

SCHOOL

TALK

WEEK 1 TERM 4



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME DAVID JOHNSTON!

I am absolutely delighted that Wycliffe has a new Principal (no longer interim!) starting in 2018. Mr Johnston brings with him deep experience as a school Principal and someone with a passion and energy for vibrant, engaging, quality educational communities founded deeply on God's word. Like you, I am so excited to see the future of this beautiful school under David's long term leadership!

View an introductory video:
<http://www.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au/>

HSC EXAMINATIONS COMMENCE

Our Year 12, 2017 students commenced HSC Examinations on Monday this week. Please pray for these young people as they complete this final stage of their Secondary education and make plans for the future. We wish them God's blessing and peace during the coming weeks.

WELCOME BACK TO AN EXCITING WYCLIFFE TERM 4, 2017!

With our wonderful Junior School CAPA night and fantastic displays of TAS and CAPA work in the Secondary, we finished Term 3 with exceptional opportunities to see a broad range of learning experiences and subjects we are blessed to have here at Wycliffe. Our experienced staff are ready to launch into new and exciting educational journey with our families in Term 4 and into the new year.

It is a term of celebration and of deep learning. We want to see our students thinking about their learning and developing skills as independent learners within the lens of wholistic Christian Education where the links between all of life under God are made. How wonderful it is to have our children at a school where they are encouraged to see that there is nothing in life that is neutral and that all of learning takes place under the

clear understanding that life flourishes best when we are seeing God at the centre.

What might you see this term? Here are just a few of the many, many things happening.

1. We **welcome Mrs Renee Uden to our Education Support staff** in Term 4. Renee will be working one day a week assisting in extension and enrichment for junior school students.
2. **5 of our amazing Junior School teachers engaging in a rigorous 13 week Harvard University education department Professional Development program** (action research) that focuses on making learning visible for groups in the classroom. Visible Thinking is a way of facilitating quality student learning experiences and we will be hearing from this group as they progress through the course and trial some of the ideas they are developing. Today, they were discussing what are the main blockers to effective classroom group deep learning and ways of addressing these. I can't wait to hear more!
3. **Kindergarten Transition days** where new Kindergarten students for 2018 are able to learn more about what being a Kindergarten student looks like and get to share socially and in a classroom context with others who will be in their class next year. We are so delighted to welcome these precious new students into our "big school" community and love being able to partner with their families as they begin this new adventure.
4. **A number of staff are engaging in Professional Development (PD) opportunities this term.** One example is that Wycliffe is undertaking the requirements to be a New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA) accredited Professional Development provider for school-based PD. Ms Inglis is leading this process with some exceptional PD courses in development. Preschool staff are attending PD relating to assisting students in the Preschool environment.
5. **HSC Marking - a number of our senior school staff have been accepted to participate as HSC markers.**

This is fantastic Professional Development for these teachers as well as being of enormous benefit for senior students as they have detailed information about marking processes.

6. **Celebrations of student achievement and progress throughout 2017.** Our end of year assemblies provide a formal means of recognising a range of aspects of the growth and development of our students. Each is unique and precious and will have learned through formal classes, informal interactions, from hard times where they discover resiliency skills to the highlights where they can celebrate successes big and small.
7. **Our new Community Garden project** provides a deep learning experience both in its design and preparation and in the ongoing classroom learning

opportunities that come from this. And that's not to mention the deep community-building for families that occurs at the same time as we work together.

Term 4 brings many opportunities to celebrate and this year, and we celebrate God's blessings on our school community. We are committed to learning that encourages faith-filled responses, unwraps truth, encourages discernment and enables students to act thoughtfully as a response to God's goodness. Please do not hesitate to contact me when you see or hear examples of these happening!

**Bless you,
Kathy Pereira (Interim Principal)**

SAT 28 OCT 10-1PM

WYCLIFFE Preschool's OPEN DAY

COME AND DISCOVER WHY SO MANY FAMILIES LOVE WYCLIFFE PRESCHOOL. MEET OUR TEACHERS. EXPERIENCE OUR WONDERFUL BUSH SETTING AND CREATIVE INDOOR SPACES. LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR QUALITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AND SEE HOW WYCLIFFE VALUES A CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS. ENJOY A WHOLE LOT OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY WITH CRAFT, GAMES, FACE PAINTING, DEVONSHIRE TEA, AND MORE!

PLAY. EXPLORE. ENJOY!

For further information please contact Wendy Kuschert, our Enrolment Officer at enrol@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au or phone on (02) 4753 6422. 133 Rickard Rd, Warrimoo

SCHOOL TOURS

WE WELCOME YOU TO COME AND CHAT ABOUT WYCLIFFE PARTNERING WITH YOU IN THE EDUCATION OF YOUR CHILD.

In the coming months we are providing opportunities to take a tour of our school and discover what is special about education at Wycliffe.

Thurs 26 October - 4:30pm
Mon 30 October - 6pm
Wed 1 November - 1:15pm

If you are unable to make these times, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative time.

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SCHOOL TOURS

As Interim Principal, I am delighted to be able to spend some quality time with prospective new families who may be interested in joining our Wycliffe community. **We will be holding three School Tour times during Term 4 as well as a Wycliffe Preschool Open Day and I looking forward to meeting and sharing with families some of the great things happening at Wycliffe.**

If you know anyone who might like to just know a bit more, please tell them they are very welcome to join us and ask whatever questions they like!

As always, I am keen to speak with families interested in Christian Education at Wycliffe, so they do not need to be restricted to these dates. If families cannot attend one of these tours, they are always welcome to call the Enrolment Officer, Wendy Kuschert, and arrange an individual tour.

LIBRARY NEWS

QUINCENTENARY (500TH) ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION



October 31st is the five hundredth anniversary of the day on which Martin Luther nailed his list of ninety-five theses of Disputation against the Power of Indulgences on the door of the local church in Wittenberg. While there are many aspects of Luther's life and teaching that are worthy of discussion, the two that stand out for me are his focus on the Lord Jesus and the place that books played in the revolution we know as The Reformation.

In many ways, it was Luther's earlier Disputation against Scholastic Theology that set out his bible-based belief that we cannot earn our way into God's favour. Salvation comes through faith alone, in Christ alone, by grace alone. In the following Ninety-five Theses, Luther disputed the authority of the Pope and the Church, saying that authority belonged solely to the Lord Jesus.

Luther was subsequently brought to trial and the evidence against him was the books that he had written. These, including the Ninety-five Theses, were read all over Europe and challenged and changed the way that people heard and understood the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not everything that Luther wrote would find acceptance in the Church, then or now, in content or language but he wrote, according to Mark Thompson, Principal of Moore College, "with passion and an unshakeable conviction in the urgency and truth of what he had to say". Of course, the true power and authority of Luther's writing lay in God's Word and the work of the Holy Spirit but it was the publication of his books, including his German translation of The Bible, that provided access to the truth of the Scriptures for his readers.

Five centuries on, God's Word is the foundation of learning at Wycliffe Christian School and books remain an important way for our students to learn about God's grace and mercy and to hope in Christ alone.

More info: <https://goo.gl/bhY5JS>

Mr Cooney

SPORT NEWS

VOLLEYBALL



At the end of Term 3 the Wycliffe Under 17s Boys volleyball team competed at the NSW Volleyball Schools Cup placing 5th in a close series of games. This new team from our School put in some strong performances against more experienced teams, only narrowly missing out on 4th place and an opportunity to play for a bronze medal. Thanks to the parents, families and members of the Wycliffe community who supported the boys at this event and the School's volleyball program in general. And a huge thank you to Hugh Catchpoole who coached the team during the tournament.



WEDNESDAY MORNING SPEED CLASS

Wycliffe's Specialist Speed Training program will be operating every Wednesday morning at 7am until 6 December. All students from Years 6-12 are invited to attend. The training group has athletes from State level to athletes just wanting to improve their speed, so they can enjoy playing sport more.

Pictured is the group training in the Wycliffe School Gymnasium.

