FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME KAI THOMPSON

History teacher extraordinaire, Mrs Stephanie Thompson, husband Ben and daughter Freyja, have welcomed the arrival of their new baby son and brother, Kai weighing in at a very healthy 3.8kg. Mrs Thompson and Kai are both doing well. Mrs Thompson will be on maternity leave for the next 12 months. Our prayers are with their family that Kai may flourish and grow into all God has created him to be.

FAREWELL BOB GREEN

On Wednesday May 11th I attended the thanksgiving service at Blaxland Uniting Church for ex Wycliffe parent Bob Green, who passed away on May 3rd after a five-year battle with cancer.

Bob was a parent at Wycliffe in earlier days of the school’s history.

A very committed Christian Bob and his wife Gwen, had their three children, Alison, Janelle and Adrian, all attend Wycliffe. Bob no doubt made significant positive contributions to the school over those years.

Bob trained as a high school Maths/Science teacher and spent several years in mission teaching in a Wesleyan school in Fiji. After a significant career in social services, committed to Christian Education, Bob returned to the classroom teaching Maths, Science and TAS at Mountains Christian College (then Gateway Christian School) in 1987. Bob spent the last 16 years of his career at Mountains CC, his final three years as Principal.

A Godly man, committed to Kingdom mission, Bob continued to serve in His retirement, most notably in a lay pastoral role in seven short-term ministry stays on Norfolk Island.

Many present at the Thanksgiving Service acknowledged the huge influence Bob had on their faith development. Our prayers are with his family and friends as they both mourn his loss and enjoy fond memories.
2017 ENROLMENTS

We are well into enrolling students for the 2017 academic year. As positions are filling we want to make sure that families wishing to enrol siblings of presently enrolled students are given priority.

Therefore if you have another child that you wish to join Wycliffe in 2017, or subsequent years, could you please contact our registrar, Rebecca Moses, to make the appropriate enrolment arrangements. This is particularly pertinent for Kindergarten and Year 7 enrolments.

STATE OF ORIGIN

As advertised in an earlier edition we are planning another Father/Son State of origin evening this year. Previously I had advertised the date to be that of the first game, but given that the first game is in Sydney and some Wycliffe footy fanatics may wish to attend the live game, we have shifted the date to Game 2, Wednesday 22nd June. Dinner will be available through the Café 133 from 6:30pm, with the game on the big screen from 7:30pm.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

This week we feature two of our dads, Phil Irvine and Brad Shuttleworth. Phil and Brad volunteered to help on the recent Year 8 camp at Crusaders’ campsite, Galston.

Their willingness to serve as well as their energy levels I am told were absolutely amazing. From trekking around the Gorge with the year group in 35 degree heat, to encouraging the kids in all their activities, they proved such positive Christian influences and role models.

We thank them both for their servant heart and openness to give of their time to support the children of the school.

ANNOUNCING A NEW REGULAR FEATURE: WHERE ARE THEY NOW!

Next year Wycliffe celebrates its 40th Anniversary. Over that time God has done amazing things through the lives of members of the Wycliffe Community?

Our community has enjoyed a rich tapestry of shared relationships, a gift from God, over the past four decades. Often in the busyness of the present, we lose sight of God’s blessings from the past.

So in this our first article we feature a staff photo from 1987, the School’s 10th year of operation. The photo includes a number of staff that are still employed at the school. The first parent to email me the names of the staff from the photo that remain at the school, and their corresponding position in the photo, will win a special prize. Also the first parent to name all staff members in the photo will also be eligible for a prize.

Peter Jamieson
Principal

MAKE A STAND

Following the school assembly on Tuesday 17 May, students at Wycliffe Christian School will be given the opportunity to support Destiny Rescue in their “MAKE A STAND” campaign against child trafficking.

This will take place at school on Friday 20th May 2016. All funds raised through this stand will help support the rescue, care and prevention of young children trapped in modern day slavery. This will also be a K-12 Mufti Day, in which all students will be encouraged to wear something yellow (Destiny Rescue House colour). The gold coin donation will be going to Make a Stand as well.

“Make A Stand” is an easy, yet rewarding fundraising campaign that gives our schools the opportunity to physically stand up against child slavery and actively make a difference in the lives of the vulnerable and enslaved worldwide!

It’s really simple! Students in years 5-12 are to visit: http://goo.gl/Y9xYpr to register and then stand up for the desired amount of time and get others to sponsor them while they “MAKE A STAND” against child trafficking.

“Make A Stand” is an opportunity to stand up and say NO to children being sold into slavery! Who will stand with us?

Find out more about Destiny Rescue here: https://www.destinyrescue.org

MATHEMATICS STUDY CENTRE

Study Centre will not operate in Week 4 (Wednesday 18th May) due to Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interviews.

YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Towards the end of Term 1, Year 11 students should have received their Interim Reports. Year 12 Half Yearly Reports were distributed to students on Friday last week. Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year 11 and Year 12 are scheduled for Term 2 Week 4 (Wednesday 18th May) and should provide a good opportunity for parents and/
or caregivers to meet with their child and their child's teachers to discuss progress. Bookings for Interview Sessions will be done online. A letter has been sent to each family of Year 11 and Year 12 students via email that indicates the process for booking and will include the family's user name and password.

MS Michaela Inglis
Deputy Principal (Acting)

LIBRARY NEWS

SOMETHING OLD, SOME THINGS NEW

April 23rd, 2016 commemorates 400 years since the death of William Shakespeare. While many secondary students find the language challenging, Shakespeare wrote in modern English. It might be said, very modern English, as he contributed many brand new words to the language, although it is also true that words common in Shakespeare's day have fallen into disuse.

Shakespeare himself remains something of an enigma. For a man famous in his own lifetime there is little documentary evidence for Shakespeare's life and times. However, the site of his grand, second home (sadly demolished) and even his school in Stratford are popular tourist attractions and will feature as part of the anniversary celebrations. The library in Shakespeare's home is said to have been the place where many of his later plays were planned and possibly written.

One of the first things we hope that you will see when you come to the Wycliffe library is the display of new additions to the collection. New books and resources are regularly being added to the library. These are chosen following requests from students and staff or they are books generously donated to the library. Below are four books requested or recommended by our primary borrowers. Certainly, the speed with which some of these have been borrowed is proof that other students agree that these are books worth reading.

SPORT

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CHANGE OF DATE

Please note the Primary Athletics Carnival will now be held on Tuesday 14th June.

Wycliffe students had some amazing performances at the Combined Independent Schools NSW Volleyball trials on 29th April. Dom Tupper, Isaac Vujevic and Hugh Catchpoole (all Year 11) were nominated by the school to attend this trial, and all reached the final rounds of selection. There were over 40 students competing for 10 spots. The trial had 3 stages - drills and skills, a mini round robin series of games and finally a 'possibles v probables' match. All our boys were asked to compete in the possibles vs probable - indicating they were in the top 18 at trials. Dom and Hugh made it through to the final cut of 15 with Hugh making the final selection for the NSW CIS squad!!

This trial was not for the faint hearted and was quite intense. A number of the students trialing were or had been NSW representative players and some had even gone through to the Australian development programs. So for our boys to be in this mix is a tremendous achievement. Since 2008, when the Wycliffe volleyball program started, the school has now seen three of its students selected into this elite level in the sport of volleyball.

The CIS-CHS-CCS Triseries will be held on the 10th June at Homebush and should be a tough competition. It would be great to see many Wycliffe folk come and cheer on the CIS in what should be a highly entertaining and hard fought couple of matches.

Congratulations to the Wycliffe boys for your efforts and to Hugh Catchpoole in your selection to this year's NSW CIS Representative team.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIOBHAN TOFT

Siobhan has been selected to represent CIS at the NSWPSSA Championships as an umpire.

Both Siobhan (Year 11) and Jasymn Hughes (Year 8) umpired at the CIS championships last week and the report is that Jasymn was also of a very high standard, however could not umpire at the next level as she is only 13. CIS now supports athletes who want to pursue a career path in umpiring.

All the best to Siobhan on this wonderful achievement.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

WEEKEND WORKSHOP – FOR CHILDREN WHO LOVE TO SING!

- **Ages:** 8 to 15 years
- **Dates:** Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th June 2016
  Venue: Mid-Mountains Community Centre, Lawson
- **Presented by:** Academy Singers and Blue Mountains Youth Choir

Internationally acclaimed teacher, composer and conductor of music for children Paul Jarman is coming to conduct a weekend workshop especially for Blue Mountains Youth Choir and invited friends! Paul regularly works with Gondwana choirs and is in very high demand both in Australia and overseas, so we are very excited to be hosting this special event for our local children’s choirs and their leaders. Paul grew up in the beautiful Blue Mountains and is looking forward to returning and sharing his knowledge, experience and skills with our singers.

Places for this workshop will be limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment.

*For further information and registration details, go to [www.academysingers.com.au](http://www.academysingers.com.au)*

- **Fees:** $50 per participant – for the two days of workshops!
- **Concert tickets:** $10 per family, $5 single.

UBUNTU: THE AFRICAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE TOUR

The African Children’s Choir (ACC) is coming back to the Blue Mountains and Penrith in May — this time with Ubuntu, a troupe of gifted high school graduates, presented by the charity Kwaya Australia.

The ACC educates some of the poorest children in Africa to university level, helping them break the cycle of poverty and become leaders in their communities. See africanchildrenchoir.com.

**THE DETAILS**

**Drum and dance workshop:** Lawson Public School hall, Adelaide Street, Lawson. Wednesday, May 18, 7.30pm. Adults $18, children under 16/concession $12, families (two adults and two children) $48.

**Katoomba concert:** Katoomba High School hall, Martin Street, Katoomba. Thursday, May 19, 7.30pm. Adults $20, children under 16 $10, concession $15, families $50.

**Springwood district concert:** Springwood High School hall, Grose Road, Faulconbridge. Friday, May 20, 7.30pm. Adults $20, children under 16 $10, concession $15, families $50.

**Penrith district concert:** Nepean Creative and Performing Arts hall, 115 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains. Saturday, May 21, 7.30pm. Adults $20, children under 16 $10, concession $15, families $50.

*Book at [kwaya.org](http://www.kwaya.org). Inquiries: Brendan O’Reilly, ph 0437 347 657*