

SCHOOL

TALK

WEEK 7 TERM 4



Wycliffe Christian School
Celebration Concert
2017



Faithfulness springs forth from the earth
and righteousness looks down from heaven

The LORD will indeed give what is good

Psalms 85:11-12

Tuesday 12th December, 2017
7pm - 9pm (Doors open 6:45pm)
Wycliffe School Hall

Featuring Student Displays from K-12
Students are reminded to please sit with their parents



BBQ dinner & drinks available at **Cafe 133**
from 5:45pm - 6:45pm!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How fast Term 4 is flying! We are having such an amazing term with many wonderful opportunities to see the scope of so many things happening here at Wycliffe Christian School. Please take the time to have a look at the School Calendar in Skoolbag or on the School website to make sure you don't miss any of these events. We have listed them in this edition of School Talk also.

PREPARING TO WELCOME DAVID JOHNSTON AND HIS FAMILY

David Johnston, our new Principal who will start in January, has been in regular communications with myself and the Board and I cannot speak highly enough of David's capacity, wisdom, passion for Christian education and for seeing high quality teaching and learning. He and his family are preparing to move to the beautiful Blue Mountains in the next month or so and I would ask that our Wycliffe Christian School community pray for David, his wife Riley and their family as they make this significant change. They are excited about being here with us at Wycliffe and David is brimming with ideas and is keen to get to know you all.

WHERE IS GOD WHEN IT HURTS?

Our Wycliffe Christian School community was devastated to hear of the recent passing of one of our Preschool parents, Mrs Ruth Skinner. Ruth and her husband, Paul, are both ex-students of Wycliffe and known by many in our School community. Each of us grieve deeply and mourn for Paul, their three beautiful children Josiah, Amelia and Caleb, and the Skinner and Margetic families.

We struggle to understand how something like this can occur.

In sharing details of her funeral service and celebration of Ruth's life, her family have written that *she was a mother, wife, daughter, sister and friend who has touched so many of our lives through her love, devotion, stubbornness, generosity, resilience and friendship.*

We know the world is less of a place for her passing.

Our prayers and constant thoughts go out to Paul, the children, the Margetic and Skinner families as they begin to walk in the face of this deep loss. And we grieve for one another as we have lost a friend, schoolmate, colleague, church member and fellow traveller in Christ.

I am reminded of the many times Jesus walked in the

middle of painful situations, embracing the hurt and speaking into it a deep, abiding message of hope that is found in God alone. Our Christian journey does not lead us away from pain and suffering. Rather, in Christ, we have a companion who has shown us how to walk through it. With the peace of the Spirit, we do not do this on our own. God is with us. God is sufficient – in all things and at all times.

In the bible in Romans Chapter 8, Paul reminds us: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We believe that for Ruth. And we believe that for those who mourn and struggle with new realities.

Blessings always,

Kathy Pereira
Interim Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12th December** *Celebration Concert*
7.00pm
- 13th December** *K - 6 Achievement Assembly*
9.00am - 10.30am
- 7 - 10 Achievement Assembly*
12.00pm - 1.30pm

LIBRARY NEWS

 **RESOURCES**

Support your
child's learning
at home!

learningpotential.edu.au



HELPING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME

Research indicates that ongoing parental involvement in children's learning reaps benefits in many ways, including shaping positive attitudes to learning and supporting student achievement. Learning Potential Resources was developed by the Australian Government to support parents to engage in their children's education.

This parent-friendly website is free to access and provides a range of literacy and numeracy activities designed to support the Australian Curriculum for primary school children. Learning Potential Resources contains activities, tips and ideas to help parents

reinforce their children's literacy and numeracy learning outside of the classroom.

You can visit the Learning Potential Resources website www.learningpotential.edu.au on desktop, tablet or mobile devices.

BROWSE BY YEAR LEVEL BAND AND DISCOVER:

- *Everyday ideas* – simple activities for home and out and about
- *Practise together* – offline activities to reinforce literacy and numeracy skills
- *Practise online* – interactive games and videos.

REQUEST FOR A LOUNGE

The library would like to add an extra two-seater lounge for the use of the students. If there is a school family with an lounge in good condition that the no longer need, please contact Mr Cooney or Mr Turner. The school can arrange pick up and delivery of the lounge.

Mr Cooney

SCHOOL NEWS



PIANO CONCERT

The end of year piano concerts were held in the hall on the gorgeous grand piano on Saturday 18th November. Everyone had a lot of fun with their piano friends and a special mention to our older students who played so well. Thanks to the wonderful parents and friends who made up our audience.

SCHOOL NOTICES



NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2018

- All vaccines offered are **FREE** for Year 10 and 11 students.
- Consent forms will be provided to you in 2018.
- Students **will not** be vaccinated unless a completed and signed consent form **is returned** to the school.
- More information is available at:
www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

For children ages 5 – 16 (beginners to advanced). Fully supervised. Racquets are also available for hire. Lunch provided on the last day, along with prizes!

When:

- **Option 1:** Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Dec 2017 (9 - 3pm)
- **Option 2:** Mon 8th to Fri 12th Jan 2018 (9 - 3pm)
- **Option 3:** Mon 15th to Fri 19th Jan 2018 (9 - 3pm)

Where: Springwood World of Tennis, Spring Street, Springwood

For more information, or to book, please ring **4751 5383**
OR **0416 083 472**

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians at the beginning of 2018.

In 2018 the following vaccine will be offered FREE to Year 10 and 11 students:

- Meningococcal ACWY vaccine as a single dose

To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- ***return the completed consent form to their child's school as soon as possible***

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout 2018 where possible.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

- ***Ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.***
- ***A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic as a physical card.***
- ***Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.***

VIOLIN LESSONS



Mrs Painter is now taking enquiries for violin lessons at school in 2018. Primary and high school students are welcome.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact her directly to enquire about availability. Lessons currently take place on a Monday but this may change next year.

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