ENCLOSURES:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There has been a surge in enrolment interest over recent times, in particular Kindergarten and Yr 7 for 2016.

The School has 13 Kindergarten students (on top of our present 4 year old preschool students) who have sought enrolment for the upcoming year. It is shaping up to be one of the strongest Kindergarten enrolments in Wycliffe’s history, with potentially 37 students and over 6 months to run in the lead up to 2016. Yr 7, 2016, has 16 students in addition to those presently enrolled in Yr 6. Year 7 is currently sitting on 53 students, which is likely to increase over the remainder of this year.

This height of enrolment interest testifies to the fine work done by our staff in educating and caring for your children. Further it is an affirmation that the cultural change over the past 12 months has been well received and the School is heading in the right direction.

The stronger enrolment position projected for 2016 will assist in relieving the upward pressure on fees, and provide greater student options into the future.

WORKING BEE

Last Saturday’s working bee proved a great community building exercise for the School. Once again over 40 parents, along with a healthy number of children, turned up on the day.

Lots of jobs were completed around the school including: upgrade of Kindergarten’s bush classroom with log seating installed; replacement of sand in the preschool sandpit and a general tidy up of the surrounds; removal of vegetation from the island adjacent to the bus zone, ready for installation of new flagpoles; last mountain of mulch spread near the entrance to the School; general pruning and tidy up of gardens and delivery of Wycliffe pamphlets to the Emu Heights area.

While the School really appreciated the work completed on the day, of greater satisfaction was the building of relationships that enhance shared partnerships across our community.

Our next weekend working bee is scheduled for the second Saturday of Term 3, 1st August, from 8am-12pm. Further, there will be a mid-week working bee (it will count for PIP hours) next Thursday morning. We would like to continue to distribute our School pamphlets to the Emu Heights area, and possibly the upper mountains. If you would like to be involved please contact our Registrar, Rebecca Moses, at rmoses@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au

CAFÉ/CANTEEN

In reviewing our café/canteen and the service it offers to families, feedback has been received regarding the limited access for primary school students. At present K-6 can only order lunch Mon-Wed, and have no over the counter access at all throughout the week. In improving our service to families the school is considering expanding access to lunch orders each day, as well as over the counter purchases.
To increase canteen access for primary students we would need, like most other schools, a team of committed volunteers to support our already very busy café staff. As this would prove a great opportunity to build relationships between parents, the School would consider such voluntary service as qualifying for PIP hours. There will be a meeting held next Wednesday, May 27, at 8:30am in the Boardroom in administration for interested parents, as the school further considers this option.

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE WEEK**

This week we feature two members of the Wycliffe community.

Firstly we acknowledge Beth Mitchell of Yr 11. Beth is a dependable and hardworking student, always keen to explore ideas and ask questions. She also willingly serves others across our school community, always keen to lend a helping hand.

We also make mention of our café/canteen manager Mr Joel Boorman.

Joel makes sure staff, parents, as well as some senior students, have their morning coffee ‘hit’.

Joel serves our community all day, with his trademark smile and servant heart. We thank him for his commitment to the school and its community.

“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:5-8)

Peter Jamieson
Principal

**MATTERS FOR PRAYER**

Please pray for:

- The students of the School, they grow in their knowledge of and relationship with Christ, with full commitment to His purposes for their lives.
- Our Yr 12 students as they move towards the final stages of their schooling.
- Wycliffe to continue to grow, reflecting Christ’s heart, and bringing glory to Him.

**SCHOOL NOTICES**

**Singing Lessons**

Half hour lessons on Mondays will be available at school with Mrs Jenni Mills, BA Dip Ed, A.Mus. A (Vocal) $28 per lesson
Please call for more information
0425 236 249 / 47514569
Or speak with Mrs Natalie Maddock (Head of CAPA)
MAKE A STAND MUFTI DAY:

DESTINY RESCUE

For many years now, Wycliffe has been a supporter of the organisation ‘Destiny Rescue’. Through the support of the school community, we have raised awareness and thousands of dollars in an effort to conquer the issue of Human Trafficking in our world. Destiny Rescue has 5 main objectives:

1. Rescue the sexually exploited and enslaved
2. Restore the abused
3. Protect the Vulnerable
4. Empower the Poor
5. Be a voice for the voiceless.

There are an estimated 27 MILLION slaves in the world today. Already serving in five nations, with our support, Destiny Rescue will keep expanding and reaching even more children.

Josiah Toft, a member of our school community who sadly passed away earlier this year, recognised this very need for justice.

A message from his sister, Siobhan Toft from Yr 10: “Josiah cared a lot about Destiny Rescue and the work they do. This love came from his loving and protective nature. He was very protective of his sisters and that kindness and love overflowed into helping save girls from horrible lives in sex slavery. Josiah took part in the ‘Make A Stand’ event 3 times; in 2014 he stood for 36 hours to raise money and awareness for Destiny Rescue. He also participated in ‘Ride to Rescue’ which involved him riding 80km. This cause was really close to his heart and participating in helping create better lives for young girls are a way we can honour his memory.”

In response to this moral crisis, Wycliffe will be running a Make A Stand Day next week. On Tue 26th May, a speaker from Destiny Rescue will come to speak to year 7-12 students about how they can get involved. Then, on Fri 29th May, there will be a Mufti Day for all of high school. For those who don't know what 'Make A Stand' is, it is similar to the 40 Hour Famine, in that students Stand for as long as they possibly can, and collect sponsorship for friends and family. They can be sponsored by the hour or simple receive one off donations. On the ‘Make A Stand’ Day, students who wish to Make A Stand will stand for as many hours as they can, and collect sponsorship from their friends and family. There will also be Destiny Rescue bracelets, made by the rescued girls and boys themselves, for sale for $4 each on the day.

This is a great initiative for students to become involved in. Sometimes, we feel helpless when we look at some of the awful situations in our world. However, we are encouraged by the hope that Jesus offers. While we wait for his return, we seek to follow in his footsteps and be his hands and feet. For as Joshua 1:14-15 10:18 tells us, “You are to help your brothers until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you.” And through His strength, we can do just this.
If you wish to find out more about Destiny Rescue, check out their website at:

http://www.destinyrescue.org/aus/

Miriam Nassif Year 12

Mr Jones and the primary class teachers will be leading the students in some engaging and stimulating activities to assist their understanding of the book and their enjoyment of the event.

Mr Cooney

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 15th successful year it is a vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. In 2014, students from Wycliffe Christian School joined over 460,000 children at over 3,100 locations across Australia reading the book *Too Many Elephants in this House*, written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner, as part of the National Simultaneous Storytime.

This year, Mr Jones will be co-ordinating the participation of the Wycliffe pre-school and primary students in this event on Wednesday 27 May at 11am. The K-6 primary students will be sharing in the reading of *The Brothers Quibble* written by Aaron Blabey, while some older students will be reading the specially chosen book, *Wombat Stew*, to the pre-school children.

Mr Jones and the primary class teachers will be leading the students in some engaging and stimulating activities to assist their understanding of the book and their enjoyment of the event.

Mr Cooney

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

The words of the prophet Isaiah have guided discussion in Growth Groups this week. We have shared the words of chapter 53, reminding ourselves that it was because of Jesus’ death that we can enjoy a relationship with Him. Verse 5 was particularly powerful –

‘But He was pierced or our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.’ This opened opportunities to consider the forgiveness we need to offer others, having been forgiven so much ourselves.

Year 6 has been particularly busy helping their Kindy Buddies after lunch on Monday and Wednesday. Last week they helped them to practice their sight words by writing them in chalk on D Courtyard and helping them read them as they jumped, skipped or traced over the words. The picture below shows some of the fun they enjoyed.
Year 5 have worked tirelessly every morning as they set up Morning Moves activities ready for the rest of K-6. Their careful preparation and organization has meant students are well prepared for the upcoming Athletics Carnival.

Mrs Nita Kruik

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**Survivor Algebra**

A Year 8 Maths class has recently completed a hotly contested “Survivor Algebra” unit. The class completed a series of algebra challenges in tribes. The winning tribe was “The Incredaddables”! They showed outstanding teamwork and an excellent grasp of the content. Congratulations to Kyi-Ella Noack-Davis, Bianca Thompson, James Walker and Joshua Swadling!

Mrs Hare

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**Secondary School News**

**Mathematics Study Centre**

*Every Wednesday afternoon in the library from 3:00pm - 3:45pm, Years 7-12.*

The Mathematics Study Centre offers free support to those students who need help with mathematical problems, small or large. Whether homework is proving challenging or if help is needed reviewing topics before examinations and tests, sometime a helping hand can make all the difference. While the centre does not offer structured tutoring, maths teachers will be on hand to assist with any maths problems and this can often make a real difference.

This service is available for students from Years 7 to 12 and students are welcome to come on a drop-in or regular basis.

*Ms Michaela Inglis - Head of Mathematics*

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**Primary School Athletics Carnival**

It’s that time of year again when the discuses, high jump mats, long jump rakes, shot puts, turbo javelins and running shoes all come out in force for training up for the Primary School Athletics Carnival! This is a special time for the primary students to get out and show us what they’re made of on the oval. Throughout Term 2, students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been practising their throwing, pushing, leaping, jumping, sprinting and jogging skills for the carnival which is held this year on the 3rd of June at Tom Hunter Park. Athletics Carnivals are a lot of work and as such, need a lot of help and support from parents. The more helpers we have, the easier and smoother a carnival is to run. If you are available to assist with the likes of timekeeping, starting races, canteen maintenance, judging or anything to do with the Athletics Carnival this year, please contact Mr Brown at the school by email jbrown@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au or in person by Tuesday the 19th of May. Alternatively, you could indicate where you would like to help in the “Parent Helper” section of the permission note that your child will soon be bringing home regarding the Athletics Carnival. This note must be filled in and returned to school if your child is to compete in the Athletics Carnival this year.
Once again, the more helpers the smoother the carnival operates and the more fun the students have while they’re competing. Who knows, the event you’re involved in could be the difference between whether Banksia or Waratah take out the Athletics competition this year.

Mr Jeff Brown

### Up Coming Events

For the most up-to-date calendar information, refer to the School Website Calendar at [www.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au](http://www.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au).

- **CSSA Primary Girls Soccer** May 25
- **Year 9 Camp – Toukley** May 27th-29th
- **Year 7/8 Music Excursion** May 27
- **Year 12 English Excursion** May 28
- **School Photo Day [2]** May 28
- **CSSA Pri & Sec State Cross Country** May 29
- **School Community Prayer Meeting** Jun 1
- **Yr 3-6 Primary Athletics Carnival** Jun 3