FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the last month Meeka Grierson of 3/4B has been raising money to help people suffering with Leukaemia. Her initial goal was $2,000, but she far exceeded her target and ended up raising $3,500, a truly amazing effort.

“I had a dear friend who died of leukaemia,” Meeka said. “I wanted to make a difference when and where I could,” she added.

Last week Meeka’s parents held a World’s Greatest Shave party at their home. Meeka’s friends, and family gathered together to witness such a courageous and selfless act.

Thank you Meeka for putting your faith into action to help people who are less fortunate than yourself.

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Last year the local community was amazed by Wycliffe’s representation at the annual Springwood ANZAC street march and service. A record 150 students, all dressed in full school uniform, participated in the event.

Further, during the year, parents and students of the school contributed to the establishment of our ANZAC centennial garden, located in the bus turn around area, where 200 rosemary bushes are flourishing forming a border hedge surrounding the flagpoles.

It would be great to have a similar roll up at this year’s ANZAC march. I ask parents to mark the morning of Monday April 25th in their diaries, and encourage their child/ren to be involved. This is the last day of the autumn holidays. Further detail will follow in subsequent editions of School Talk.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CAMPS

Students of Yrs 4-11 will participate in annual school camps in upcoming weeks. This week Yr 4 have headed west searching for gold at Hill End, while Years 5 and 6 head to Canberra to learn the finer points of politics.

The following week a group of Yr 11 students head abroad to experience the cultures of Hong Kong and China, with a further group heading off to Broken Hill where they will serve local indigenous communities.

The last week of term Yr 7 venture off to Chowder Bay in Sydney; Yr 8 the Crusaders campsite at Galston Gorge; Yr 9 enjoy the lakeside setting of Lutanda Campsite Toukley; Yr 10 hike the Snowy Mountains region; and the remainder of Yr 11 participate in the Cornerstone community, Dubbo.

Our prayers are with all concerned, that Christ will grant them a safe and pleasurable time, where they will enjoy each other’s and His presence. Also we pray for our Yr 12 students who will remain at school and complete their mid-course examinations.

Parents are reminded that school camps are a compulsory component of the school programme and therefore all students are expected to participate.
PARKING AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENT

I thank the vast majority of parents who have been most cooperative with the restricted, onsite, end of day traffic movements.

With trucks coming and going throughout the day for the oval upgrade, and reduced available parking throughout the project, student safety is paramount. To avoid congestion parents picking up their children between the hours of 2:30 – 3:05pm are required to park outside the school grounds in the Warrimoo Oval car-park.

Property staff member, Mr Ian Post, has been given the unenviable task of directing traffic at those times. Unfortunately he has worn the brunt of some people’s frustration. I ask all families to cooperate with Mr Post’s direction, understanding that the school only has the safety of your children in mind.

Peter Jamieson
Principal

SCHOOL TALK

LIBRARY NEWS

THE LIBRARY AT THE CENTRE OF THE SCHOOL

I wonder if you’ve ever noticed that the Wycliffe School library is located in the centre of the school. It has been this way since the library was built, when access was provided from the adjacent and surrounding classrooms in both of what are now known as A and C blocks. Even as the school has expanded with the addition of B and D blocks and the hall, the library has remained at the physical heart of the school, even if the access point has changed.

However, more importantly, the library has remained at the centre of learning in the school. Throughout its history, the library staff has sought to create a place where children and adults can increase their knowledge by exploring information and engaging with the ideas and imagination of others. Together with the classroom teachers, the library seeks to act as a shepherd by protecting children from things that will harm (Matt 18:6), while gradually guiding and equipping them to critique and engage with the society and culture around them in ways that help them to understand the fallen nature of that culture and understand their role as agents of God’s reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-19).

We want the library to be warm and welcoming, a place of enjoyment and inspiration, where children know that their creativity is welcome and learn ways to exercise the responsibility to use their knowledge in service of others.

Mr Cooney

SCHOOL NOTICES

MINDQUEST

MindQuest is a weekend program for students from Years 1 to 6, held at Glenwood High School on 4th and 5th June. It offers thirty-six, fast paced courses in the two-day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics and much more. The cost of the weekend is $190. Brochures are available from Reception.

Mr Cooney

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

This holidays, Springwood World of Tennis (SWOT) will be running a tennis coaching clinic for students aged 5 to 16, where full supervision will be provided. The clinic will cater to both beginners and those who are more advanced. Racquets are also available for hire. The clinic will run from Monday 11th to Friday 15th April from 9am to 3pm. Lunch will be provided on the Friday along with prize giving! Cost is $160. For more information, or to book, call 4751 5383 or 0416 083 472.

PLAY VOLLEYBALL AT WYCLIFFE

Wycliffe Christian School
Volleyball's 6th Social Competition
2nd May to 27th June 2016

Volleyball Fun Facts: Did you know that: ....
- Volleyball is played by approximate 100 million athletes in the world.
- Volleyball is the second most popular sport in the world.
- The Australian men’s volleyball team world ranking is 15th.
- Volleyball is the epitome of team sports.
- Volleyball has been played regularly at Wycliffe since 2008.
- Wycliffe are twice NSW CSSA Volleyball champions – 2012-13.
- 7 Wycliffe volleyballers have been selected into NSW rep teams.
- Wycliffe volleyball supports all boys and girls (Years 7 upwards).
- Training is held every Monday morning (7am) – all welcome!!
- Training is held Monday evenings (6:30-8:30pm) – invitation only.

This event is open to schools and clubs from the community (past and present) who want to have fun, meet new people and get fit. Skill in playing not essential!

Age groups: Males comptetition. Year 7 and older. Younger players will be catered for.

🎟️ $FREE!!! 😁

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Mr Cooney