From the Deputy Principal

One of the great strengths of Covenant is that it is one campus from Preschool right through to Year 12. While many students and families are familiar with both the younger and more senior years, for some, Secondary School at Covenant is a bit of a mystery. Many parents whose children are not yet teenagers are quite unsure, even fearful, of what will happen to their children once they embark on Secondary School. The media often presents a very negative view of teenagers. What secondary staff often see are young people eager to learn, relating to others, deepening their faith and enjoying life.

To dispel any fears or misgivings, we are holding a Secondary School Information Night for parents on Tuesday 11 March from 7.00pm. This is for current parents with children in Years 5 and 6 as well as families whose children are enrolled for Year 7 in 2015 and beyond.

What will this evening involve?

Mr Rusin will welcome parents and I will talk about the structure of Year 7 in particular and subjects available in Secondary School. Year 7 Pastoral Care Coordinator, Miss Rose, will outline the Pastoral Care system, Mr Youl will speak about technology, and Mr Trevaskis and Mrs Conway about Sport and Creative Arts respectively. Last year’s HSC results will be presented by Miss Sopher, while Mrs de Jong will show that the Library is not necessarily a quiet place at all! These speakers will talk for about five minutes each giving you a snapshot of what Secondary School is like and what facilities are available. In addition, there will be a DVD showing the Year 7 Camp 2013. There will be time for asking questions of the key staff available.

There will be a school tour of the Secondary School from about 8.00pm and the evening should close by 8.30pm.

It is important to RSVP to enrolments@covenant.nsw.edu.au.

Subject: Secondary School Information Night x ____ seats (add how many seats you expect to require).

The teenage years can be very challenging but they are also a time of great joy and satisfaction as children become more and more independent, making important life decisions about career, relationships and faith. We want to assure you that Secondary School at Covenant has much to offer and that we want to partner with you in the education of your teenage children. See you there.

Mrs Chris O’Sullivan

Secondary School Information Night for Parents

Tuesday 11 March—7.00pm in the K Block Performance Space followed by a school tour at 8.00pm.

RSVP to enrolments@covenant.nsw.edu.au.

See http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/high-school-information-night

From the Prayer Group

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Phil 4:6 (NIV)

For Prayer and Praise

• Praise God we can bring all things before Him who loves us and we can be thankful in all circumstances.
• Give thanks and pray for teachers and students in Years 5 and 6.
• Pray for Secondary Zone and Primary State swimming.
• Pray for those awaiting or recovering from surgery and those battling ill health, that God will heal them and they will trust Him.
• Pray our staff will teach and model God’s word faithfully.

Please join with us in prayer—Thursdays 9.00-9.30am in K6.

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

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

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Car Damaged - Dell Street

Last Wednesday, 26 February, a Honda Jazz vehicle parked in Dell Street had its driver’s side mirror damaged. Can anyone help with information about how this happened? Please contact me via email: alowry@covenant.nsw.edu.au

Andrew Lowry, Business Manager

YMCA Covenant Christian School OSHC

The first few weeks of Out of School Hours Care have been a fun time - lots of craft, yummy afternoon teas and children enjoying social activities. This a great service for families who need care either before school (as we open at 6.45am) and after school until 6.00pm. Parents can go off to work knowing their child is going to have a nice breakfast and be well looked after and escorted to their classrooms on time. After school, children are provided with a variety of interesting afternoon tea options and can enjoy craft, games, indoor and outdoor play in a caring environment.

Our staff all have a wealth of childcare experience and are up to date with first aid and child safety training, as well being committed Christians. The YMCA room is located next to the junior art room at C2 (we have computers too!). We display our craft for the week, so come and have a browse.

Both casual and permanent bookings are available. For more information, call 0419 616 008 for enquiries, or go to http://oshc.ymcansw.org.au/ymca-covenant/forms-information

Student Emergency Forms

Reminder to please complete, sign and send your child/ren’s emergency forms (yellow) to the school office if you haven’t already done so. These were sent home in the information pack at the start of the year.

Careers News

Focus on Engineering

Engineers Australia Autumn School of Engineering
Monday 14 to Friday 17 April. The Autumn School of Engineering is for Year 11 and 12 students from the Sydney metropolitan area who want to meet professional engineers and get more information about future careers in engineering. See http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sydney-division/valemus-autumn-school

University of New South Wales: Engineering Student-Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 19 March, 5.30pm to 8.00pm - Leighton Hall, UNSW Kensington Campus. This evening will include talks and a career market, and students and parents will have the opportunity to talk to academics from each Engineering School. See http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/student-parent

University of Technology Sydney: Women in Engineering and IT Hands On Day
Thursday 27 March. This day promotes engineering and IT as career options for young women, through engagement with fun, educational and hands on activities. See http://utswomeninengineeringandit.blogspot.com.au/2014/02/hands-on-day-27-august-2014.html

Covie Careers

Don’t forget to access Covie Careers for updated information about careers’ events. If you click on the “Important Information” tab you will be able to find the calendar which is regularly updated. Under the “For Students” tab, the students are able to create a profile where they can develop resumes, do vocational tests etc. There are many more wonderful features on this website that are worth taking a look at.

Please remember to check Covie Careers for further information www.coviecareers.com.
Drama and Dance Camp

Students from Years 7-11 are invited to come along to an exciting two days of drama and dance at Camp Kedron. Dance eisteddfod groups are encouraged to attend as they will be working on their eisteddfod repertoire. Drama enthusiasts will be taking Improvisation classes and devising an original piece of theatre based on an Easter theme. There will be three skilled and enthusiastic teachers providing this amazing opportunity for creative Covie students!


What’s New on the Blog Site?

Primary Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday February 18, students in Years 3-6, and a few from Year 2, attended our swimming carnival. Many students competed in many events with a great attitude and some impressive results were achieved by several students.

Records were broken by Erin Shaw (Jun 200m Individual Medley) and Cooper Eakin (Jun 100m Freestyle, Jun Butterfly, Jun 200m Individual Medley, and 50m Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke!). An amazing effort! Congratulations!

The 2014 Age Champions are:

8yrs – Charlotte Highfield & Reuben Ashby
9yrs – Taylor Bradac & Mitchell Usback
10yrs – Erin Shaw & Cooper Eakin
11yrs – Kate Osborne & Reinhardt Van Staden
12yrs – Tara Sahu-Khan & Isaac Downie

The competition was very close with the top two teams changing places throughout the carnival. The final (close) point score was:

4th – White (364pts); 3rd – Lewis (396); 2nd – Aylward (500); 1st – Ten Boom (513)

Well done to all competitors and to the House Captains, who did a wonderful job in their first carnival and helped make the carnival fun for their teams. A huge thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped on the day and made the carnival run so smoothly. And praise God for such a great time.


The New Extension and Enrichment Site is Online!

This year, we are very excited to have launched a new blogsite. The primary focus of the blog is to highlight Extension and Enrichment activities which are occurring in the school. However, the blog is also an excellent location for announcements, interviews and relevant articles. Importantly, there is a section of the site which outlines the school’s approach to meeting the academic needs of our students. The blog can be viewed at http://covensextensionandenrichment.wordpress.com/

Acceleration in Mathematics

From time to time, we find that there are students at Covenant whose capabilities exceed those of their age peers. Some of these students are able to work at a much higher level and their proficiency is such that they need greater challenges than extension work can provide. Instead of these students ‘treading water’ or becoming bored learning about topics and skills which they have already mastered, it is sometimes appropriate to accelerate in a particular subject.

This week, our wonderful Maths Coordinator, Mrs Mekerdichian, shares about the way in which acceleration operates in her faculty. Check out the full interview at http://covensextensionandenrichment.wordpress.com/2014/02/28/acceleration-in-mathematics/

New Blog Posts to Visit

Student Absence Notes
Reminder that a parent signed note must be sent to the school office within seven days of a student’s absence.

Year 7 Social Event
Water Works, Manly - Saturday 8 March from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.
Please RSVP to Robyn O’Donoghue on 0406 851 602 by Friday 28 February.

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.

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 workload.

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NB: Mathematics unit tests are held regularly at the end of units. Students are notified in class at least two days prior.

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 confidentiality.)

- 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 the Northern Beaches, please call Daniel on 0412 089 220.

- Chemistry and Mathematics Tutor
  Ex Covenant now uni student Andrew Wye - $40 an hour. Ph 0488 385 222 or email awye3652@uni.sydney.edu.au.

- MWBA Laker’s League
  Year 7 & 8 boys - beginners who want to learn how to play basketball. Sign up as individual or team. Runs Mar to Jul, Mondays 5:05 & 5:50pm. Narrabeen Sports High. Enquiries 9913 3622.

- Pittwater Rugby Club
  Players & parents wanted—newest and smallest rugby club on Nthn Beaches. One team/age group, U6 to U13. No rego fees, accredited coaches. We have a load of fun and play rugby in a safe and Christian atmosphere. No grading so every child is treated equally, every child plays every week. More info: David Hawkins on 0419 410 103, email pittwaterrugby@gmail.com or see www.pittwaterrugby.org. We support the Youth Off The Streets Foundation.

- Hilltop to Headland
  Hear cricket legend Matthew Hayden’s talk about life, sustainability and cooking. Free veggie seeds. Thu 6/3, 7-9pm Dee Why RSL Club. Bookings essential on 9942 2111.

- Camp Blue Overnight Camp
  Yrs 4-9, 21-24 Apr at The Collaroy Centre. Giant swing, laser tag, leap of faith, drop pole, archery, abseiling, low ropes, vertical challenge and lots more. Go to www.campblue.com.au, call 9400 9413 or email info@campblue.com.au

This Week’s Quizze
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Answer to the last Quizze
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