ENCLOSURES:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Winter has certainly hit the Mountains, as this strange fellow reminded me late Friday afternoon when my family ventured up to Blackheath. I am sure that many of our families took advantage of the last day of the holidays to also experience the snow first hand.

It is acknowledged that students returning to school could be feeling the physical effects of the cold snap, especially those from the upper mountains as they wait for their morning train/bus. The School uniform provides for winter weather through the inclusion of jumpers and a jacket for those who particularly feel the cold. On very extreme days where students require extra outer garments in the early morning these are to be plain navy. Students are not to wear ‘hoodies’, football jerseys or the like. I include below an extract from the Wycliffe Essentials Guide.

“Students who need extra warmth or rain protection during inclement weather may wear a navy over-jacket/coat/scarf/beanie. This is to be worn only as an extra to the approved jumper/cardigan.”

(The Essentials Guide K-12: p71)

WELCOME TO WYCLIFFE

At the start of the new term we welcome the following students to the School:

Evander Barnett, Michael Howes, Carter Flynn, Max Fryer (Preschool)

Ava Blacker (Kindergarten)
Cohen Sanders (Yr 2)
Ella Blacker, Adele Sanders (Yr4)
Taran Reilly (Yr 5)
Lachlan Krishna, Nathan Passau (Yr 8)
Lachlan McDougall (Yr 9)

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our School’s IT Administrator, Mr Rhys Andrews, has dedicated many hours in developing a revamped school website. The services of Ex Wycliffe student, Daniel Gray, have been engaged to design and build the new website.

Rhys and Daniel have done a great job and I have been most impressed with the final product. I encourage families to visit the site at www.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au The School homepage features a link to the School’s Facebook page and Twitter account, to keep families up to date with all that is happening.

It is envisaged that the School’s webpage will emerge as the major communication channel between home and school.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

It has been decided to postpone the scheduled Term 3 working bee until Saturday 15th August. This will allow the weather to warm up a little.

Further our Construction students will be concreting the base for a paved path over the next couple of Thursdays.
This path will be part of the ANZAC memorial garden being formed around the flagpoles central to the bus bay. The delay will allow time for the concrete to set, and it is hoped that a few parents with paving experience can complete the path on the morning of the working bee.

As well as paving skills we are in need of a group of parents to bring along their cordless drills and Phillips-Head bits, to disassemble some old furniture for recycling. Of course there will be a variety of other tasks to be completed on the day.

Later in the term a mother/daughter ‘High Tea’ will be held. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks in school talk and on the website.

**COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK**

This week we recognise our Property Assistant, Mr Richard Boyle. Richard is our longest serving staff member having been with the Wycliffe community for over 28 years.

A more willing servant would be hard to find, from arriving early to ensure the School is ready for the arrival of students, to the many jobs big and small he completes around the place. He wears the biggest smile wherever he goes, and is such a positive member of our school community.

On a sad note Richard has given notice of his intention to retire at the end of July. Although he would never concede age is catching up with him, the change will provide him with opportunities to pursue other interests in life. While we will be farewelling Richard, we won’t be saying good-bye as I am sure his face will still be seen regularly around the school.

**CANTEEN/CAFÉ**

As was mooted at the end of last term canteen/cafés services have been expanded for K-6. Lunches now can be ordered five days a week, and students can make recess and lunchtime snack purchases over the counter.

A committed group of parent volunteers is vital to the success of this trial. A core group of parents have already made themselves available, but at least another half a dozen are required to provide for the extra service. If you are available to help out in the canteen could you please email our Business Manager, Mr James Chik, jchik@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au

Due to the community nature of the service, time volunteered will count towards PIP.

**Prayer Points**

- Our HSC students generally, who begin the last term of their schooling prior to final examinations.
- Our HSC students finalising practical projects over the next month.
- Our local churches, that they grow as beacons of light leading a lost world back to Christ.
- Our Prime Minister and his government that they would govern wisely in these challenging social and economic times.

*Peter Jamieson*

*Principal*

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**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AND HEAD OF JUNIOR**

Welcome back to Term 3. It is already shaping up to be filled with rich learning experiences.

**HONG KONG VISIT**

We are still short a couple of families willing to host boys. We have 3 boys yet to place. The team arrives on the afternoon of Wednesday 5th August and leaves early morning on Friday 14th August.
Please contact me as soon as possible if you are able to do this. It is a great opportunity and there is a daily allowance of $38 per student paid to assist with costs.

**FIRST AID TRAINING FOR YEAR 3-6 - 11**th August.

We are privileged to have the opportunity for First Aid training to be delivered to our students in Yr 3 – Yr 6 by qualified St John’s trainers. These sessions will cover basic first aid, calling an ambulance, managing bleeding and bandaging as well as DRABC and how to place a patient in the recovery position.

**STAFF PD**

During the last week of the holidays teaching staff invested many hours learning about IT applications for use in the classroom. Primary staff focussed on iPad apps and Secondary staff on the use of Google Apps and Designing Digital Units. These sessions were extremely useful.

All staff, including our Preschool staff, admin staff and our regular casual teachers, also participated in a refresher in Child Protection training, focusing on understanding Professional Boundaries. This session was also very helpful in enabling staff with the knowledge and skills to ensure the safety and protection of the children in our care.

**WANTED - Casual Preschool Educators.** Members of our community who hold a Certificate 3 or above in early childhood education, and who would like to join our casual list for Preschool are invited to send your CV to cedwards@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au.

As with all positions in our school, a Pastors reference must accompany your application.

Coral Edwards
Deputy Principal

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Wycliffe New School Website**

Wycliffe has launched their new school website! The new site was designed & developed by Daniel Gray, who is an ex-student of Wycliffe.

Visit our new website here: http://www.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au

Resources useful to parents and students are now accessible from the portal link on the top right corner of the website. This will take you to our portal homepage, which includes links to essential forms and documents, parent teacher interview bookings, term dates, and more.

All visitors are encouraged to send us some feedback using the button on the bottom right corner. We are still finalising some features and making tweaks, so suggestions are appreciated.

A note to those subscribed to School Talk and/or Latest News updates: You will continue to receive email notifications of new content. However, e-mails are being sent from a different address, and have a different look. To ensure you receive the emails correctly, add no-reply@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au to your trusted senders list in your e-mail program.
Wycliffe Christian School has been involved in Ride2Rescue since its inception two years ago. Liz Cummins, a Destiny Rescue advocate, started this fundraising cycling raising money to rescue children from slavery. Over the last two years, Ride 2 Rescue has raised over $65,000 for two Destiny Rescue homes in Laos, for children who were being sold.

In 2014, Wycliffe Christian School was represented by 34 people: most were students who rode km25, km40, km60 or km80. Our students were able to ride under the supervision and support of some of the school’s parents: James Grierson, Pete Ruigendyk, George Nassif, Stephen Hawkins (grandparent); and our cycling staff members Adrian Cayzer, Jeff Brown, Catherine Short and Daniel Zanardo.

This year, Ride2Rescue will take place on Saturday 12 September. Like last year, it will be on the M7 cycle path starting at Pearce Reserve, Kings Langley.

Students and family members are asked to register on line at https://beavoice.destinyrescue.org/campaigns/ride2rescue2015/

and pay the registration money ($15 students, $30 adult, $60 family - at least 3 persons) to Mr Zanardo and receive a receipt book for cash donations. The fee includes a BBQ lunch and drinks after the ride, as well as refreshments during the event.

Join the Wycliffe Cycling Stars on the ride or sponsor one or more of our riders! All sponsorship donations are fully tax deductible and 100% of the funds raised go directly to Destiny Rescue in Laos.

Please contact Mr Zanardo for further details (dzanardo@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au.)

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**NAIDOC WEEK**

The focus of the present library display is NAIDOC Week, which was held during the school holidays from 5 - 12 July. The aim of NAIDOC Week is to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

One way in which we celebrate and learn about the history and culture of others is through story. Jesus used the power of story in his teaching. While the description of Jesus’ parables as “earthly stories with a heavenly meaning” may be somewhat simplistic, it does capture the significant place that story can have in communicating important messages in an engaging and memorable way.

Indigenous people from Australia and around the world have used story in this way as part of their oral tradition. In the past few decades, many indigenous authors have added their voices to this long tradition. Their stories relate the historical and contemporary experience of indigenous Australians, as well as their strong spiritual and cultural connection to the land. They allow readers to share and reflect upon those experiences.

Here are three books from our school library collection that embrace this tradition of storytelling to share and celebrate the experiences of indigenous Australians.

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Remembering Lionsville brings to life the family oral history and childhood memories of renowned artist Bronwyn Bancroft. It is a wonderful reminder of the value of handing down family stories and encouraging the next generation with stories from the past.

Big Rain Coming is by Katrina Germein. Though not of aboriginal descent, the author worked as a teacher at Minyerri, a remote Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory, and the setting for the book. It introduces the reader to the experience of the dry and wet seasons of the Roper River region and the tension in the community as the rain clouds thicken and grow dark and everybody waits for the rain to break.

Sing you brave people is by Blue Mountains resident, Lynette Stanger. It tells the stories of the lives of four outstanding Darug and Gundungurra people - Goomberee, Yarramundi, Maria Lock and Ethel Rose Cooper, each of whom lived in the Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains area and whose lives spanned the time from white settlement in the Hawkesbury in 1791 through to the Gully community of Katoomba in 1957. It is a biographical companion to Dianne Johnson’s book, Sacred Waters.

Mr Phillip Cooney

**SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**OpenDay 2015**

Wednesday 9 September, 10am – 2pm


Find out more about our programs... Bachelor's Degrees, Associate Degree, Certificate Programmes, Postgraduate Study, Honours Degrees, Overseas Study, Work Placement, Study Abroad.

**UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

University of Notre Dame Early Offer application closing date is 31 July 2015.

Just a reminder that students apply directly to the university and do not use the Universities Admission Centre for enrolment.

The Early Offer Program is designed for talented, capable and well-rounded Year 12 students who standout for excellence, commitment and dedication. There are four categories:

- Commitment to community and/or church
- Commitment and excellence in cultural pursuits
- Commitment and excellence in sporting achievements
- Academic excellence

The Young Achievers Early Offer Program confirms a place at Notre Dame for successful applicants before sitting final Year 12 exams. Application forms are available at [www.nd.edu.au/earlyoffer](http://www.nd.edu.au/earlyoffer)

Main Round applications due 30 September 2015

Apply at [www.notredame.edu.au](http://www.notredame.edu.au)
Scholarships

Notre Dame Scholarship information: www.nd.edu.au/scholarships/sydney

University of Wollongong has also announced their Early Admission Program and information is available at www.uow.edu.au/future/early-admission. It should be noted that applications will only be accepted via this website.

La Trobe University Sydney Campus Open Day
Saturday 8th August 11am-3pm
Reserve your place now for open day, explore our campus, meet our team. Located directly above Wynyard train station in the CBD our corporate style learning environment has 3 intakes enabling you to fast-track and complete your degree in 2 years. Improve your global career prospects through the internship program. Diploma pathways offered. Register at http://latrobe.edu.au/openday/sydney

By now, all Year 12 students should have collected their Universities Admission Centre’s guide to 2016 University courses. This is a comprehensive guide and includes important dates for applications to universities and some private tertiary providers who use UAC to process applications. The cost for current Year 12 students to apply through UAC is $32 and applications open 5th August. Nine courses can be listed on the application. Students are able to alter their course courses and course order of preference. This is generally completed once ATARS are received on the 17th December this year. Once the Trial HSC exams are concluded, Mrs Pickworth will conduct information sessions for students with regards to the application process.

Please remember that the school does not receive student information with regards to UAC and it is important that students keep a record of their dealings with UAC.

Mrs Julie Pickworth

MATHEMATICS STUDY CENTRE – Commences again on Wednesday 29th July

Every Wednesday afternoon in the library from 3:00 - 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, sometimes 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

PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT [PISA]

Wycliffe Christian School has been selected to take part in the 2015 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) Main Study.

PISA is an important part of the National Assessment Program in Australia, which is the measure through which governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes. All Australian Education Ministers have agreed to Australian schools’ participation in PISA, which is reflected in the Australian Education Act 2013.

International assessments provide a wide range of valuable information for education policy and review in Australia and overseas and also enable Australia to consider the performance of our education system compared with others.

Since the first PISA assessment involving 32 countries in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy-makers worldwide. In 2015, Australia will be one of over 70 countries participating in PISA with around 15,000 students (from more than 800 schools) representing our country.

22 students from Years 9 to 11 have been randomly selected by the Australian Council of Educational Research to be involved in this assessment to take place on Monday 27th July. All 22 students should have passed on to their parents or caregivers the associated letter and brochure explaining this, and will be undertaking the assessment all day.
Each participating student has an important role in representing all students in Australia. He/she will be making a valuable contribution to the education community both nationally and internationally.

Michaela Inglis (Director of Administration)

**SPORT NEWS**

**Wycliffe Volleyball..."WHAT A WEEK OF VOLLEYBALL"

26-30th June

The end of term 2 saw members of the Wycliffe Volleyball squad and community participate in a ‘festival’ of volleyball activities in Sydney.

**1. Wycliffe at NSW School Cup #3**

Firstly, on Friday 26th, the Wycliffe Senior Boys Volleyball team competed in the third NSW Schools Cup for the year. Held at Sydney Olympic Park, the boy's first match was against Holsworthy High where solid serving and agile cover play saw them win confidently. Our second pool match was against an old foe, Kelso High who won last year’s Australian Volleyball Schools Cup U16s division 2. Pleasingly our boys responded to the Kelso boys line hitting strategy and managed to push this competent team with some active play, going down in a close game. Having earned our way into the play off round, our next challenge to get past Hombush Boys high and into the grand final. These important games have proven to be a stumbling block for the Wycliffe boys who tend to tighten up and lose accuracy, and this game was unfortunately no different. Whilst we played a more constructed game of volleyball, our serving let us down and did not allow us the get the lead in the rally point system we required. Having put ourselves under pressure some lucky ball and silly errors meant we lost the set. A similar story in the second set occurred and we were relegated to the consolation final. Our last game saw us play a better game of volleyball again and we easily beat Baulkham Hills High to take out third place.

The Wycliffe boys are now playing a highly competitive level of volleyball and are earning the respect of the schools who compete in these tournaments. This has been due to their dedication to training, their growing love and enjoyment of the sports, their team spirit and their willingness to give their all when on the court. Once we get over the ‘colleywobbles’ of the pressure games, our boys will be receiving the results they deserve for their efforts.

**2. Wycliffe at World League Match - Australia vs Brazil**

International volleyball has come to Sydney with the Australian 'Volleyroos' taking on the world number 1 Brazil in a World League match on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June. With the opportunity to see the best players in the world compete in a match televised to millions around the world, 23 members of the Wycliffe Volleyball community headed to Sydney Olympic Sports Centre to watch the giants of volleyball clash in this extravaganza. It was a terrific night where a boisterous but well behaved crowd of Australian supporters - many wearing kangaroo onesies - cheered the Volleyroos on. Australia, as 13th in the world, was hitting above their weight against Brazil who threw their best players on court to shut out our boys in four sets. The Wycliffe families had a great time fellowshipping together and enjoying the spectacle. Our Wycliffe boys now know what they should aspire to. It was great to see James Walker, Darcy Jackson and David Morrison from year 8 enjoying the game - these boys hopefully being the next wave of Wycliffe boys to take up the sport.

**3. Wycliffe on World League Court**

Two of the Wycliffe Senior Boys Volleyball squad - Joel Salter and Hugh Catchpoole - as members of the NSW U17C Mens Team had the opportunity to train on the World League volleyball court on Sunday 29th. Amongst the fancy cameras and technology used to televise the game on FoxSports, our boys had a brief training run with the rest of the NSW squad, and got a feeling for what it would be like being a Volleyroo!!

**4. Wycliffe trains with NSW Squad**

On Tuesday 30th the Wycliffe squad joined with the NSW U17C Mens team for a combined training session and game. This was a great opportunity for our boys to mix with some of dedicated volleyballers and to learn together how to improve. Our boys played well and were most encouraged by this
challenge, made some new friends and were surprised to see how their skills matched the others.

Wycliffe Volleyball now involves one quarter of the year 10 boys and a growing number of other students are showing interest. These opportunities to play against, watch and train with others in the sport will only improve our standing with the sport and see our students enjoy playing this game all the more.

Thank you to Nicole Badry who joined the Wycliffe boys as they competed in the NSW Schools Cup, and to the parents and grandparents who came to watch the boys play. Also, thanks to Stephen Donovan for the donation of 8 free tickets to the World League match which helped us raise $100 towards the Wycliffe’s entry into the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup in December. Can’t wait for Term 3....

Dan Catchpoole
Wycliffe Volleyball Coach

Students to meet Mr Stewart at 7am at B13 (School Gym) and then proceed to the school oval. The sessions will be focusing on preparing students for the Finals of the Winter season in September.

If you play Rugby league, Soccer, Netball, AFL, Volleyball and most team games these sessions will be of most benefit in having you moving faster for the Finals.

We are very happy for parents to come along and watch the sessions so that they can do additional training at home with their children.

Andrew Stewart
K-12 Sports Coordinator

Wycliffe Sport Specialist
Training Team

Students who would like to improve their sporting ability are most welcome to join these specialist sessions that commence in Week 2 of term

Monday lunch time - Sprint Training for Primary and Secondary Students

Mr and Mrs Morgans will be running this session on Warrimoo Oval to prepare students for the up and coming Zone and State CSSA athletics carnivals. These sessions are also most beneficial for people playing team sports as well

Monday Lunchtime – Resistance Training for secondary students only with Mr Osborne

Before School Wednesday Morning Speed and Agility Training Primary and Secondary Students (Yes Primary students can come Term 3 as we will not be using weights)

Thank you Mr Boyle

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Richard Boyle for his wonderful contributions to the school’s sports program over my 20 years at Wycliffe.

For most of these years Mr Boyle has assisted me with the organisation and set up of the Cross Country and Athletics carnivals, as well as lots of other jobs from putting batteries in stop watches to building shelving for the safe storage of sports equipment.

His friendship and personal support to me as a teacher has been so much appreciated as is the outstanding Christian role model that he has been to our Community.

On behalf of Wycliffe Sportsmen and women, past and present, a big THANKYOU and our prayers are with you as you move into a new phase of your life.

Andrew Stewart
**UP COMING EVENTS**

For the most up-to-date calendar information, refer to the School Website Calendar at www.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au.

- **PISA Assessment**  Jul 27
- **Year 9 & 10 Comedy Night**  Jul 28
- **School Community Prayer Meeting**  Aug 3
- **Yr 5/6 Milo Cricket**  Aug 3
- **Yr 12 HSC Trials Commence**  Aug 3
- **Pri Zone Athletics Carnival**  Aug 6
- **Yr 5-11 Hawkesbury Eisteddfod**  Aug 10
- **Sec Zone Athletics Carnival**  Aug 12
- **Kidsing & High School Choir – Penrith Eisteddfod**  Aug 13
- **Working Bee**  Aug 15
- **CSSA Pri Netball Gala Day**  Aug 17
- **Pri Metro Cup Soccer**  Aug 17
- **Primary State Athletics**  Aug 20
- **CIS League 13, 15, Open**  Aug 24
- **CSSA Sec State Athletics**  Aug 26

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Glenbrook-Blaxland Cricket Club

**Wear the Baggy Blue!**

**2015/2016 Registration Days**

Saturday-Sunday, 1-2 August, 11am-3pm
Saturday-Sunday, 8-9 August, 11am-3pm

Glenbrook Oval (near the cricket nets, opposite the Bowling Club)

**Junior boys and girls** Under 8s to Under 16s
Free registration for Under 8s and Under 16s

**Senior players** (over 16 years at 1 September 2015)

**Enquiries**

Juniors 0408 602 405
Seniors 0432 840 754
juniors@gbcc.com.au  seniors@gbcc.com.au

Or go to our website to register online from 30 July: www.gbcc.com.au

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**Choral Music of John Rutter**

The Wind in the Willows & The Sprig of Thyme

3pm, Sunday 9th August 2015
St. Finbar’s Catholic Church, Glenbrook

Performed by Academy Singers and Warrimoo Chorale with Chamber Orchestra led by Antonia Todorova and Blue Mountains Youth Choir

**Conductors**

Paul Terraccini, Brian Eggert
Youth Choir Director
Sarah Mann

**Ticket Prices**

- Adult $25
- Concession $20
- School-age $10
- Family $25
- Under 5 FREE

For further information and bookings: www.academysingers.com.au or 02 4757 3656