I wonder how many parents can remember the first book they ever received. I certainly do, and my first book was, ‘Go Dog Go’, by the renowned author of children’s literature, Dr Seuss.

Children today enjoy far greater access to books than previous generations. Not only are books far more affordable and easily obtained, but there has been a much greater emphasis on the importance of reading in child development.

Reading to, and with, your child empowers their academic development. Following are some reason why reading to your child is important:

• It fosters a stronger relationship between children and their parents.

• Studies have shown that children who are exposed to reading before preschool are more likely to do well in all facets of education.

• Children are introduced to the basics of how to read.

• Language development is enhanced

• Develops logical thinking skills.

• Enhances concentration and discipline.

• Children learn that reading is fun.

Over this week activities celebrating Book Week will take place across the school, especially K-6. There will be the traditional Book Week character Parade, a Book fair, and a special performance by an educational theatre group. The premier event of the week will be our K-6 Grandparents’ (and other special peoples’) day on Wednesday.

To the left are a number of this year’s prize winning books that have recently been purchased for the library.

AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES WITH MR J

Back by popular demand K-6 students are invited to join Mr Jamieson for an Afternoon at the Movies on Tuesday 20th September.

Glenbrook Cinema has been booked for a special
Wycliffe screening of the recent release, ‘The Secret Life of Pets’. Parents should drop their child/ren at the theatre at 4:00pm, ready for the movie that will commence at 4:15pm sharp. As there is a public session immediately following our screening the theatre has asked students not to bring food or drinks, and the cinema kiosk will be closed.

Can I encourage parents to gather at one of the many coffee shops in Glenbrook, and enjoy a chat over a coffee, while Mr Jamieson and staff look after the kids.

The cost will be $10 per child. Further booking details will be sent home with students in the very near future. For a preview visit: https://youtu.be/i-80SGWfEjM

SPEED LIMIT IN RICKARD ROAD

A reminder that the local vehicular speed limit is 50km/h. I would ask parents to abide by this, especially when driving along Rickard Road, not only for the safety of Wycliffe students, but all residents and children of the local community.

COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEEK

This week we feature Grace Blackwood of 5/6M. Grace is a gifted athlete and has represented the school across many different sports including State and Cis Cross Country, Zone Athletics, Soccer, Cricket and Netball.

Grace has a passion for Basketball and is also a member of our Wycliffe U15’s Girls Basketball team. This love for the game, coupled with a desire to improve her skills, has seen Grace participate in many different Basketball teams leading to her representation for Penrith Panthers in the Waratah Junior Metro League U12s competition.

Grace sets a fine example of someone who is willing to build on her God-given gifts and her hard work is definitely worthy of recognition.

Peter Jamieson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC COMMEMORATION

On Monday 15th August, a group of ten Year 10 students attended the annual Victory in the Pacific Commemoration at Springwood War Memorial. Erin Johnson and Ruby-Jean Lewis led the prayer and benediction, respectively, while Charlotte McCalland, Jessica Murray and Katrina Smith raised the flags during the playing of Reveille. Eli Bamber, Josiah Hill, Erin Lewis, David Padgett and Sam Porritt acted as ushers.

All students were worthy representatives of Wycliffe Christian School and it was a valuable opportunity for them to connect with Australia’s military service history. As Wing Commander Julie Canterbury from the RAAF noted in her address, World War Two was very much the defining event in the lives of a generation of Australian men and women; the traditions of military service and sacrifice have, of course, continued to this present day.

We are grateful to Mr Jim McKinnon, President of the Springwood R.S.L. Sub-Branch, for inviting our students to participate. Mr McKinnon passed on to the Wycliffe Library two books which were presented at the ceremony. These books, James Holland’s Burma ’44: The Battle That Turned Britain’s War in the East and Eugene Stockton’s Blue Mountains Dreaming, will be much valued additions to the Library’s collection.

And, very sincere thanks to Mr Ian Post for transporting the students so graciously to and from the Ceremony.

Anne Commerford

LIBRARY NEWS

REFLECTING THROUGH STORY

Good stories have an ability to help the reader see themselves and to consider their attitudes and actions within a fictional context. Amongst the short-listed books for Book Week this year are a number of books that challenge students to think about how they deal with difference, with emotions and with play.

For fussy eaters, there is Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas, in which the character Brian finds that his fondness for fruit and vegetables is not shared or understood by his friends. Will he succumb to the pressure to be like everyone else or will his different tastes transform the thinking of those around him?

In Mr Huff, a young boy named Bill finds that negativity can be a burdensome thing and that our outlook on life can transform even the greyest day. In New Pet, Cleo finds her own solution to the problem of finding a suitable pet. While Perfect reminds the reader that there are simple pleasures to be enjoyed in God’s creation that don’t require parents or technology.
BOOK WEEK: AUSTRALIA - STORY COUNTRY

Just a reminder for parents and carers that the main activities for the week will take place on Thursday September 1st. There will be a special K-6 assembly in period 4. This will include a Book Character Parade, for which the students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. After lunch, there will be a special drama performance entitled, “Fair Dinkum”, presented by the Perform! Education theatre group. Parents are welcome to attend one or both of these events. Both will be held in the expanded classroom space in B1 to B3.

Mr Cooney

SPORT

CSSA PRIMARY STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 19th August, 18 Wycliffe students made the journey down to Blacktown International Sports Park to represent the School in the State Athletics Carnival. Connor Edwards was very busy throughout the day and will be continuing onto CIS in three of his six events. Other highlights included Ronnie Morgans coming 2nd in the 400m heat with Rowan Brischetto close behind in 4th, Lydia Hubbard placing 4th in Turbo Javelin, Dakota Smith achieving 3rd in Discuss and 5th in Shot Put, and Ivory Osbourne sprinting to 4th in her 100m heat.

Overall it was a very positive day with all students giving an excellent effort in their events and displaying wonderful team spirit as they encouraged and showed great interest in each other’s events. Thank you to the parents for attending and helping out through the day.

Congratulations to both Connor Edwards and Dakota Smith who will be representing the School and CSSA at the CIS Athletics Championships. Connor will be competing in the 100m, 200m and Long jump. Dakota will be competing in the discus

Please note that the school has still not received the overall results and age champion winners from the Primary Zone Athletics Carnival.

Peter Brealey

CALCULATORS - YEARS 7 TO 12

Wycliffe Christian School students in Years 7 to 12 require the use of scientific calculators in Mathematics lessons. A good scientific calculator has the potential to enhance the understanding of concepts as well as improve student orientation toward the subject.

The Mathematics Department recommends students to have the CASIO FX-82AU PLUS calculator to aid in consistency within the teaching and learning of the content, and is the calculator used to show processes and demonstrate functions by the teacher in class.

In recent times, some students who have indicated that they do not have an approved scientific calculator. We would ask that you ensure that your child has an approved scientific calculator by the end of Week 7 Term 3. A limited number of CASIO FX-82AU PLUS calculators are available from the School Reception for $20 each; payment by cash or credit card.

Mr Andrew Manuel
Head of Mathematics

BOOK WEEK FAIR

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY - HSC STUDY SESSIONS

26 SEPTEMBER - 7 OCTOBER, 2016
PENRITH AND LITHGOW CAMPUSES

Western Sydney University will be offering free HSC study sessions for students in Year 12 in the upcoming 2016 September school holidays. These study sessions
have been developed to help students maximise their academic performance in the HSC. All sessions are facilitated by leading HSC teachers, teachers with HSC marking experience and our academic staff.

Each session is designed to aid students with boosting exam scores, optimising exam responses, and improving study skills and techniques.

In each study session, students will:

- Review mandatory syllabus content
- Receive concise explanations and workshop resources
- Participate in discussions and question time
- Learn examination techniques and preparation skills

Students will also have the opportunity to speak with our current staff and students, and learn more about life at the Western Sydney University, as well as ask any questions about getting to university.

**Study Sessions Timetable:** [http://goo.gl/K1ltPB](http://goo.gl/K1ltPB)

**Registration:** [http://goo.gl/roRf81](http://goo.gl/roRf81)

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**UNIVERSITIES ADMISSION CENTRE INFORMATION AND TERTIARY PROVIDERS**

During our Years 10 to 12 Assembly last Thursday I explained to our Year 12 students the three major schemes available on UAC’s website to support students:

- The Educational Access Scheme,
- The Principal’s Recommendation Scheme,
- Equity Scholarships.

Our students have been encouraged to look at these opportunities and come and speak to me should they require assistance or clarification regarding the application process. Although The Educational Access Scheme is a student, not cool based application, it does require a supporting statement from the school and as such, should a student need this it is important to request this as soon as possible.

Last Wednesday, a representative from The University of Notre Dame was in attendance at school and our students had an opportunity to speak directly with her regarding enrolment, scholarships and courses at this university. Notre Dame uses direct application, not UAC. Representatives from the private provider Bedford College and Western Sydney University have also visited, allowing students to speak personally to them about a range of matters. All visitors are asked to speak in more general terms about post school options, as opposed to just their institution. NSW TAFE will also visit to speak with interested students. These are great opportunities for our students to hear about options post school in an informal situation.

*Julie Pickworth*
*Careers Co-ordinator*