ENCLOSURES:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN results: Years 3, 5, 7 & 9

The NAPLAN test results and the student reports for 2015 have been released and provide useful information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs.

For students in Years 3 and 5, there were four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). For students in Years 7 and 9, there were two numeracy tests – a calculator allowed test and a non-calculator test.

Our student performance in the vast majority of areas was above national average in both literacy and numeracy. This is particularly pleasing considering Wycliffe has an open and non-selective enrolment policy. Reflective of this open enrolment policy, a significant number of students in Year 3 receive learning support. Hence, why their results, particularly in the area of language conventions, were not quite as strong.

The most reliable indicator comes from following student performance over time (from Year 3, 5, 7, 9). Notably, average student growth at Wycliffe is significantly higher than both state and regional averages.

NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy. They are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs. Students’ NAPLAN results are best used in conjunction with information gained from other classroom-based evidence.

If you have any questions arising from your child’s NAPLAN Report please contact your child's classroom teacher. Your child's teacher will be able to discuss student progress in depth, across the more detailed and meaningful learning experiences they have had so far this year.

WORKING BEE

Once again our termly working bee proved a wonderful community event. 30 parents and 15 children fronted early Saturday, keen to give the school grounds a spruce up for spring.

An incredible amount of work was completed including the paved path for the ANZAC centenary garden, spreading of mulch through gardens, water blasting paths and brickwork, tidying library shelves, dismantling out of date furniture for recycling.

Over 100 parents, not to mention children, have contributed to the three formal Saturday working bees held thus far this year. I thank parents not only for their practical support of the school, but more significantly the growing partnership we share in your child/ren’s education.

There will be a mid-week working bee in the near future to assist with the distribution of the latest edition of the School's publicity flyer. Our next Saturday event is planned for October 24th.
**ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

I am pleased to report there has been great enrolment interest in the school and applications for places in 2016 continue to flow in. This has been particularly true for Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 7 where spaces are filling quickly.

Letters have been sent to families of incoming Kindergarten students to advertise the upcoming orientation day. Our priority is always to support current families of the School. If you have a child entering Kindergarten in 2016, and have not received the said correspondence, please phone or email (registrar@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au) our Registrar, Mrs Rebecca Moses, to confirm that the intended enrolment has been registered/confirmed.

**COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK**

This week we feature Chris Gray of Year 11. Chris’ positive outlook on life and conscientious attitude are an encouragement to our entire school community.

Further Chris has a God given gift and interest in photography. He has willingly served our community in taking many publicity shots that regularly feature in our marketing material. I encourage all members of our community to follow Chris’ lead in making the most of our God given interests and gifts in the way Chris does.

**NRL NEWS**

Students, particularly Year 9, through my enthusiasm around State of Origin time, gained an insight into my passion for rugby league.

As the finals’ season approaches I am sad to report the only thing my beloved ‘West Tigers’ are likely to win this year is the wooden spoon. Equally tragic Mr Stewart’s ‘Manly Sea Eagles’ have climbed from the bottom of the ladder in round 17, to being on the cusp of the top eight. The possibility that the ‘Sea Eagles’ may miraculously take out the premiership is just too much to bear.

Peter Jamieson
Principal

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

There are many things happening across the life of our school this week and next and we ask that you support us in praying for the staff and students involved in these events.

Mrs Maddock continues to mark practical exams for the HSC. No doubt she will be a blessing to her team as she brings her diligent professionalism, her insight and her creative understanding. The insight she gains for our own Drama students is also a great blessing to our school. On Monday – our Drama students perform their works for HSC markers.

**Industrial Technology** markers are also in on Monday.

On Saturday our **Spanish** students attended their practical exam and reports back indicate that the students (and Mr Zanardo) were pleased with the exam.

**Visual Arts** major works have been submitted and are awaiting collection.

**Music** students have a little time before their HSC performance exam on 10th September. Please pray for them as they complete their preparation.

Please continue to pray for the Year 12 students as they move into the final weeks before their Graduation (16th September) and their HSC.
**Book Week** – come join with K-6 as they celebrate Book Week on Wednesday. Parents are invited to share lunch with their children and then to proceed to the Hall to be part of the audience for a play written by a local playwright (Mr Brown) and performed by talented local artists (Wycliffe students). Following the play all students can participate in the Book Week parade and assembly.

One of the blessings of being part of such a friendly community is the opportunity to meet with other parents and children, often outside the Café. The children enjoy a ‘playdate’ and the parents a great cup of coffee. These photos are of a happy group of younger students whose parents regularly meet together for a chat and some fun. Parents are reminded that as there are no staff on duty – to please keep a ‘line of sight’ with your child to avoid any accidents.

**Bushfire Season.** Attached to this edition is some information about forthcoming sessions to assist families in the mountains.

The seminars are being coordinated by the Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre, and will provide attendees with resources in preparation for bushfire season. Some of the topics being covered during the seminars are:

- Bushfire and insurance contracts;
- The experiences of people during the 2013 bushfires;
- Issues relating to bushfire; and
- Tips for bushfire season.

During the session, attendees will be provided with practical resources and handouts to assist in preparing for bushfire season.

**IN THE CLASSROOM - 4/5B ART**

This term 4/5B has been working on sculpture. We’ve done sculpture with marshmallows and toothpicks as well as paper explosions. Recently we studied temporary art in the form of sand sculptures. In groups, the class made their own sand sculptures of imaginary creatures using a small range of tools and a lot of imagination.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**READER/WRITER REQUEST**

We are so grateful to the people who gave their time as a reader/writer to help our Yr 12 students in their recent Trial HSC exams. We are now seeking volunteers to help with the upcoming Yr 11 yearly exams. These will run from Monday 31st Aug until Friday 11th September. Most exams are in the morning. If you have a heart for our students who need some support in the form of a reader/writer, please contact Poppy Gee on the following email address. cletcher@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au .

This time can be credited to your PIP hours for 2015. Thanks for considering this way of being involved in our community. Poppy Gee (on behalf of Carolyn Letcher)
VISITOR’S BADGE

A reminder to all parents coming for anything other than to do a quick stop to pick up their child, we need you to sign in at the front office and have a visitor’s badge on at all times. It’s important for us to know who is in the school grounds for any length of time for emergency evacuations and for child safety protection.

YEAR 10 INDEPENDENT
INVESTIGATION FAIR – PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

We are after some parents who have a science background/job who would be interested in being a judge for the Year 10 Independent Investigation Fair. We have a problem that the parents we normally use will have a conflict of interest as their children will be entering.

The Investigation Fair will be on the 1 Sept 2015. Time 10:30am - 12:30pm

If you are available to assist please contact Rob Marks rmarks@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

GOD’S WORD LIGHTS UP OUR WORLD

This week’s library display contains a selection of the books short-listed for this year’s Children’s Book Council Award. It has been prepared by Mrs Anlezark, with assistance from Mrs Dillen, Mr Jones and Bailey Cave from Year 11. As you will be aware, the theme for Book Week this year is “Books Light Up Our World”. As Christians we believe that God’s Word, the Bible, is the light that guides our way in the world.

The illuminating power of God’s Word begins in Genesis, with Creator’s command, “Let there be light”. Jesus, the Word incarnate, identifies himself as the Light of the World. God’s written word is described as a lamp for our feet and a light for our path (Psalm 119:105). It exposes the fruitless deeds of darkness and teaches us what pleases the Lord. Christians are called to live as children of light, those who have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom of light, the kingdom of the Son (Ephesians 5:8-15, Colossians 1:11-12).

This is why our learning at Wycliffe is based on the foundation of God’s World. It is our guide to reading and understanding the world and being led into the way of truth. It provides the discernment we need to live wisely in the world and to appreciate the fruits of human endeavour as gifts from our creator God.

I am delighted to welcome as guest reviewer this week, Mrs Williams, Head of English and HSIE. She is writing about a novel by a Wycliffe alumni, Claire Zorn.

The Protected by Claire Zorn (nominated in the Older Readers category).

Hannah, a teenage girl, lives with grief and guilt, a year after her sister is killed in a tragic car accident. Hannah has also been plagued by bullying for much of her High School life. Now things are beginning to change for Hannah.
Having read Claire Zorn’s first book The Sky So Heavy I was eager to read her second one and The Protected did not disappoint. In fact once I started I had to keep reading. The plot is so believable; the characters are just like someone you know. This may be a novel targeting Young Adults but adults will have trouble putting this book down.

Set in the Blue Mountains, Hannah and her family understand too well what grief is. Yet the book is ultimately about hope and healing. We see a broken family, battling with depression and misunderstanding, begin to take the first steps towards living life again. Hannah’s new friend, Josh, is a bit of an outsider at school, but he is funny and caring and Hannah begins to feel comfortable and to be able to talk about the past.

The Protected is a fresh look at family relationships and friendships. It gives us a glimpse into the healing process and teenage friendships that bring hope. Claire Zorn writes with gentleness and humour yet deals with the harshness and struggle that can touch family life. The Protected is a life-affirming book.

Mr Cooney and Mrs Williams

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**SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**MATHEMATICS STUDY CENTRE**

*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*

**APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING**

Just a reminder that the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo is on at Penrith Panthers Pavilion on September 1st from 5PM - 9PM

This is a great opportunity to speak with prospective employers and Group Training Organisations. There are no entry costs.

**CAPA NEWS**

Both the KidSing and Senior Choirs competed at the Penrith Eisteddfod on Thursday 13 August with outstanding results. KidSing achieved second place and Senior Choir achieved third place (with some confusion, after being announced as coming first). Both groups sang wonderfully and are now looking forward to another opportunity as the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod approaches in week 7.

**HAWKESBURY EISTEDDFOD PARENT DRIVERS NEEDED**

We still need parent drivers for the Hawkesbury Choir Eisteddfod on Friday 4th September. If your child sings in KidSing or the Senior Choir and you can help with transport, please contact Mrs Saunders on asaunders@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au Thanks for your ongoing support of the Music programs at Wycliffe.

*Natalie Maddock*  
Head of Faculty CAPA

**THE UNIVERSITIES ADMISSION CENTRE’S EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME**

This scheme affords students the opportunity to apply to Universities using UAC for bonus ATAR points based on a disadvantage they have suffered during the period leading unto and including the HSC. Below is an excerpt from UAC re the scheme and more details can be found at [http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/](http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/) Mrs Pickworth is available to assist students with the application process.

It is important to note that on time applications close on 30th September for students applying to commence university Semester 1 2015. As the application usually requires supporting school based
material, students need to approach the school no later than Thursday September 3rd so as to ensure the school can provide the necessary supporting documentation. The school cannot guarantee assistance after this date.

**Educational Access Schemes (EAS)**

Most of UAC’s participating institutions have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) to help students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage gain admission to tertiary study. To be eligible for EAS consideration your educational performance must have been seriously affected, normally for a period of at least six months during Year 11 and/or 12 or equivalent, due to circumstances beyond your control and choosing.

You can read about the seven broad categories of long-term educational disadvantage in the EAS FAQ or by reading the ‘Types of disadvantage’ table in the 2015–16 EAS booklet.

**Who can apply for EAS?**

You can apply for EAS through UAC if you:

- are a UAC applicant for undergraduate admission
- an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, a permanent resident of Australia (includes a holder of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa)
- able to demonstrate that you have experienced long-term educational disadvantage as a result of circumstances beyond your control or choosing.

Some universities are also offering through UAC, the Schools Recommendation Scheme. This scheme does not apply to all courses and more details are available at [http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/index.shtml](http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/index.shtml).

Any students who are interested in the scheme need to see Mrs Pickworth by 3rd September as this scheme operates on school based information.

**Mrs Julie Pickworth**

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**Upcoming Events**

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

- CIS League 15’s Aug 24
- CSSA Sec State Athletics Aug 26
- Book Week Assembly Aug 26
- Year 11 Yearly Exams Aug 31
- Yr 12 Drama Excursion Sep 2
- Year 6 Maths Cup Sep 3
- Snr & Kidsong Choir Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Sep 4
- School Community Prayer Meeting Sep 7
- K-2 Sports Morning Sep 8
- ITC Information Evening Sep 8
- CIS Primary Athletics Sep 9
- CIS Secondary Athletics Sep 16
- Term 3 Concludes Sep 18
COMMUNITY NEWS

Books Light Up Our World

IMAGE OF BOOK FAIR ADVERTISEMENT

Opening Times Are:
8am to 3:30pm

The Fair Takes Place at:
The Library


Greater West BrickFest

Saturday 5 September 2015 10am–4pm
Springwood Baptist Church Hall
318 Macquarie Road, Springwood NSW
$5 Entry $10 Family

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

- See Awesome Creations by Rainbow Bricks LLC
- Building Competitions (prizes supplied)
- Prizes: 5-9 years, 10-14 years
- Live Entertainment
- Sausage Sizzle & Refreshments
- Colouring Competition
- Face Painting

All Proceeds To:
Destiny Rescue
www.destinyyrescue.org
Enquiries: church@springwoodbaptist.org.au

TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute is proud to be the principal partner of the
2015 Western Sydney Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo

Penrith Panthers Exhibition Marquee, Mulgoa Road

Tuesday 1 September 2015
4:00pm – 5:30pm
Equity Group Session
5:30pm – 9:00pm
Free Public Entry

The perfect opportunity for students and job seekers to talk with potential employers and training providers.
If you're interested in being an exhibitor, contact us at
brett.carter1@tafensw.edu.au or call us on 9208 9506

Springwood District Athletics Club
2015-2016 Registrations

LITTLE ATHLETICS...FOR...FAMILY...FUN...and...FITNESS

Season Commences Saturday 26th September

LITTLE ATHLETICS is a great way to keep active and meet new friends. We cater for age groups from 5 to 105 through to U7s.

Little Athletics is the foundation for all athletes. It offers young people activities and skill that will stand them in good stead for their sporting future.

Competition is held on Saturday mornings at Norwest Park in Norwest. We run from September to March, each week sees the athletes compete to build their personal best in a variety of track and field events.

Registration sessions will be held over August and September across the Mid Mountains. A link to register can be found at www.springwoodathletics.org.au or email springwoodathletics@gmail.com. Once you have registered online you can then meet the committee to finalise your registration at one of the following

Registrations will be held as follows:
August 23rd – Norwest Park – 10:00am to 2pm
September 5th – Norwest Shopping Centre – 10:00am to 2pm
September 12th – Springwood Tennis Centre – 10:00am to 2pm
September 19th – Winneke Shopping Centre – 10:00am to 2pm

For more information email springwoodathletics@gmail.com
MAKE A DIFFERENCE: BECOME A FOSTER CARER TODAY

Foster carers make a difference to the future of vulnerable children by providing safe, consistent and loving homes.

There is a current need for more foster carers in the Blue Mountains area.

Wesley Dalmar has a long history of supporting carers who provide care to foster children of all ages. We are a service of Wesley Mission who recruit and support diverse people to become foster carers.

We invite you to work with us and welcome your expression of interest to chat further about what you can do to make a difference.

Contact us today for an information package:

P: 45874200
E: dalmarFontAwesomeenquiries@wesleymission.org.au
W: www.wesleymission.org.au/dalmarbluewoods

www.springwoodartshow.org.au

39th Annual Springwood Art Show
Blue Mountains

TICKETS
Friday Night, 8 PM
Ticket $20

Saturday, 9 AM - 5 PM
Ticket $15

Get an Eyeful of Art

WHAT
New dot artwork, paintings, photographers, and galleries.

WHERE
Springwood High School
Katoomba Road, Gledswood

WHEN
Saturday 10h August
Details: www.springwoodartshow.org.au

See more information on the website:
www.springwoodartshow.org.au

For more information or tickets, contact:
Dalmar FontAwesome
45874200

Note:
The Springwood Art Show is an annual event and is held on the last Saturday of August. Visitors can expect to see a variety of art including paintings, photographs, and photography as well as other creative works such as woodturning, jewelry, leather bags, ceramics, and more. The event is free to attend.

For more information, visit www.springwoodartshow.org.au.
Bushfire season is coming

Around 80% of insured people affected by the October 2013 bushfires were underinsured

Come to a FREE information session to hear about bushfires and insurance; peoples' experiences, issues and tips.

• Katoomba: 10am - 12pm on Saturday 12th September at the Old Katoomba Library, 81-83 Katoomba St, Katoomba

• Springwood: 10am - 12pm on Saturday 17th October at the Springwood Sports Club, 83 Macquarie Rd, Springwood

• Blackheath: 2pm - 4pm on Saturday 17th October at the Blackheath Community Hall, corner of Gardiner Crescent and Great Western Highway, Blackheath

RSVP Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre at bookings@eeclc.org.au or call 4782 4155

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