivalry and the redeeming power of unconditional love. *The Brothers Quibble* by Aaron Blabey tells the story of Spalding Quibble, whose domain is invaded by the arrival of a baby brother, Bunny.

Bunny’s arrival brings out the worst in Spalding, which leads him to spend more than a little “Time Out” in his room. It is the love inherent in Bunny’s every word and action that eventually thaws Spalding’s heart. Their life together is not perfect by any means. They continue to fight and disagree but their relationship becomes one of acceptance and amiable companionship.

Despite the author’s description of the change in Spalding as a miracle, it is not quite a happy-ever-after ending and certainly not the transforming of character that comes with the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit but it is a story that provides a theme that can open up a gospel conversation with children.

The Bible is frank in its depiction of fallen humanity. One example is sibling rivalry, which appears as one of the early consequences of the Fall. Some of the best known events in the Bible, such as the life of Joseph, include sibling rivalry.

God gives us the answer to this situation. It is the redeeming power of Jesus’ love. This unconditional love is at the heart of our relationship with God and is the love that Jesus commands us to display in our relationships.

Aaron Blabey has used a form of heightened cartoon realism in his illustrations, which allows the reader to observe the family’s behaviour from a distance and yet still connect with the feeling and response of Spalding to his baby brother. It has similarities with Blabey’s *Pig the Pug* series or animations such as *Phigaro Pho*.

There is an effective use of colour, fonts and images to express Spalding’s moods and thoughts. Again, these include some exaggerated, cartoon style illustrations. The most dramatic of these is used in juxtaposition with text that indicates the opposite message to the image. Perhaps the most effective symbol is the paper crown, which appears on every page.

This is a challenging but powerful story that children will enjoy on a number of levels, beginning with the witty title. There will be more information about Wycliffe’s participation in the Simultaneous Reading Day in next week’s School Talk.

Mr Cooney
Green Happenings in Junior School

During Term 2 many Junior School children have been busy greening our school. Kindergarten, together with their Year 6 buddies got together during Earth Day to talk about ways we can care for the beautiful world God has created. They shared the job of weeding and planting native plants in the garden beds towards the bottom of D-courtyard, which are now looking happier for the attention.

The Green Team, who meet during Monday lunch, have been working hard to transport mulch from the ‘mulch mountain’ to help protect and enrich the soil of these gardens. They discovered some interesting facts about how mulch is made and have been enjoying investigating a variety of critters that live in and help to create compost.

Thanks to Year 6, who have been fantastic role models to their Kindergarten buddies in helping to weed the vege garden and harvest late season tomatoes and potatoes.

Catherine Short
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

SPORT NEWS

PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

It’s that time of year again when the discuses, high jump mats, long jump rakes, shot puts, turbo javelins and running shoes all come out in force for training up for the Primary School Athletics Carnival! This is a special time for the primary students to get out and show us what they’re made of on the oval. Throughout Term 2, students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been practising their throwing, pushing, leaping, jumping, sprinting and jogging skills for the carnival which is held this year on the 3rd of June at Tom Hunter Park.

Athletics Carnivals are a lot of work and as such, need a lot of help and support from parents. The more helpers we have, the easier and smoother a carnival is to run. If you are available to assist with the likes of timekeeping, starting races, canteen maintenance, judging or anything to do with the Athletics Carnival this year, please contact Mr Brown at the school by email jbrown@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au or in person by Tuesday the 19th of May. Alternatively, you could indicate where you would like to help in the “Parent Helper” section of the permission note that your child will soon be bringing home regarding the Athletics Carnival. This note must be filled in and returned to school if your child is to compete in the Athletics Carnival this year.

Once again, the more helpers the smoother the carnival operates and the more fun the students have while they’re competing. Who knows, the event you’re involved in could be the difference between whether Banksia or Waratah take out the Athletics competition this year.

Mr Jeff Brown

UP COMING EVENTS

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

HSC Information Evening [for parents of students in Year 10, 11 & 12] May 19
School Photo Day May 21
CSSA Primary Girls Soccer May 25
Year 9 Camp – Toukley May 27th-29th
Year 7/8 Music Excursion May 27
Year 12 English Excursion May 28
CSSA Pri & Sec State Cross Country May 29
COMMUNITY NEWS

JobShop

Free event
No need to register
Jobs Vacancy Board

Wednesday
20 May 2015
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Blue Mountains Community Hub
108 Macquarie Rd Springfield
(Between Glimmer Rogers)
&Dunmore Centre)

Looking for a job?
Looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship?
Need help to start or change your career?

Find out about:
- Jobs in the Blue Mountains area
- Employment Offices - Blue Mountains
- Hospitality - Blue Mountains
- Agricultural & Child Care
- Blue Mountains, City Council
- Carpentry - Blue Mountains
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Supportive employment services

Meet employers
- Industry experts
- Government agencies
- Community organisations

Meet service providers
- Disability Services - Blue Mountains
- Blue Mountains Mental Health
- Blue Mountains, City Council
- Traineeships - Blue Mountains
- Apprenticeships - Blue Mountains
- Supportive employment services

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Behaviour Management Strategies for Parents, Teachers & Health Professionals

Presented by Andrew Greenfield
Child & Educational Psychologist
Tuesday 16th June 2015

VENUES
Aerodrome Park, Penrith Lakes
635 Station St, Penrith
TICKS
Register: 2pm
Seminar: 9am - 1pm
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Seminar: 9am - 1pm
Parking: Free parking at the club

In this seminar Andrew will discuss specific, practical and common sense strategies to assist parents and teachers with behaviour management. These strategies will be useful for managing any difficulties or challenges you may face with children or students with behaviour issues. Andrew will also present classroom strategies to assist teachers who have students with behaviour problems associated with learning and developmental issues such as Autism, ADHD & Asperger’s Syndrome. Andrew enjoys answering questions from parents and teachers and will endeavour to make the seminar as interactive as possible.

For Parents, Teachers & Health Professionals

Learning Difficulties
PARENT Helpline
We’re just a phone call away
www.lcd.org.au
02 9806 9960
info@lcd.org.au

OPEIN SCHOOL DAYS
9am - 9pm during school terms
This is a great opportunity to interact with a diverse range of organisations.

Parkrun Penrith Lakes
Invitation
Please join us for our 1st Birthday celebration

When: Saturday 23rd May 2015 from 7:30am
Where: Sydney International Regatta Centre
Entry via Gate 2, Old Castleroagh Rd, Castleroagh
Theme: Party – wear anything from a party frock to a party hat
What to bring: A picnic rug, chairs and your barcode picnic hamper (optional)

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