From the Head of Junior School

Just like power drills and drop saws and angle grinders and other tools of mass destruction, I’ve always had a slight fascination with guns. Don’t own any! Probably couldn’t load one! And wouldn’t know how to use them (much like the tools), but there certainly is a link between their raw power and my gender. I’m not alone.

There was an audible rapture that rippled through the assembly when the first image of the film clip we were viewing was shown. The image was a *machine gun*. It ripped into life with raged power and volume. Something primordial stirred in perhaps every male present.

The occasion was the launch of our fundraising vision for 2014. Last year we raised just over $4000 to provide the funds to build toilets in a church in Nairobi. Immensely satisfying! This year we hope to support one of our very own families as they seek to establish a ministry in South East Asia (the family name will be withheld due to the sensitivity of these issues).

The gun in question, we soon found, was not nearly as charming as first thought. See, it was being wielded by a child, perhaps nine years old, and in an instant our masculine fantasies were restrained. Over 100 000 kids are carrying guns in the drug cartels and armies of Asia. Orphaned, abandoned, abused and enslaved, these kids - as young as Year 3 - are trained to kill. They are child soldiers.

Back in 2012, you may remember a fundraising venture that Junior School undertook. Our goal was to raise enough money to enable Ai Niaan, a young boy with a cleft palate, to have the required operation to mend this deformity. The venture was a success, so successful that one of the warring militias in Burma fancied his newly enhanced physical condition and kidnapped the young lad, forcing him into the army. The images of boys and girls wielding AK 47’s that featured in the film clip hauntingly hit home as we imagined Ai Niaan - *our little fella* - being forced into this very same situation. The family relate the story with tears. We understood.

Still, Ai Niaan’s story is not the only story. It is not the last word. Enter Amy. Like Ai Niaan, Amy was forced into one of the warring Burmese factions as a young girl. At the age of 15, she somehow managed to escape the clutches of her troop and by God’s providence came across our family. With words of love, actions of mercy and a message of hope, Amy’s life has been upended. She now lives in freedom and works in safety, taking her role in the family of God as a Sunday School teacher. Imagine that! Imagine that!

And this, without question is the vision our family have for the children of the Shan province in Burma. Strategically positioned, they hope to reach, rescue and restore these kids. Lots of them. As soon as possible ... perhaps even Ai Niaan. Imagine that!

This year, the Junior School are determined to raise $4000 to assist the work of this family. The exchange rate will work wonders on this sum. Already suggestions from students and staff are flooding in about possible ways and means. Who knows what will turn up? So, for the remainder of the year, when we ask for *Alms to Disarm*, please forgive our persistence and please feel free to dig a little deeper.

From the Prayer Group

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16 (NIV)*

For Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for His love and gift of life through Jesus
- Pray for Year 11 and 12 exams
- Pray for the Working Bee
- Pray for the Year 7 – 10 camps
- Pray for Junior School Parent/Teacher interviews

*Please join with us in prayer—*

Thursdays 9.00-9.30am in K6.

Email the Prayer Group at: prayergroup@covenant.nsw.edu.au

Winter School Uniform Term 2

Reminder to purchase any items necessary before the end of term.
The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 28 April from 2.00-3.00pm.

Term 2 starts on Tuesday 29 April for students.

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NB - The clip we were watching can be found at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezYtb1PCAeg
Please note: Some may find this a little disturbing … we did.

Wayne Morton

Andrew’s Angle

Collaroy/Cromer & Seaforth/Balgowlah Charter Bus Service - Term 2

The good news is that the charter bus service to Collaroy/Cromer and Seaforth/Balgowlah will continue to run for Term 2. It is important to mention that without more parent support, the service is unfortunately not viable. Thank you to all those families who have provided feedback. We understand the additional financial cost the service is to you and we too, like you, wish the State Government would provide a service for free. However, despite requests and letters over many years it is still unlikely.

The service will continue to have a per term charge of $280 return or $150 one way per student (approximate cost = less than a cost of cappuccino each way). This service is significantly subsidised by the school to make it more affordable for families who live in the area. The bus is fully air conditioned and belted. Students will be dropped off and picked up inside the school gate. The bus will also have Covenant Christian School signage for ease of identification. To book simply click on the Trybooking link http://www.trybooking.com/DZNK.

Some families have expressed that it would be helpful on occasions to have flexibility to use the service. While this approach does not greatly help the viability of the service we are happy to offer this option for Term 2. If you would like to make use of this facility, go to http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/update-collaroy-cromer-seafort-balgowlah-charter-bus-service for details.

Please note that the Collaroy/Cromer route and schedule has been amended for Term 2 in an attempt to make the service relevant to more potential families (commencing and ending at Dee Why). See the above link.

Canteen Closed Last Day of Term and Café Covie Closed Week 11 (Last Week of Term)

Please note that the Canteen will be closed on the last day of term (11 April). Café Covie will be closed in Week 11 (7-11 April) as key staff are away serving on Secondary camps that week. However, please be assured it will be back five days a week from the commencement of Term 2. Thank you for your patronage.

Mr Andrew Lowry, Business Manager

Careers News

This week in Career News we have a focus on the opportunities available at private colleges in the coming months:

ACPE Academy Open Day
Sunday 13 April, 9.45am-12.00pm, ACPE Campus, Olympic Park. Listen to industry speakers, participate in a range of activities and learn about a potential career in fitness, sports massage and management. See http://www.acpeareademy.edu.au/about-the-academy

CATC Design School: Information Evening
Tuesday 29 April, 6.00-8.00pm, 1-5 Hickson Road, The Rocks. Find out about studying graphic design, interior design and photography at CATC Design School. Contact: 1300 661 111 or enquiries@catc.edu.au, http://www.catc.edu.au/events/open-days-and-open-nights/sydney-events/information-evening-tuesday-29th-april-2014

Jansen Newman Institute Career Discovery Day
Saturday 3 May, 10.00am – 1.00pm, 235 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont. Learn about a career in counselling, psychotherapy or community service. See http://www.jni.edu.au/about-us/jni-career-discovery-day.

Billy Blue Career Discovery Day
Saturday 3 May, 10.00am-1.30pm, 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney. Explore study options and creative industries career pathways in an interactive environment. Contact: 1300 851 245 or info@billyblue.edu.au.

College of Event Management Information Session
Friday 16 May, 6.30pm, Level 9, 28 Foveaux Street Surry Hills. Contact: 1300 725 846

Café Covie - Open every day 8.30 -11.30am
School Canteen - Open Monday and Friday. Order online www.munchmonitor.com
CCS Uniform Shop - Open Monday 2.00-2.45pm and Wednesday 8.00-9.00am (ph: 9450 2696)
Athletics Training - Term 2
Athletics training (sprints, jumps and middle/long distance) will be held in Term 2 for all interested students from Years 2-12. Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 May, 3.45-5.00pm at the Narrabeen Athletics Track. Cost: $10 per week.

If interested, please collect a note from the school office or Miss Hammond.

Biggest Morning Tea and Mother’s Day Stall
*Wednesday 7 May.* This year we are holding our Biggest Morning Tea early so we can celebrate all Mothers with our Mother’s Day Stalls. Please put the date in your diary now.

Run in a similar way to the Christmas Markets, there will be stalls in the Colosseum plus Café Covie will be open in K Block. Junior School children will have the chance to visit the stalls with their class during the morning and Secondary School students will be able to choose a gift for their mum during recess or (for Years 11 and 12) free periods.

There will be items on sale from $5 so there will be something for every Mum, Grandma, Aunt and Godmother. More information will be in this newsletter as we confirm stall holders. If you would like to be a stall holder please contact Jaycie Wood at velocitysurf@gmail.com. All proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Council. *We look forward to seeing you there.*

Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 8 April—3.20-8.30pm and Wednesday 9 April—3.20-6.00pm, in the K Block Performance Space.

Bookings will close at 1pm on Tuesday. Bookings to see specialist teachers Mrs Butler, Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Stuckings can be made by calling the school office. To see more information and booking instructions, please go to the link below.


What’s New on the Blog Site?
Musica Viva Perform to Infants Children
‘Yo manymak’ is the Yolongu phrase for ‘very good’ and it perfectly sums up the Musica Viva performance by Datiwuy Dreaming, a group of Aboriginal singers, musicians and dancers from Elcho Island, above Arnhem Land and the NAISDA dance academy.

The students heard yidakis (didgeridoos) and bilmas (clapping sticks) … The performance opened up and made accessible this rich, traditional Aboriginal culture. It was enjoyable and enriching and the children were abuzz as they left at the end.

See the whole article and lots of photos at http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/aboriginal-culture-shared-through-musica-viva-performance

New Blog Posts to Visit
**Year 10 Student Afternoon Tea**
Friday 4 April from 3.15pm to 4.30pm in the foyer of K Block (next to the performance space).

**Mother’s Day Breakfast**
Date for your diary—Friday 9 May. See blog post address on page 3 for an article about this event.

**Letters to Parents**
Some may not have been distributed yet.

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If you did not receive a letter relevant to your child, please ask your child to collect a copy from their teacher or go to [http://tinyurl.com/CCSNotes](http://tinyurl.com/CCSNotes).

**Middle Section Tests & Assignments**
Here are tests and assignments given to the students which are due a week or more from the issue date. This will assist students and parents in planning their work load.

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**Community Notices**
(The school cannot necessarily make careful assessments of the quality or integrity of all of the services or events advertised in the newsletter. The Board welcomes feedback from members of the school community about the organisations which receive promotion. Comments should be in writing, addressed to the Board, and will be treated confidentially.)

- **Accommodation Needed**
  A Church planting family has need of accommodation from June 2014. If you know of any reasonably priced housing for a family with three children on Nthn Beaches, call Daniel on 0412 089 220.

- **RAGEOUS Camp Apr 14-16**
  With Cityview Church Youth at Stanwell Tops – 3 days of extreme games and activities. All high school kids welcome. $245 or multiple rego discounts. Ph Tim Walter 0408 069 462.

- **Are You Cyber Savvy**
  Tuesday 29 April, 7-9.30pm at Oxford Falls Grammar. Info: 9964 2681. Free but bookings essential on [youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au).

- **Soccer & Rugby Camps**
  Boys & Girls, 5-15 yrs, 9am-3pm. [www.starsportscamps.com](http://www.starsportscamps.com) or 9981 3472.

- **Go4Fun**

- **Football Factory Holiday Camps**

- **Kids in the Park**

- **Rotary Easter Egg Hunt**
  Sat 19/4, 10am-12pm, Davidson Rural Fire Brigade, Cnr Kambora Ave & Borgrnis St. Children 12 yrs & under. Gold coin donation for Lindt Easter egg hunt, plus coffee & tea, sausage sizzle, bacon & egg roll for sale.

- **Budding Builders Holiday Camps**

**What’s Coming Up!**

**Thursday 3 April**
School Tour (9.15am)

**Friday 4 April**
Year 10 Student Afternoon Tea

**Thursday 3 to Friday 11 April**
Year 11/12 Exams

**Saturday 5 April**
Covie Working Bee

**Monday 7 to Friday 11 April**
Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Friday 11 April**
Last day of Term 1

**Tuesday 29 April**
First day of Term 2

**Tuesday 6 May**
School Cross Country Carnival

**Wednesday 7 May**
Biggest Morning Tea & Mother’s Day Stalls

**Friday 9 May**
Mother’s Day Breakfast

**Monday 12 May**
Year 11/12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May**
Year 3, 5, 7, 9 NAPLAN Testing

**Tuesday 20 May**
ICAS Computer Skills Competition

**Monday 2 June**
School Photo Day

**Term Dates for 2015**
Term 1 – Tue 27 Jan – Thu 2 Apr
Term 2 – Tue 21 Apr – Fri 26 Jun
Term 3 – Mon 20 Jul – Fri 18 Sep
Term 4 – Tue 6 Oct – Thu 3 Dec

**This Week’s Quizzle**

**THE SKIES**
CAST

Answer to the last Quizzle

**TOP GEAR**

**Keep up to date**