From the Deputy Principal

Welcome back! Secondary School started well last week with students settling in to work quickly and new students being made welcome. We have many new students in secondary in 2014 as most years are now four streamed. I pray that this positive start will continue and that all students will enjoy and benefit from their time at Covenant.

It is very exciting that, from this week, we have been able to use the newly refurbished rooms on the ground floor in E block. Last Friday some willing student helpers carried chairs and desks from the T block to the new rooms. Although the second storey is still under construction, we have access to downstairs. These rooms have been repainted and carpeted and, with fresh ceilings and access, are certainly greatly improved. Further improvements are on the way.

By next term, the whole building will be complete and we will be able to enjoy four additional classrooms and a large staffroom area as well as two meeting rooms. This will be a great blessing and will enable more flexibility in rooming. In addition, the former Junior Library has now become a Research Library, a space for classes or individuals. It is an inviting area, bright and open like the rest of the library.

Next week, on Monday 10 February, there will be a Secondary Information Evening. This will be an important time to meet key people such as Pastoral Care Coordinators and Home Class teachers as well as some subject teachers and other parents. Information about the camp program will be given and some year specific details. The evening will start at 7.00pm. A note will come home this week. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Chris O’Sullivan

Andrew’s Angle

Working Bee - Note for your diary
Saturday 15 February - 8.00am to 12.00noon. A great opportunity to help the school and meet other members of the school community. We will be helping prepare for the new secondary student play and terrace seating area, amongst other things.

Dropping Students at Dell Street Turning Circle
Please only use the Dell Street turning circle for students who are independent enough to get out of the car on their own. If you need to assist them with bags then please park in a car spot and bring them down to the school gate. This ensures that the turning circle process works smoothly and efficiently for all.

Please Pay Fees
Thank you to all the families who have paid school fees on time. This is greatly appreciated. A reminder that if you have not yet to paid, Term 1 fees are now overdue. It greatly helps the school financially if fees are paid on time. In the near future a $75 reminder fee letter will be sent to those families who have not made payment or alternatively contacted me regarding your fee payment schedule.

From the Prayer Group

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

For Prayer and Praise

• Praise God He is loving and merciful, and that He offers us eternal life through His son, Jesus.
• Pray for Mr Rusin and the Executive team, and the school Board, that they will faithfully seek God’s will and His wisdom as they lead our school.
• Pray that students will display God’s love in class and in the playground.
• Pray for Year 10 Yarrabah Kids Games Training

Please join with us in prayer –
Thursdays 9.00-9.30am in K6.
Email the Prayer Group at:
prayergroup@covenant.nsw.edu.au

Secondary Information Evening

Monday 10 February 2014
7.00pm in the school hall
An email will be sent home today or tomorrow giving sessions details

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Vision: Our desire is to be part of God’s plan to unite all things in heaven and on earth under the lordship of Jesus Christ, by...

Mission: ...assisting parents in the nurture of their children by providing a Christ-centred, biblically grounded, culturally engaging and academically rigorous education which equips children to live for God’s glory.
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Andrew’s Angle (cont’d)

Canteen Helpers Required
Canteen is a great way to gain PIP hours. Canteen will only operate if it is supported by the community. Please contact Mrs Gail Ecob, Canteen Manager, on 0415 512 391 if you can help.

Mr Andrew Lowry, Business Manager

The Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an initiative of the NSW State government which aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Challenge runs from 1 March until 1 September 2014, and is divided into four groups: Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3-4, Years 5-6 and Years 7-9. The readathon will be promoted and explained in the Junior School Library. For more details of the challenge, please refer to the website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge or pick up information from the Library.

Students who wish to participate must write their name and class on a list found in the Junior School Library by **Thursday 20 February 2014**. The school will then register the students in the Challenge if they haven’t already registered online.

Students who complete the Challenge for four years will receive a Gold Award. Students who have participated for seven years receive a Platinum Award. Students who complete the Challenge each year from Year 3 to Year 9 inclusive receive a PRC medal.

Mrs Robyn Watson, Junior School Teacher Librarian

PIP Help Needed
If you are interested in going on the roster to help photocopy our weekly school newsletter, please contact Ms Del Hayman in the school office. This is done on Wednesdays, from 9.15 to around 10.45am.

Student Asthma & Emergency Forms
If your child suffers from asthma (mild, moderate or severe), please fill in a Student Asthma Record form for 2014. These are to be updated annually. Forms are available at the upcoming student information evenings, the office and on the website. Please also complete and return your child/ren’s emergency form to the school office as soon as possible if you have not already done so. This contains vital medical information in the case of an emergency as well as necessary contact details.

**Careers News**

**The Difference between a Traineeship & an Apprenticeship**

**Coco Republic Design School: Information Evening**
Tuesday 11 February, 6.00-7.00pm, Coco Republic Design Centre, 24 O’Riordan Street, Alexandria. The evening will consist of a tour of the facilities, information about studying interior design and a chance to talk with students and alumni about the right course for you. RSVP to [designschool@cocorepublic.com.au](mailto:designschool@cocorepublic.com.au). See [http://www.cocorepublic.com.au/design-school](http://www.cocorepublic.com.au/design-school)

**Australian College of Applied Psychology Information Session**
Wednesday 19 March, 6.00pm, Level 5, 11 York Street, Sydney. Find out about the courses on offer at the ACAP, take a tour of the campus, and speak to staff and students about student life and studying at ACAP. See [http://www.acap.edu.au/events-container/information-sessions-and-open-days/](http://www.acap.edu.au/events-container/information-sessions-and-open-days/)

**UMAT Registration Reminder** (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test)
UMAT is used specifically to help with the selection of students into medicine, dentistry and some health science degree programs at undergraduate level. Please check requirements for specific courses as they vary at different universities. See link for details: [http://umat.acer.edu.au/universities](http://umat.acer.edu.au/universities). Students intending to apply for a course that requires a UMAT in 2015 are reminded that registration opened in December 2013 and won’t close until 6 June 2014 at 5.00pm AEST. Students will sit the UMAT exam on 30 July 2014. See [http://umat.acer.edu.au/](http://umat.acer.edu.au/)

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**Café Covie** - Open every day 8.30 - 11.30am

**School Canteen** - Open Monday and Friday. Order online [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)

**CCS Uniform Shop** - Open Monday 2.00-2.45pm and Wednesday 8.00-9.00am (ph: 9450 2696)
What’s New on the Blog Site?

Yarrabah Visit to Covenant

In December 2013, a group of 11 Aboriginal youth and leaders from Yarrabah came to Sydney for eight days, staying at Covenant and enjoying a range of activities with some of our students, families and ex-students.

Activities included a day in the city, a night with Soul Survivor, visiting the Manly Sea Eagles at training, learning to surf at Palm Beach, the Bible Garden and lunch at Dee Why Beach. Other activities were a trip to Koorong Books, church and Christmas lights in Davidson, the Mall and climbing Camp Kedron’s hill to the cross. We had an especially blessed time at the Saturday night pizza, prayer and share time and the final night where we exchanged Christmas gifts, tried some cultural dancing and sent them off with a benediction song and special time of prayer.

During the week, God united us through the activities we enjoyed, plus chatting, times of prayer and games of basketball. It was a blessed time of encouraging each other in our faith, sharing about God and getting to know each other better.

It was wonderful to have some Covenant families involved in different ways during the week. Thanks so much to those who provided bedding and/or cooked meals and/or transported people around. It couldn’t have happened without such support. The families, students and ex-students who made the effort to spend time with the group from Yarrabah meant a lot to them. So thank you to everyone who contributed or helped in some way.

We praise God for the great time of blessing and fellowship with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters in Christ.


PeaceWise Hub Launch


Covie Umbrellas for Sale

Umbrellas with Covenant logo are now available for sale through the Uniform Shop. These good quality, large 120cm diametre, golf style umbrellas are a ‘Typhoon’ design. The top vent reduces the likelihood of it turning inside out in gusts of wind. The automatic push button mechanism makes it easier to put up in a hurry. A fibreglass frame gives some flexibility and the sleeve is handy for storage.

Parents, staff and students are welcome to purchase them from the Uniform Shop for $35.


New Blog Posts to Visit

Letters to Parents

Some may not have been distributed yet.

Date of
Letter Class Topic
29/1 5-6 Camps
30/1 5-6 Education Support
3/2 K-6 JS Music Overview
11-12 Dance Excursion

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.

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.)

• New Mandarin Club at Covie
  Classes on Tuesday mornings, 7.50am – 8.40am for K-Y6 Students in K6. Book a free trial lesson! Ph: 1800 18 11 18 or go to www.mandarinstars.com.au. Email enrol@mandarinstars.com.au

• Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group

• Teenage Triple P Seminars

• Child & Adolescent Parenting
  Lots of seminars and workshops held at Chatswood Community Health Centre for toddlers to teens. Details at www.rslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/CAP

• Year 7 Girls Basketball
  Anyone interested in joining a Yr 7 girls basketball team please contact Sarah Mulrav ASAP on 0413 224 753 or sarahmulrav@gmail. Comp starts Mon afternoon 10 Feb at Narrabeen Indoor Sports Centre.

• Meet the Sydney Swans!
  The AFL and the Swans are holding an awesome FREE ‘Come and Try’ day at Brookvale Oval on 10 Feb. 4-5pm – Junior Clinic, 5-6pm – AFL 9s Celebrity Match, 6-9pm – Northern Beaches AFL 9s Competition. Free BBQ.

• Go 4 Fun
  Free 10 week program for kids aged 7-13 and their families to become fitter, eat healthier & improve self-esteem. Tue & Thu, 4-6pm, Pittwater Sports Centre, 1525 Pittwater Rd, North Narrabeen. Register now. Call 1800 780 900 or go to www.go4fun.com.au.

• Surf Outreach
  Mainly Oval - 13 Feb, 6pm. Appearances by surf legend Bethany Hamilton, world champ skateboarder Eddie Elguera, musical artists Fata & The Sky pilot.

• Pittwater Tigers Junior AFL Club
  Auskick 5-8yrs, Juniors U9s – U17s. Boys and girls teams available. No grading until U12s – play with your mates! No experience needed. Games played on Sundays. Register online or at the Club House 10am-2pm Sat 8 & 15 Feb. North Narrabeen Reserve, Walsh St North Narrabeen. Ph Liz 0422 503 149, email pittwatertigers@gmail.com or go to www.pittwater afl.com.

• 5 A Side Soccer Comps
  Preschoolers to adults. Daily group sessions, team/squad coaching or private lessons. 2/8 Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest. Ph: 9972 7766 or go to www.thefootballfactory.com.au

• Lifeline Book Fair
  Fri 21 Feb, 2-9 pm; Sat 22 Feb 9am-5pm; Sun 23 Feb, 9am-2pm. Ted Blackwood Hall, Jacksons and Boondah Roads, Warriewood.

What’s Coming Up!

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 February
Year 10 Yarrabah Kids Games Training

Monday 10 February
School Tour (9.15am) and Secondary Information Evening

Tuesday 11 February
General Assembly (10.45am)

Thursday 13 February
Year 10 Notebook Delivery Evening

Friday 14 February
Year 9 Picnic Day

Tuesday 18 February
Primary Swimming Carnival (8.30am to 12noon)

Year 5/6 iPad Information Evening

Monday 24 to Friday 28 February
Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement

Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 February
Year 5 and 6 Camps

Monday 3 March
Secondary Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 4 March
Primary Zone Swimming

Wednesday 5 March
Year 7 (all) and Year 9 (boys only) Vaccinations

Tuesday 11 March
General Assembly (10.45am) Year 7 Information Evening and School Tour

Friday 14 and Saturday 15 March
Year 3/4 Sleepover

Tuesday 18 March
Year 11 Drivers Education Day

Thursday 20 to Friday 21 March
Year 7-11 Drama & Dance Camp*

Thursday 3 April
School Tour (9.15am)

Thursday 3 to Friday 11 April
Year 11/12 Exams

Friday 4 to Friday 11 April
Year 7 to 10 Camps

Friday 11 April
Last day of Term 1

* Please note change of date

This Week’s Quizzle

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Answer to the Quiz from 4/12/2013

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