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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

VOLLEYBALL REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

You may have caught the back page of this week’s Blue Mountains Gazette, featuring close-up shots of Year 10 students Hugh Catchpoole and Joel Salter.

Hugh and Joel have been selected in the NSW men’s U17 squad for the Australian Junior championships in Canberra later this month. Both boys are talented sportsmen and we wish them Christ’s blessings for the event. They no doubt will prove fine ambassadors for the School, and Christ as well.

Acknowledgement and thanks must go to Hugh’s father, Daniel, who has been the driving force behind the surge of interest in volleyball at the School. Daniel has given many, many hours of his time in organising the annual evening Wycliffe Volleyball competition, as well as training the representative teams, accompanying them to tournaments and also organising the December trip to compete at the Australian all-schools event. His efforts have been appreciated by all.

WORKING BEE

The final working bee for the year is scheduled for Saturday October 24th. This will prove the last opportunity for parents to complete their PIP hours (8 hours per family) for the year, which qualifies families for a reimbursement of the Working Bee Levy. Reimbursements will only be calculated on a full 4hours/8 hours of service. (eg. 8 hrs full rebate; 4 hrs 50% rebate; 3 hrs nil rebate; 7 hrs 50% rebate).

There will be a variety of tasks to be completed, indoors and outdoors, high energy level and low energy level, so there will be something for everyone. Children are most welcome on the day, but only tasks completed by parents will qualify for inclusion in PIP.

FAREWELL

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Lisa Morris who has been invaluable to us in her role as Receptionist for the past eight years. I am sure all students, parents and staff will miss her friendly welcome, gracious manner and commitment to service of others. We wish her God’s blessings as she leaves Wycliffe.

Mrs Rebekah Sampson will be replacing Mrs Morris in the job sharing the Receptionist position with Mrs Kathy Boxwell.

COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK

This week we feature parent and volleyball coach extraordinaire, Mr Daniel Catchpoole. To say Daniel is passionate about volleyball is an understatement, however his commitment is to seeing our students enjoy and achieve in this sport.

Daniel initiated and has organised our annual evening volleyball competition which has run for a number of years. From this competition interest grew among a group of boys who have achieved at state and national level. Thank you Daniel for your God given love of Volleyball and the students it serves.
HOLIDAYS

May all students and staff enjoy a well-earned break from School over the upcoming fortnight. It certainly has been a busy term with much achieved in the lives of our students.

We also acknowledge our Yr 12 students as they prepare for their final HSC exams to commence week one of next term. May Christ grant them clear thoughts, and prepare them for the challenging month ahead.

School resumes Tuesday 6th October. Christ’s blessings for the holiday period and I look forward to all that He has in store for us in Term 4.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

(2 Corinthians’ 2:8-9)

Peter Jamieson
Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

LOST PROPERTY

We have a box of unlabelled plastic containers; drink bottles, etc. plus a box of non-School uniform clothing and accessories which have been removed from the Lost Property bin. If your child is missing any of these items please feel free to come to Reception and have a look. Any unclaimed items will be passed onto charity at the end of Week 1, Term 4. Thank you

RIDE2RESCUE - A GREAT DAY!

On Saturday 12 September, Ride2Rescue took place along the the M7 Cycle Path It started in Kings Langley, along the 42 Km bike track and back to the start in Pearce Reserve. The Destiny Rescue staff had volunteers along the track offering snacks, drinks and first aid if needed. All of our Wycliffe Cycling Stars (a mix of students, parents and teachers) completed their rides along the track (25km, 40km, 60km or 80 km.)

Here is the list of those in our school community that took part in the event:

Daniel Zanardo (staff), Adrian Cayzer (staff), Jeff Brown (staff), George Nassif (father), Xander Eijkman, Ella Greenaway, Mark Greenaway (father), Jake Newton, Jos Hill, Sam Porritt, Robert Porritt (father), Simon Rickeard, Liam Macfarlane, Ben Ruigendyk, Pete Ruigendyk (father), Nicholas Loucataris, Riley Uden, Scott Uden (father) Jordan Carter, Michelle and Roger Bamber (parents), Sam Casey, Christina Casey (mother), Bailey Cave, Zeke Allan, Sebastian Andrews, Tim Andrews (father), Josiah Grierson, James Grierson (father.)

All money raised from sponsorships goes towards the purchase of a new refuge for young girls that have been rescued in Laos. If you haven’t had a chance to sponsor one of the riders, you still can online: beavoice.destinyrescue.org

Daniel

PIANO NEWS AND SAVE THE DATE

Piano concerts will be on Saturday 28th November (afternoon) at Glenbrook Baptist Church on the baby grand piano.

Term Four is always exciting in piano as we head to exams, play Christmas carols and prepare for the end of year piano concerts. Please check your emails and your students’ homework books to stay up to date.

And special congratulations to Harley Pawson, Quinn Fryer and Jack Mitchell who completed the Thirty Piece Challenge by the end of term 3. This is a challenge some later beginner and exam students are doing to learn 30 pieces in a year.

Now is the time to practise!

Miss Padgett and Mrs Padgett
**LIBRARY**

**BYO AND THE LIBRARY**

With the introduction of the 1:1 Chromebook program in 2016, comes the question about the use of the library as an information and resource centre. Will mobile access to information resources mean that books will no longer be required? If students have technology in their classroom, is there a need for the library as a learning space?

The Wycliffe library has been at the forefront of the school’s use of information technology, pioneering many of the practices and strategies that teachers are implementing in the teaching of digital fluency.

Mrs Clarke established a system of curating and providing links to information, and other online resources, for teachers and students to use in their class and assignment work. More recently, the use of the library by senior students has modelled the variety of ways that computers can be used for collaborative work or intense individual work and the spaces in the library have been configured to support this diversity and promote helpful learning habits.

As a learning commons, the library allows teachers and students to use a variety of information sources, which make it easier to locate and understand information, because it is written and presented in age-appropriate ways. This is further supported by the library staff being available to assist students with their research and by the ongoing updating of the library catalogue in order to provide visual, as well as written information, about the library’s resources. We have also been investigating how to make this information more easily available to mobile devices.

Rather than creating a false division, it’s important to recognise that facilitating learning and the development of the creative imagination are common aims of the library and the use of digital technology. Already, planning has begun on how to further enhance these aims in the layout and infrastructure of the library, building on the successful approaches of students and staff to the use of our library in the digital age.

Mr Cooney

**SPORT**

On Tuesday the Wycliffe under 16’s Rugby League Team won the Western Sydney Christian Schools Rugby League 7’s comp. This was an outstanding effort. The boys were undefeated throughout the term, winning all six games.

The grand final was won 54 - 44 against a much bigger side in Richard Johnson School. All the boys are to be very proud of themselves, and of the way they emphasised fair play, hard work, determination and displayed a great witness for Christian Schools Sport. Sean Bartlett of Year 9 achieved the personal commendation for most outstanding player throughout the tournament. Well done to Mr Osborne who coached this side.

**CIS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to all 3 Wycliffe students who Represented CSSA at the CIS (Combined independent Schools) athletics carnival and performed so well.

Raynesha Anning-Cadell threw a mighty 27.32m to be placed 5th in the 15’s girl’s discus.

Molly Gee High Jumped a personal best to be placed 9th out of 25 in the Primary girls high jump.
Phillip Morgans knocked 13 seconds off his previous best time for the 1500m

Seeing all 3 students perform so well against other talented athletes is very encouraging. Well Done

**SPORT SPECIALIST TRAINING**

This before school squad will start up again in Week 1 of Term 4

The Class will be available to students from years 6-12 and will be focusing on increasing an athlete's speed.

We meet at 7am at the school gym (B13) and train on the small oval and in the gym.

I would encourage all athletes to attend in week 1 as I will be doing a 40m sprint test.

Students will be again tested at the end of the term to see how much they have improved.

Andrew Stewart  
K-12 Sports Coordinator

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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.

**Term 4 commences**  Oct 6

School Community Prayer Meeting  Oct 12

Year 12 HSC Exams Commence  Oct 12

Kindergarten Orientation  Oct 15

Primary Softball Gala Day  Oct 20

Yr 9 Drama Excursion  Oct 21

Yr 9 VA Excursion  Oct 22

Year 3-6 Summer Games  Oct 23

Working Bee  Oct 24

Year 1 & 2 Warragamba Dam Excursion  Nov 9

New Family Orientation Day & Year 7 Orientation Day  Nov 23

Celebration Concert  Dec 8

Year 9 & 10 Achievement Assembly  Dec 10

Year 7 & 8 Achievement Assembly  Dec 11

K-6 Achievement Assembly  Dec 11

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**Parenting Teens**

A new program: Building Blocks, run by Family Therapists, for parents of teenagers, will be running in Term 4.

Join the program to learn tools and strategies to help your teens through the challenges of this age. The program will run for 10 weeks, from today to Dec 14.

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**Build-a-Mind**

A new program will be running at the school in Term 4. It will focus on helping students build a positive mindset and overcome challenges.

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**Holiday Workshops**

A series of holiday workshops will be offered to students this year. The details are as follows:

- **First Workshop**: Oct 25  
  - Topic: Mind Mapping
  - Start Time: 3pm

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**Community News**

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