ENCLOSURES:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

UNIFORM
As we have moved to our new uniform I thank parents for their patience and cooperation throughout the transition period.

Our students turned heads at the local ANZAC March in April, testimony to the great overall appearance of the 150 Wycliffe representatives. The fresh and consistent look was also evident during last Thursday's School photo day. As a direct result of the upgraded uniform students have visibly grown in respect for themselves and their school.

I would like to suggest that we draw a ‘line in the sand’ at this point and put the challenges of the past months behind us, and together move forward in a positive way. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could assist the school by ensuring their son/daughter is in correct school uniform when they leave home in the morning.

Just a reminder that Back to Basics simply supply the items as defined by the School. Therefore I encourage parents to speak with me personally regarding any ongoing concerns.

RECEPTION/STUDENT SERVICES
As of next week, Monday 1st June, Reception/Student Services will be relocated upstairs in the main entry foyer to Administration.

While the current location has been found to be quite successful, it has been decided that the upstairs foyer is a more logical location, especially for parents and visitors to the School.

An office space adjacent to reception will be converted to Sick Bay. From Monday onwards all parents’ enquiries, including pick up of sick students, as well as student late arrivals and early sign outs are asked to report to the new Reception area.

CANTEEN/CAFÉ
A successful meeting was held on Wednesday morning with a number of parents expressing their interest in volunteering to help in the canteen.

In better serving families of the School, it is envisaged canteen services will be expanded in the near future, availing lunch orders to K-6 students five days a week, and allowing also over the counter purchases each recess and lunchtime. Items available for purchase will comply with the healthy canteen guidelines.
To meet this need several more volunteers are needed. A further meeting will be held next Friday 5th June in the Boardroom at 8:30am. Availability of volunteers will be discussed as well as planning for stock the canteen in readiness for the upcoming term. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please join with the team next Friday.

Peter Jamieson
Principal

COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK

This week we feature our Learning Support Coordinator, Mrs Carolyn Innes. Over many years Mrs Innes has shown great commitment to students of our school, especially for those to whom learning doesn’t come easily.

The programs she has instituted ensure that all students experience success at their own personal level.

We particularly wish Mrs Innes and husband to be, Cliff Letcher, Christ’s blessings for their upcoming wedding, this Saturday. Cliff has been heavily involved in, and serves as Director of, Aboriginal Inland Mission, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Australia. Mrs Innes will be on leave throughout Term 3 as she accompanies Cliff on his ministry trips in the Northern Territory.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AND HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

FAREWELL TO STAFF

Last week was the final week at Wycliffe for Mr Rob Dove from our Science department. Rob has worked as a Lab assistant for a number of years – providing wonderful support to Science teachers and consequently students, with his high quality preparation of equipment, solutions and material for practical lessons. He has also maintained the equipment in the Science labs, with rigorous stock control and safe storage and handling of chemicals.

His skill, excellent knowledge and diligence will be sadly missed. We continue to support him in prayer.

After many years of service in our accounts department, we also say farewell to Mrs Stephanie Mackenzie. Stephanie has quietly and solidly worked, managing orders and payment of invoices among other things. We have watched her two boys grow as they went through their schooling at Wycliffe, valued her friendship and shared her joy as she became a Grandmother. We trust that God will continue to bless Stephanie, as she has blessed us with her service and pray that this next phase in her life will be interesting and fulfilling.

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DATE CLAIMER FOR K-6 PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND FAMILY FRIENDS.

All are invited to come along and share a picnic lunch, followed by a gardening extravaganza as we put plants in gardens around the Primary classrooms to celebrate the wonderful environment we are blessed with, to practise good stewardship and just to have fun getting our hands dirty.

Mark this date in your diary and join us if you can:

June 18th at 12:30 pm.

This will be a ‘Green’ Mufti day for children with a gold coin donation to help pay for plants and equipment.

DESTINY RESCUE – MAKE A STAND

Once again, Wycliffe students have shown a tremendous commitment to raise money for Destiny Rescue, by Making a Stand on Friday. Their enthusiasm for this cause is commendable and reflects the school’s vision to “Encourage Thoughtful Action” Look for a full report in School Talk next week.

PRESCHOOL PHOTO DAY

On Thursday our pre-schoolers had their Photo Day. The patience and skill of the photographers as they caught beautiful smiles amongst the cheesy grimaces that some little ones consider ‘their best smile’ was admirable and their ‘cat wrangling’ expertise as they gathered together about 25 plus fidgeting bodies for a group photo was nothing short of amazing! In the midst of this hive of activity there was still time for some serious tower building.

Coral Edwards
Deputy Principal/Head of Junior School

SCHOOL NOTICES

Make A Stand is your opportunity to stand up and say NO to children being sold into slavery! Will YOU stand with us?
Make A Stand is an easy, yet rewarding fundraising campaign that gives schools and youth ministries the opportunity to physically stand up against child slavery and actively make a difference in the lives of the vulnerable and enslaved worldwide!

Students stand up for the desired amount of time and get others to sponsor you while you ‘MAKE A STAND’ against child trafficking.

Wycliffe Christian School will be making their stand on Friday, May 29th. All funds through this stand will help support the rescue, care and prevention of young children trapped in modern-day slavery. You can support our students making stand for the next few weeks by going to


and sponsoring one or more of our Wycliffe students. The Everyday Hero page will stay active for 2 weeks.

Daniel Zanardo

HSIE/Languages

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE TURNS SEVENTY**

May 12th was the seventieth anniversary of the first Thomas the Tank Engine book. Entitled, *The Three Railway Engines*, it was followed by twenty-five more Railway Series books, written by the Reverend Wilbert Awdry. Wilbert had grown up listening to the different sounds and “personalities” of steam engines travelling through his village station and his love of trains continued as an adult. So it was perhaps no surprise that steam engines were the subject of stories that he began to make up to entertain his young son, Christopher, when he was bed-ridden with measles. The following Christmas, Christopher received a model steam engine, hand-made by his father, painted blue and inscribed with the gold number 1, although Edward, Gordon and Henry had featured in the previous stories. Not long after, Christopher asked if his father if he could tell him a story about his engine. His father replied, “Yes, I can make up a story, but before I do, it has to have a name. Why don’t we call it Thomas the Tank Engine?”

The path from bedside story to bestseller involves Awdry’s wife, Margaret, and perseverance worthy of Thomas himself, to have a children’s book published in war-time Britain but the stories about anthropomorphised engines proved an almost instant hit, decades before their incarnation in animated form. As a Christian, Awdry was unashamed about the moral message of his stories, often pointing out the parallels between the Christian faith and the rules of the railway. “Like man, trains must follow a straight and narrow path”, he told his biographer Brian Sibley; “If they go off the rails they will pay the price”.

While some modern critics and parents ponder at the appeal of such morality tales, featuring old-fashioned trains and a controlling patriarchal figure, it is the message of humility, kindness and community that continues to resonate with children as they build their understanding of the world and their place within it. It is an important message for grownups as well. Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3-4)

Thus, the Railway Series stories follow a familiar gospel pattern. The character at the centre of the story would face a problem or get into trouble, usually due to selfishness, pride or disobedience; a lesson would be learnt, the issue would be resolved through a display of friendship, faithfulness and responsibility; and the engine would then be forgiven by the Fat Controller and given another opportunity to become a ‘really useful engine’.

Mr Cooney
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

YEAR 11 2016 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Senior College Blog site now has information to assist students and parents in understanding the requirements of the HSC as well as information on subjects and programs of study for students commencing Year 11 in 2016.

The website can be found at:
http://wycliffejuniorcollege.edublogs.org

You will need to log on with the password wsc2014

On this site you will find:

- A powerpoint presentation outlining the structure and requirements of the HSC.
- A Booklet of general information.
- Information on courses.
- A copy of the Initial Survey form.
- A forum to post your questions.

Students will obtain hard copies of the documents during their Year 10 program session on Wednesday 3rd June.

I believe the forum can be a powerful tool in addressing questions in a timely manner and developing an understanding of common issues and concerns.

This will be the beginning of a consultative period between students, parents and teachers leading up to our “Course Market” for Year 11, details as follows:

DATE: Wednesday 10th June 2015
TIME: 3.30pm to 6.00pm
VENUE: The Library, Wycliffe Christian School

The purpose of this afternoon is to provide both parents and students with the opportunity to speak with teaching staff about courses that are of interest to them for 2016-17.

Based on the initial survey, a final subject choice form will be distributed to students in early Term 3.

OUT OF THE GREEN

This term we are learning about our environment in Biology. Study of the organisms in harmonious relationship with the environment, reflects God’s amazing creation. Genesis 1:11 –“Then God said,” let the land produce vegetation, seed bearing in it according to their various kinds” and so it was so”. It has become evident to us that everything has been designed and cared for by a wonderful and loving Creator. We need to protect our environment, which sustains us by taking care of the plants and animals around our area.

Photos taken by us during our walk to the bush near the school oval.

Students of Year 11 Biology
SPORT NEWS

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

PRIMARY GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY 2015

On the 25th May 2015, the Primary Girls Soccer Team represented the school at the Primary Girls Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park, Penrith. In beautiful conditions, the girls were scheduled to play 3 games of soccer against different Christian schools from around the region. After an initial postponement, and a lot of training sessions it was great to be able to finally put the training into application.

The first game was against Tyndale. The team applied pressure from the beginning, Sarah Mitchell tackling from the front and creating instant problems for the opposition. Ella Edwards was also influential early on, providing opportunities down the wing. Lydia Hubbard’s ability to read the game and her natural ability to win the ball proved the difference in the game when she was able to kick the ball over Tyndale’s goalkeeper for a goal. In the second half, Tyndale were a lot more aggressive and the ball spent a bit more time in Wycliffe’s defensive half. Amelia Dobson and Molly Gee in defence, along with Emilee Schatzman in goal prevented them from making a difference on the scoreboard, the game ending in a Wycliffe win.
The second game was against Charlton. The previous game’s experience really helped the team learn how to work together as their passes improved markedly. Esther McGregor, Mhikaela Mitchell and Giorgia Cogno in defence were able to prevent the Charlton attackers from making any strong shots on goalkeeper Ella Edwards. Down the other end of the field, some fancy passing from Lydia Hubbard and Sarah Mitchell allowed Amelia Dobson to score a goal. In the second half, Rose Lovett’s positioning on the wing and her enthusiasm with throw-ins spurred the girls to continue to keep Charlton’s attack at bay and provide more scoring opportunities, the game finishing with another 1-0 win to Wycliffe.

In the third game, Wycliffe faced a bit more talented opposition from Oxford Falls, who pressed the girls’ defence. Chloe Welsman and Emilee Schatzman both worked hard, although it was Amelia Dobson who put her body on the line in goal to prevent a lot of strong scoring shots from hitting their mark. Rallying highlights from Eloise Sargent, Sarah Mitchell and Eleanor Maddock proved to the team that Wycliffe’s passing game could still shine against any opposition. Even though the game finished with Oxford Falls winning on corners, the team from Wycliffe had proven a worthy force to be reckoned with.

The team’s performance was good enough to get them into the quarter finals for the first time in many years in this competition. This time, Wycliffe faced Pacific Hills in a much more even affair. Olivia Greenaway proved to be an excellent player on the wings, often beating the opposition to the ball. After a tight and level contest, the team tried some calculated risks, swapping a few key positions in order to provide more scoring opportunities. Eloise Sargent and Molly Gee both proved invaluable in defence during these times. In the end Wycliffe were simply unlucky, losing the game on a count of goal-kicks – 2-1.

Proud with their efforts of being able to out-pass the opposition and keep a completely clean sheet in terms of goals scored against them, the Primary Girls Soccer Team can hold their heads high for their achievements.
### Upcoming Events

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

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