

SCHOOL

TALK

WEEK 8 TERM 3



PRINCIPAL RECRUITMENT UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

It is close to the end of term and no doubt many in the community are wondering what is happening with the Principal search. The very good news is that we are in advanced discussions with very strong final candidates and we are confident we will be able to announce Wycliffe's new Principal during the holidays. The Board acknowledges that the Principal search has taken longer than we all planned but we believe that the new Principal will be well worth the wait. It is most exciting to be at this phase in the process and we value your support and prayers as we finalise this important appointment.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There's a definite buzz of excitement in the air!

Splashes of colourful satins, parasols, shawls, colourful wigs seemed to appear from nowhere in our Primary section last week.

Yes friends, it's nearly CAPA night - a time for every student in Primary to share in the challenges and joys of the creative and performing arts. And for us, as families and friends to delight in sharing the excitement that is in the air!

I believe we are blessed to be creative people. Our God created - set in motion a world overflowing with creative acts and it is such a genuine delight to see these young people engaging in the deep joy of creativity and working collaboratively. The lessons learned are deeply educational and also lifelong character-developing skills of working together, pushing through difficulties, celebrating with music, dance, drama and art the joy of learning and the blessings of God.

We want our young people to learn how to perform well and to be confident to take their place in all different areas of life.

I can't wait to see this inaugural CAPA evening and invite you to join me. I promise it will be wonderful!

YEAR 12

This week is a week of celebrations- of endings, of new beginnings, of individual commitment and achievement, and the flourishing of young people as they work towards important goals.

During this week, our community celebrates the achievements of our Year 12 students. Some have been at Wycliffe since Kindergarten. Some have arrived more recently. All are standing at one of life's "cusp moments" where what is familiar is drawing to a close and there are exciting new journeys to begin.

It has been a privilege in recent weeks, to share with many of these students as they sat for performance

Wycliffe
Christian
School's

inaugural
K-6 CAPA Night

'Jesus is the Light
of the World'

Thursday 21 September
6:30pm

Performances
by every class
Artworks from
across the grades

exams in Music, Dance and Drama. Or to see the fruit of hard work and amazing creativity in Art and TAS major works, to hear of the students sitting Oral Spanish language exams and submissions of major written and research works in other subjects such as English Extension and Society and Culture. All the students are preparing for their HSC exams and focusing on demonstrating the deep thinking and understanding they have developed as they engaged with different courses.

What a privilege it is to share with these young adults and their families as they reflect on where they started their school journey and where they have come to. Wycliffe is committed to providing a unique education that says that all of life belongs to God. Nothing separate us from the love of the amazing God who sustains all things. I was reading recently this wonderful quote from a British theologian:

History is not circular. As Christians, eternal history is not endless repetitions over and over again: it is a story written by God in the colours and characters of human beings. A story that has a beginning, a middle and an end – it ends in triumph! Even if we struggle, we suffer along the way, we know that because God raised Christ from the dead, we will see the victory of Jesus Christ and share in His perfect Kingdom.”

We know that in the journey of life there are smooth and rough roads. It is our hope, that here at Wycliffe, we have partnered with parents and journeyed with our young people in such a way as to enable them to flourish and to know the hope found in Christ that leads us through whatever circumstances in which we find ourselves. We pray we have together with their families and church communities, equipped them to nurture and use their God-given and individually honed gifts and talents for the blessing of others as they step out into wherever God leads.

So every blessing to our Year 12's and your families. May God light the way and His spirit be your guide now and always.

AN INVITATION

I would love to get to know as many families as possible and have really enjoyed those who have dropped in to say hello or who have so warmly welcomed me as interim Principal over the past few weeks.

For those who may be interested, I plan to be at the School Cafe (Cafe 133) on Thursday morning this week from 8.30am and I would love to invite you to come and join me and say hello. It will not be anything formal, but an opportunity for you to have an informal chat with me and for me to hear about your children and some of your family's Wycliffe story.

So please, if you are able to, come and I will shout you to a coffee. I look forward to meeting you!

Kathy Pereira

NEW SOUTH WALES EDUCATION STANDARDS AUTHORITY (NESA) SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Did you know that all non-government schools in NSW must be registered as a school and accredited to deliver ROSA and HSC?

The registration process is overseen by NESA and usually occurs every 5 years. Wycliffe's registration and accreditation renewal is due in 2018 and the staff are continuing to work hard to ensure that the quality of teaching and student engagement in learning, as well as all administrative and governance matters are to the highest standard and from our unique Christian worldview perspective. We have always enjoyed excellent reviews of our school and look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate this yet again. To this end, our staff have undertaken a "mock registration audit" last week, carried out by an expert team from CEN (Christian Education National). This is a fantastic opportunity to check and clarify what we are doing and I am delighted to say we have demonstrated a continuing high standard.

One area the team commented on particularly is the innovative and creative way Wycliffe runs its Year 9 elective program. They described this as "cutting-edge" and something that other schools should be exploring. In our next School Talk we will highlight some of the approaches being taken in this exciting program and what this looks like in practice.

Thank you to Ms Inglis and the staff team for their ongoing commitment to quality teaching and learning at Wycliffe.



SPORT

Well done to Dakota Smith and Jasmine Clark who represented CSSA and Wycliffe in discus at the NSW Combined independent Primary Athletics Championships.

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR A STAFF TEAM FROM PRIMARY

In collaboration with Project Zero, the Professional Education section at Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) offers professional education courses that are research-based and grounded in day-to-day practice. These Professional Learning courses are highly sought after and are seen to be some of the most effective teacher professional learning experiences available.

I am absolutely delighted to announce that a team of staff from Primary at Wycliffe will be participating in a 13 week Harvard Graduate School of Education course "Making Learning Visible in the Classroom" from

October this year. The course requires out-of-hours online team commitments as well as deep readings and an action-research project. The skills of visible thinking are transferable across all ages and curriculum areas and we are just so excited to see this learning flow out across Primary and beyond.

Over the duration of their course, we will bring you updates of what is being learned and how this is being outworked at Wycliffe.

We can't wait to see this in action!

WYCLIFFE COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

In a previous edition of School Talk, we announced the development of a Community Garden at school. Located between the courts and our beautiful bushland, the garden will provide engaging learning opportunities for our students, a place for our community to meet and spend time together and a vehicle for growing understanding and skills in caring for our God's amazing creation.

A family Working Bee will be held on Saturday 14th October 8.00am-12 noon. We'd love to have you join us on that Saturday to build the first stage and possibly start Stage 2 also. Children will be most welcome on the day. Bring a picnic lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

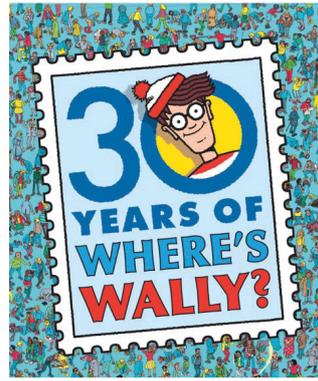
Is this an area you have an interest or skills? There are many ways you can be involved and we'd love to welcome you into the project. Here are some ways you can be part of this exciting new venture:

- Praying for this project, its community growing potential and the learning outcomes for our students
- Donating materials for building gardens: left over colorbond or corrugated iron, lengths of hardwood, wooden pallets in good condition, cyclone wire, star pickets, old gate, large sheet of Rio, railway sleepers, old garden beds or rusted out tanks that could be cut and used as gardens, unwanted garden tools
- Offering skills or advice in a planning capacity
- Attending a working bee to build gardens, fencing, compost bays
- Helping in the garden to plan seasonal activities and/or maintain fruit and vegetable gardens on an occasional or regular basis during school or after hours
- Assisting classes involved in garden lessons
- Watering, mulching, pruning
- Visiting the garden, once established, with you child or grandchild
- Transporting larger materials needed for building to the site (trailer or ute)
- Helping to source needed materials (have some good IT or phone skills and a little time?)

Thought of another way you could join us? We'd love to hear your questions, comments or suggestions.

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This month marks the thirtieth anniversary of the first of Martin Handford's Where's Wally? books. Wally was not originally in the panoramic crowd scenes that Handford drew. He was created when the art director at Walker Books asked Handford to draw a character with peculiar features so that his pictures of crowds had a focal point. After much thinking, Handford came up with the idea of "Wally", a world traveller and time travel aficionado who always dresses in red and white. Sometimes it would take the author up to eight weeks to draw a two-page sketch of the elusive "Wally" and the characters surrounding him. The first Where's Wally? book was published on Monday 21 September 1987.

The Where's Wally? series of books is amongst the most popular with the students at Wycliffe Christian School. The visual interest in the pages and the search for the elusive Wally and his fellow devotees of striped attire contribute to their appeal. But it is the pleasure of successfully locating the seasoned traveller and holding that secret knowledge that crowns the attraction of the books. In case you were wondering, Wally has been made harder to find from book to book, by reducing his size on the page and surrounding him by more other characters. In the first book, Wally was on average 0.99 square centimetres (sq cm) big. This was reduced to 0.80 sq cm in the second book, 0.33 sq cm in the third, and between 0.20 and 0.17 sq cm in the fourth through to the seventh book. He has also been surrounded by more other characters, from 225 on the first book's first page to about 850 on the last book's first page.

The library is celebrating Wally's anniversary with a series of fun activities including, you guessed it, a scavenger hunt for Wally and his friends hidden among the books of the library.

<http://findwally.co.uk/>

FROM YEAR 9 CHRISTIAN STUDIES

In Christian Studies this term Year 9 have been learning about the book of Hebrews. In it the writer selects admirable people or things (such as angels, Moses and priests) and shows why Jesus is even better.

Year 9 put a contemporary twist on this idea.

While you don't get to eat Avalon's delicious muffins (shared with the class), you can enjoy her two recipes.

JESUS IS BETTER THAN CHOC CHIP MUFFINS

BY AVALON FINDLEY

Choc chip muffins are my favourite food. When they're still warm they're the best and the chocolate chips are gooey. They're still the best when they're not warm anymore though. True surveys say that choc chip muffins are the more preferable/most liked type of muffins. Muffins go unappreciated when it comes to being a favourite food. You don't really think about how good they are until you have one and remember the amazing taste. Choc chip muffins are a good idea for baking in your free time, they're very simple to make and a nice once-in-a-while snack that most people find enjoyable. I know that my favourite thing to bake with my parents was definitely choc chip muffins. Having choc chip muffins inside me makes me feel good, but you know what is better? Jesus.

When a choc chip muffin is all gone, it's not coming back. Jesus is coming back. He died for us and one day He will be back. When you are craving choc chip muffins, they won't always be there. Jesus will always be there and you can talk to him whenever you want. Choc chip muffins are usually around \$4.00 to buy from a grocery store. Jesus is free! He paid for you with Himself. He died for all of us, we owe everything to him (even thanks for choc chip muffins). He washed all of our sins away so we can live an eternal life with him. Jesus can restore what is broken and change it into something amazing. All you need is faith. Jesus is always there to talk to and help you through the good and bad situations. Anything is possible with him. He performed so many miracles like making the blind see, making the paralysed walk, turning water into wine, healing many people, calming seas, walking on water and many more. He has all the power and if you have faith in him, you can be in heaven with him forever. Jesus has love for every single one of us on this earth.

CHOC CHIP MUFFINS RECIPE

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup light-brown sugar, packed
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/2cup butter, melted and cooled
- 2eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1(11 1/2 ounce) package milk chocolate chips

Method

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Grease twelve muffin cups.
3. In a large bowl, stir together flour, sugars, baking powder, and salt.
4. In another bowl, stir together milk, eggs, butter, and vanilla until blended.

5. Make a well in center of dry ingredients.
6. Add milk mixture and stir just to combine.
7. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts.
8. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups.
9. Now bake for 15-20 minutes or until a cake tester inserted in center of one muffin comes out clean.
10. Remove muffin tin to wire rack.
11. Cool for 5 minutes.
12. Remove from tins to finish cooling.
13. Serve warm or completely cool.

SALVATION RECIPE

Ingredients:

- Unfailing and Unconditional Love
- Grace
- Mercy
- Messiah
- Faith
- A sorry heart
- Repentance
- Prayer
- Hope

Method:

1. Examine life and reflect on Romans 6:23 and discover sin that separates us from God.
2. Weigh it up against John 14:6 and realise you can't save yourself.
3. Read John 3:16 to discover God has the right mix of ingredients of salvation and stir in some grace found in a jar of Ephesians 2:8.
4. Heat up a cup of Mark 1:5 repentance and pour out in an empty container found in Philipppians 2:7.
5. Matthew 22:37-39 needs to be added, mix well.
6. Ice with John 15:9 and top with fruit found in a jar of Galatians 5:22.

SCHOOL NOTICES

ENROLMENT FOR 2018

Reminder to Wycliffe Parents

If you haven't already done so, please ensure that you complete an Application to Enrol form for siblings of your children who are currently already attending our school, especially for 2018.

Forms are available from the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Wendy Kuschert.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Whole School Year 12 Farewell Assembly
Wednesday 20 September
8.40 a.m. - School Hall
- Year 12 Graduation Evening
Wednesday 20 September
7.00pm - School Hall
- K - 6 CAPA Evening
Thursday 21 September
6.30pm - School Hall

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Tuning in to Kids Emotionally Intelligent Parenting A six session parenting program for parents of children aged 3-12 years

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?



Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses.

Where: North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre, Corner of Debrincat Ave and Oleander Rd, North St Marys.

When: 6 weeks on Tuesdays starting 24th October 2017
10:30am-12:30pm

Contact: Kathy 9834 0500 or Virginia on 9833 6800

Cost: Free

Register by contacting The Central Referral Service on 1800 222 608

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