FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NO INCREASE IN SCHOOL FEES

The Board has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to improving the affordability of school fees with its announcement that there would not be an increase in fees in 2017. Following the minimal increase (1.7%) this year, the zero increase will equate to real savings for Wycliffe families.

The Board has appreciated the budgetary discipline displayed by staff, as well as the commitment of school families in keeping their fee accounts up to date. The school’s business has significantly improved since the financial challenges of a couple of years ago, and is well positioned to continue this pattern of minimal increases into the future.

(There will be a small adjustment to Yr 7, 8, and 11 fees [$150] as these years enjoyed a zero increase in 2016 due to the introduction of the Chrome Book program)

ENROLMENT INCENTIVE INITIATIVE

To further enhance the affordability of fees the Board is keen to broaden the family base of the school, and therefore is offering the following incentives for 2017:

- Free tuition for the eldest child of new families to the school (K-12) for the first term of enrolment.
- Free tuition for the eldest child of current families for one term, who introduce a new family to the school that subsequently, takes up enrolment (K-12). This represents a saving of up to $2250.

New enrolments will fill empty seats in classes and therefore enable fee levels to be kept to a minimum.

Specific terms and conditions will be communicated over the upcoming week.

YR 12 VISUAL ARTS CLASS

It goes without saying that Visual Arts students are a creative bunch, and sometimes a little bit on the ‘different’ side. I experienced that firsthand when I visited their class for their end of course celebrations.

Pictured below, in celebratory attire, dressed as their favourite painting. See if you can match students (and Mrs Gardiner) to their painting:

Students: Chris Gray, Rebecca Anlezark, Annelise Harris, Ally Kenny, Mrs Gardiner | Painting depicted: DaVinci’s Mona Lisa, Renee Magritte’s Son of Man, Pop Art in the style of Roy Lichtenstein, Johannes Vermeer’s Girl with Pearl Earring, and Frida Kahlo’s Self Portrait.

It is always a highlight when I visit the art rooms during their practical lessons. I would like to take this opportunity to affirm the arts as a gift from God. In times past there has been an uneasy relationship between the Christian Church and the arts. However, it is encouraging to see Christians now celebrating the arts as a valid way of expressing faith and glorifying God.

The arts, like everything that surrounds us, is part of God’s good creation. As with every aspect of God’s good
creation, the arts is subject to the distortion of the Fall, when sin entered the world. The Christian's call is to work with Jesus in redeeming and restoring the creation, including the arts, to God's original intent.

Through the arts we see the creativity of God reflected, we see an alternate and powerful way to communicate the inherent goodness of God's creation, a means to challenge distortions and injustices prevalent in the world in which we live. The arts therefore can and should glorify God through turning our attention to Him and His purposes for the creation.

Therefore, as the arts are approved by God, more of us should be encouraged to explore and develop our creative side.

“For you (God) created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

(Psalm 139:13-16)

**STAFFING NEWS**

This is a time of the year when staff may consider their options for the future. It is with great sadness that I inform our community that Mrs Williams and Mrs Nolan have informed me that they will be finishing their time with Wycliffe.

Mrs Vicki Williams has faithfully served the students and families of Wycliffe for over 20 years. In most recent times she has been Head of English/HSIE, a role she has fulfilled admirably. Her heart for God and experience in Christian schooling has benefited the depth of biblical worldview education at the school. Mrs Williams loves working at Wycliffe, but just feels it is time to explore other possibilities that God may have for her. Officially Mrs Williams will finish her time with us at the end of the year, but will be on Long Service Leave for a significant part of Term 4. She will be truly missed by staff, students and their families.

Mrs Rose Nolan has been an integral member of the Learning Support Department for the past five years. She worked with students in the Stage 4 ‘Adventurers’ class prior to taking maternity leave in 2014/15. She returned at the beginning of this year and took on the role of Learning Support Coordinator. She has done a magnificent job building on the fine work of the previous coordinator, Mrs Innes. For Mrs Nolan the decision has not come easily, however she felt she needed more time to focus on family, especially her young daughter Ella who has just turned two. Mrs Nolan will finish in her role at the end of this term, however we need not say goodbye as she will be available for casual teaching.

It is intended for both these roles to be advertised in the near future. Next term Mrs Walker will pick up the administration of Learning Support, and Mrs Kenny who has extensive experience in this area will be providing learning support for students in the Senior School.

**TOMORROW IS THE BIG MOVIE DAY!**

K-6’s big Afternoon at the Movies with Mr J is tomorrow, Tuesday, 20th September. Students need to be at Glenbrook Cinema promptly at 4pm. As a public session follows immediately we have been asked for students not to bring food or drink, and the cinema kiosk will be closed as well. Parents are asked to pick children up at 5:45pm at the side door opening onto the carpark.

While the staff and I are looking after your child/ren, can I suggest that parents take the opportunity to share a coffee together at one of the fine coffee shops in Glenbrook.

**PARKING ONSITE**

With the completion of the oval project construction fencing will be removed over the holiday period. Parking down the access road behind Primary classrooms has historically created issues with vehicles being scraped as cars squeeze past in both directions.

There will be a swing-gate installed adjacent to the hall car park. Parking beyond this gate will be for staff only. Parking in the hall car park is reserved for Preschool parents only. All other vehicles must park either in the main car park, or outside the entrance gate if arriving after 2:30pm. While this may cause some frustration, our primary motivation is the protection of your children.

**COLIN, A HUGE PERFORMANCE ONCE AGAIN!**

On Saturday 10th September children’s gospel singer, Colin Buchanan, returned to Wycliffe for his annual concert. Children from our school community, and many from beyond, enjoyed Colin’s songs and energetic performance. Wycliffe student Quinn Fryer of 1/2T (pictured) even managed a starring role on stage.

**COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK**

This week we feature Visual Arts teacher, Mrs Jennifer Gardiner.

Mrs Gardiner has enjoyed a long association with the School, as a teacher and parent, dating back over 20 years.

She possesses a genuine love of art, which she passes on to her students, particularly those in their senior years of schooling. Her warm and encouraging demeanour encourages the best out of her students, and this has been evident in the fine major works produced for the HSC.
The year passes so quickly and we find ourselves at the end of another school term. I wish all members of our school community a blessed and refreshing holiday break. School resumes on Monday, 10th October.

Peter Jamieson
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK AT WYCLIFFE

A very big “thank you” to all the parents, grandparents, carers and staff members who made our Book Week celebrations at Wycliffe such an enjoyable occasion. The students came dressed as a vast array of characters, from superheroes to fantasy figures, drawn from the classics of past and present generations, as well as those drawn from an individual’s favourite story.

Each child should have received a certificate from their class teacher, as recognition of their effort and participation. Ellie Newton, Gabrielle McMahon, Savannah Powell, Nicholas Steel, Faith Blacker and Ruby Gee also received recognition for their Book Week Colouring work.

In the afternoon, the students enjoyed the performance of Fair Dinkum, a drama and musical performance, which drew on the themes from this year’s CBCA Book Week Shortlist, such as happiness, hope and standing up for what you believe in.

The extra orders from the Book Fair have arrived for the following students (payment will need to be made when the books are collected either by cash or credit card): Zoe Roberts, Archie Dickens, Ellie Newton, Ethan Cook, Lily Vukoja, Nathan Bemrose, Stratford Powell, Louis Short, Gabriella McMahon.

Notes have gone home regarding the collection and payment of the items.

A short survey about the Book Fair has been sent out via Skoolbag or you can use the following link.

https://goo.gl/lbqovW

Mr Cooney

SPORT

FUTSAL - CSSA STATE GALA DAY

Wycliffe fielded two Futsal teams in the CSSA State Gala Day on Friday 16th September.

The Opens Girls team consisted of Amelia Dobson, Isabella Casey, Emily Inglis, Jessica Murray, Amber Hurley, Frey Ward (Cpt) and Emilee Schatzmann.

The girls, whilst new to the game, played with spirit and its was pleasing to see that they continued to develop as the day progressed. Wycliffe ended up in a pool against Cedars CS, Mamre AS, St George CS, ICS Cordeaux and...
Northern Beaches CS and came away with a draw and five losses. Scorers included Frey (4) and Amelia (1). Despite the losses the girls were motivated and worked hard all day.

The Opens Boys team consisted of Curtis Badman, Zeke Allan, Connor Hurley (Cpt), Ethan Wallace, Liam Gardner, Eli Bamber, Max Handley and Lachlan Krishna.

It was pleasing to see how the boys worked as a team and supported and encouraged each other throughout the day and developed their ability to move the ball around the court and between each other. Wycliffe ended up in a pool against Covenant CS, St George CS, Tyndale CS, Pacific Hills CS, ICS Cordeaux and Northern Beaches CS and came away with two draws and four losses. Scorers included Connor (8), Max (6), Ethan (1), Liam (1).

A big thank you also to our parent supporters and especially to Mrs Hurley for her assistance during the day.

**Mr Marks**

### SCHOOL TALK

#### CAREERS

Last Monday, during lunch time, representatives from NSW TAFE spoke to interested students regarding study and training options available through TAFE. Options now range from Certificate level through to Bachelor and Masters degree level.

Blue Mountains TAFE is conducting several fee free courses which will be delivered after the HSC concludes. Courses include Statement of Attainment in Espresso Coffee, Food Safety Supervision, Chef taster course, Graphic Design, Basic Web Design and Digital Literacy.

Another reminder to students that the Schools Recommendation Scheme for University Entrance closes on the 30th September, as does the Educational Access Scheme. Students who wish to use these schemes must have indicated their intentions to Mrs Pickworth by Tuesday 20th September as the closing date for entries is during the school holiday period.

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**SHOULD MARRIAGE CHANGE?**

**SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 9.30AM TO 2.30PM**

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