ENCLOSURES:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Information Communication Technology (ICT) committee has been meeting throughout the year to develop a strategic path in relation to the integration of technology with learning at the School.

As we look to expanding student access to ICT I thought I would share a few reflections with our school community.

1. Technology is a good, God-given gift. Created in God’s image, we have a mandate and a desire to create, and technology is one example of human creation.

2. Like everything else in creation, technology is subject to the fall. Our technologies can become idols and compound our rebellion against God. In fact, technology often empowers other areas of sin in our lives.

3. It is how technology is applied that helps us to determine if it is being used to honor God or advance human sin.

The ICT committee has proposed, with my endorsement, that over the next two years the Senior School (Yrs 7-12) adopts an educational approach that integrates ICT across all areas of the Curriculum. Many schools have already moved to a 1:1 student to computer ratio. Mostly this has been achieved through BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) programs.

When considering the varying technologies available the device the ICT committee favours is the Chromebook. A great advantage of the Chromebook device is its affordability. It is expected the program will be launched with students in Years 7, 8 and 11 (2016), and will expand to embrace the whole secondary school in 2017.

The School will be holding an information evening on Mon 14th September in the hall at 7:30pm. This event had been previously advertised for the 8th September. On the evening the school will provide greater detail regarding the rationale for the direction we are heading, as well as the practical implications for the roll out of the program. Particular focus will be given to how the school can partner with parents in ensuring appropriate use of the technology by students.

We particularly encourage attendance of all families with students entering Yr 7,8 or 11, but suggest that the night may prove of great interest to anyone with students in, or heading towards, high school.

“For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.” (1 Timothy 4:4-5)

THANK YOU COLIN

Wycliffe was once again blessed to host Colin Buchanan’s live concert as part of his 2015 national tour. Around 500 energetic fans (not only children) enjoyed Colin’s entertaining presentation of the gospel through song.

Colin sang many of his old favourites as well as new songs. His music has been blessing children from around the nation for over 20 years.

The event served not only our students and their families, but an estimated 50% of the audience were from outside our school. It was a
wonderful opportunity for these families to experience the sense of community that is Wycliffe.

I would like to acknowledge and thank organisers, Koorong Christian bookstore, especially Warren Ward and his staff from the Penrith store. It is great to observe the growing partnership with Koorong.

In some exciting news for Jesus Kingdom work Bible Society Australia has acquired Koorong in a union that they believe will make strengthen the Christian community across Australia. Both Bible Society Australia and the Koorong Leadership Team have sensed the hand of God in this move as they have worked together over the last few months in finalizing details.

COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE FORTNIGHT

This week we feature our Library Assistant, Mr Peter Turner. Mr Turner is a quiet achiever with a long association with Wycliffe. He commits himself faithfully to supporting our students with their library needs.

His positive disposition, huge smile, and sharp sense of humour make him a valued member of the Wycliffe community.

Peter Jamieson Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AND HEAD OF JUNIOR

BOOK WEEK

K-6 students, teachers and families had a wonderful time on Wednesday celebrating all things books and book characters.

It was a pleasure to see the enjoyment on the faces of children as they took to the stage representing characters from well known, and not so well known books.

The cast of “When and Where Books Collide” performed to a captivated audience. The play written by Mr Jeff Brown was a huge success – well written, very funny and engaging. We heard from some very familiar book characters, as well as some more obscure ones. I am sure many of the children will seek out some of these to add to their ‘Dare to Read’ Challenge. Pictured here is the cast.

Back Row: Eleanor Maddock as Hazel Grace Lancaster, Amy Walker as Rapunzel, Allie Walker as Little Red Riding Hood 1, Ella Edwards as Annabeth Chase, Molly Gee as Sadie Kane, Ella Blacker as Lucy, Eva Gee as Thing 2, Molly Carter as Hermione Granger and Duncan Hare as Nobody the Cowboy,

Front Row(ish) Meeka Grierson as Annie, Kate Suttor as Little Red Riding Hood 2, Hannah Kennedy as Grace, Nicola Welsman as Eeyore and Esther Mills as Olaf,

Absent: Thomas Cole as Ron Weasley and Josiah Grierson as Jim (The Man from Snowy River)

Stars in the making.

The Book Parade enabled us to hear about some well-loved characters and also gave students the opportunity to rise to the challenge of a stage experience. Mrs Kruik ably hosted the event. Through all of this we were reminded that whilst Books Light Up Our World, God’s book – the Bible shines light
into all the dark corners of life and gives us truth we can rely on.

IN THE CLASSROOM

12T and 2CT have been learning about water. Year 2 visited the science lab.

Here is their report with some student work samples:

“We enjoyed an exciting lesson with Dr Persis viewing water samples under the microscopes. Our favourites were amoeba, spirogyra and water from Ethan's birdbath.”

12T were visited by an ex Wycliffe student and trained nurse, Rebecca Johnson who shared not only how water is used in nursing (seen here demonstrating correct hand washing), but also the difficulty faced in 3rd world countries regarding water access.

‘1-2T have been learning about how we access and use water. Rebecca Johnson (a former student) came to talk to us about how she uses water in her job as a nurse. She recently returned from a trip to Nepal and she told us about how people in Nepal have to collect water each day and carry it to where they need to use it. She also told us that because it is difficult to access water in Nepal, the way they use water in the hospitals there is very different to here in Australia. It was a very interesting and informative presentation.’

YEAR 11

Please keep these students in your prayers as they commence their final Preliminary exams in readiness for their HSC year.

God bless,

Coral Edwards

1, WORK BY KEIRA STANLEY & FLYNN ALDERTON

2. WORK BY ROBERT SLOCKEE & ALEXANDER VUKOJA
It is with much excitement that I share the announcement of The Protected by Claire Zorn as the CBCA Book of the Year for Older Readers. As I mentioned last week, Claire is a Wycliffe alumni. It is inspiring to see another of our former students receiving recognition for excellence in their chosen career. This is the second year that Claire has been short-listed for the CBCA awards. A quick survey of reviews of The Protected reveals the connection that Claire has with both her Young Adult audience and with older readers alike. All seem to appreciate the honest and hopeful way that Claire deals with the themes and characters.

Two of the winning books, and eight of the ten runners up or honour books are already available for borrowing from the school library. Here is a full list of the award winners and runners up (Honour Books).

2015 CBCA AWARD WINNERS

Older Readers

Winner: *The Protected*, Claire Zorn

 Honour Books: *Nona & Me*, Claire Atkins

*The Minnow*, Diana Sweeney

Younger Readers


 Honour Books: *Two Wolves*, Tristan Bancks

*Withering-by-Sea: a Stella Montgomery Intrigue*, Judith Rossell

Early Childhood

Winner: *Go to Sleep, Jessie!* Libby Gleeson, Freya Blackwood

 Honour Books: *Scary Night*, Lesley Gibbes, Stephen Michael King

*Noni the Pony Goes to the Beach*, Alison Lester

Picture Book Of The Year

Winner: *My Two Blankets*, Freya Blackwood, Text Irena Kobald

 Honour Books: *One Minute’s Silence*, Michael Camilleri, Text David Metzenthen

*The Stone Lion* Ritva Voutil, Text Margaret Wild

Eve Pownall Award For Information Books

Winner: *A-Z of Convicts in Van Diemen’s Land*, Simon Barnard (Text)
Honour Books: *Tea and Sugar Christmas*, Jane Jolly, Robert Ingpen

*Audacity: Stories of Heroic Australians in Wartime*, Carlie Walker

Mr Cooney

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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*

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*

“¡SE HABLA ESPAÑOL EN PARRAMATTA!”

The Year 12 Spanish class completed the first of their HSC exams for 2015 on Saturday 22 August. The Oral Examination was held at the North Parramatta Campus of the UWS. The students travelled on the school's mini-bus with their Spanish teacher Señor Zanardo, listening to Spanish music and ironing out any last minute “blanks”.

By 1:00 pm the eight “Conquistadores” had completed their exam: a 5 minute conversation with a Spanish Speaking Examiner. Most expressed satisfaction with their answers and level of preparation.

All were relieved it was over. Spanish celebrations started with compulsory dress-ups and dance on the steps of the university, followed by a Spanish lunch break in a well known Mexican eatery in Parramatta.

¡Felicitaciones a todos los estudiantes!

(Congratulations to all the students!)

Señor Z

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**CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE**

The Careers Advisory Service in conjunction with NSW Department of Education and Communities is offering a free service and impartial to graduating Year 12 students from December 18 to 23 once they have received their HSC results. This free service is available by phone 1300 300 687 or through the website site [www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au)
The service can assist with issues such as helping students clarify course choices, provide information about career pathways, training options and employment opportunities.

Mrs Julie Pickworth

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**SPORT NEWS**

**WYCLIFFE SENIOR VOLLEYBALL TEAM - UNDEFEATED!! - NSW SCHOOLS CUP #4, HOMEBUSH - 21ST AUGUST 2015**

The Wycliffe Senior Volleyball team headed to Homebush to compete in its last preparation tournament, the NSW Schools Cup #4, before the 'big adventure' in December where we will play in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup in Melbourne. At this competition there were 10 teams from across Sydney and Newcastle that were placed into two pools of 5. We then had 4 games that we had to 'win' to make the grand final which would be between the leading teams in each pool. Our first game against Baulkham Hill#2 was a shaky affair as the boys were still warming up - but they soon found their momentum and easily won. The next game against a competent Sydney Boys High was a 'cracker' and our boys really showed they can play a powerful game of volleyball. Losing the first set in a nail biting 23-25, we then opened up and finished the next set 6 points ahead. When the whistle went we had won on points. The next two games against Sefton High and St Marys Cathedral College were easier and our boys put down some exceptional plays.

At the end of the pools games we had 'won' each game based on total points for and against. We were 'undefeated'. However, a cruel twist in the rules saw our 'wins' listed as draws due to the number of outright sets won which took precedence over the total points tally. We missed out on the grand finals - which was convincingly won by Sydney Boys High. Despite this technicality, the Wycliffe Boys left knowing they were the only truly undefeated team in the U17s division and that we were a major competitive unit during this competition.

We drew respect from the other teams, made friends with the other schools along the way and had a truly fun day together.

As a lead up tournament the Wycliffe boys took a lot away from this experience. There was tremendous camaraderie between the boys with every one encouraging each other during the day and working well as a team. Our newest recruit, Daniel 'Dfaz' Fallon, experienced his first tournament at this level and hit his first 'A Quick' in competition. The team was ably led by Hugh Catchpoole who, along with our middle hitter Joel Salter, hit some absolute 'cannons' of spikes knocking over the opposition in their wake (literally). Along with our setter, Dominic Tupper, they even worked their first "A-B Combo" in competition - two quick spike runs in rapid succession. Noah Jackson has moved to being our Opposite spiker and grew into this position as the games went on, finishing the day with some confident back court work, strong blocks and a big spike. Of our other spikers, Sam Badry was solid in attack, whilst Manning Patston and Isaac Mills moved well in defense and made it difficult for the opposition with great blocks. In back court Connor Jackson and Isaac Vujevic were most consistent with their serving that lead to series of points being scored.

We should all be very proud of our Wycliffe volleyballers. Their hard work, which involves at least 2 trainings a week and much dedication to each other as a team, is starting to show itself on court with a highly competitive and skilful level of play. However, not only are we seeing Wycliffe students playing volleyball, some students are concentrating on officiating volleyball matches. At this event Sam Powell, who recently earned his District level referees badge, joined the squad solely to assist with refereeing matches during the tournament. Thanks Sam!

**Most valuable player** award goes to Dominic Tupper, whose abilities in the vital role of setter has matured and strengthened exponentially in recent months and was pivotal to raising the standard of team. **Most improved player** was Isaac Vujevic who has consolidate his strength as a back court specialist, performing some accurate passing that is foundational to good a volleyball teams attack.
Now...we prepare for our big adventure to Melbourne in December. Please continue to pray for the squad as we get ready for this major event.

Dan Catchpoole
Wycliffe Volleyball coach.

## Upcoming 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).

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Greater West BrickFest**

*Saturday 5 September 2015  10am–4pm*

Springwood Baptist Church Hall
313 Macquarie Road, Springwood NSW
$5 Entry $10 Family

**Fun for all the Family!**

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

All Proceeds To:
Destiny's Rescue
[www.destinysrescue.org](http://www.destinysrescue.org)
Enquiries: church@springwoodbaptist.org.au

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**You are invited to a delicious High Tea**

Entertainment by acclaimed harpist Jenni Sawell
and soprano Amanda (YiRu) Wang, previous winner of the Lambert Pipe Organ International Vocal Competition.

On Sunday, 13th September
2:30 to 4:30pm
Cost $35 (concession $25)

An event for both men and women in the beautiful Lower Blue Mountains. Limited numbers so please pay early to secure your place.

Details of the private event location will be given upon receipt of payment.

100% funds raised will go to support volunteer Renee Chopping, Destiny's Rescue's child-workers and to 167 girls rescued from sexual slavery in Cambodia.

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RAISING BOYS
a special evening with Steve Biddulph
Internationally renowned author - "Raising Boys: Raising Girls: The New Manhood: The Secret of Happy Children"
Monday 26 October 2015, 7:30pm
Fusion Western Sydney Youth and Community Centre
12 Carson's Lane, St Marys
Cost: $20 per person or $15 concession per person
Bookings: www.fusionwesternsydney.org.au