From the Principal

There is something lovely when young children express the Gospel story, especially in a school musical. I would like to publically thank Wayne Morton for his genius in putting the musical together. His peculiar style makes the musical productions well-loved and memorable. The story of Ruth is a powerful one in its own right, and as a part of the wider sweep of biblical history. I am reminded of the last passage of the story of Ruth, where she bears Boaz a son who is called Obed, who has a son called Jesse, who has a son called David. This is a beautiful entrée to the Davidic king who is to come.

The last song from the musical was a collaboration between staff and parents:

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Waiting for a saviour to come centre stage,
Willing and able to turn the page,
To pay the price, redemption's price.

Looking for a saviour to fill the spotlight.
He'll be the one who will make it right
He'll pay the price, it's a story of love. It's a story of love.

Waiting for a saviour to come centre stage,
waiting and able to turn the page,
To pay the price, redemption's price
Boaz was my saviour,
He filled the spotlight,
He was the one who made it right,
He paid the price, it's a story of love. It's a story of love.

Waiting for a Saviour to come centre stage,
Willing and able to turn the page,
To pay the price, redemption's price
Jesus is the Saviour, he is the spotlight,
He is the one who's made everything right,
He's paid the price, it's a story of love. It's a story of love.
He made the bittersweet a story of love.
This is this saviour that we now wait for to return.
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I would also encourage you to continue to pray for the Year 12 students who are entering their last week of school. This is both an exciting and stressful time for them and their families.

On a final note, I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Cate Mitiku is expecting her first child at the beginning of 2015!

Bill Rusin

Important Term 4 Information

First day back for students next term is Tuesday 7 October. Term 4 means back to summer school uniform. As the Uniform Shop will not be open during the school holidays, please ensure you purchase any necessary items before the end of term.

From the Prayer Group

I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. Psalm 89:1 (NIV)

For Prayer and Praise

• Praise God for His everlasting love and faithfulness
• Pray for Walk to School Day in support of Eagles Wings Christian School in Zambia
• Pray for the Year 6 Canberra Trip.
• Pray for the Year 11 exams
• Pray for Year 9-10 Drama Night and Drama School Performance Night
• Pray for Secondary CIS Athletics
• Pray for Year 5-8 Maths Camp

Please join with us in prayer—Thursdays 9-9.30am in K6.

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

Year 9 & 10 Drama Classes Performing!

Next Monday afternoon, 4-5pm in the K Block Performance Space.

Come along and see a showcase of the performance styles they have been learning this term. Lots of laughs! All welcome!

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Working Bee - Thank You!
Thank you to the Working Bee ‘warriors’ who attended last weekend. Your efforts are certainly appreciated and benefit the whole school community. You wouldn’t know, from looking in the Hall, that the musical was even held last week. See photos at http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/appreciation-for-working-bee-team-effort.

Kindy Enrolments 2015
We still have vacancies for next year’s Kindergarten. Please let your family, friends, church and neighbours know. This is a fantastic school with great Christian teachers so it would be a real shame not to have every Kindergarten spot taken. School tours are available by contacting Mrs Wendy Boase, Registrar, on 9450 2688 Ext 221.

School Fee Accounts
Term 4 school fee accounts will be sent to each family this week. Prompt payment by the due date would be appreciated. Please note that the administration charge for reminder notifications is $75.00 per reminder.

Mr Andrew Lowry, Business Manager

Walk to School this Friday to support Eagles Wings Christian School, Zambia
Eagles Wings, located in Ndola, Zambia, is the beneficiary of funds raised through Break the Cycle. Eagles Wings’ vision is to prayerfully assist vulnerable children to realise and reach their God given potential. Their MISSION is to:

provide quality based programs, centred on Christian values, enabling hope, quality education, justice and adventure for every child within our care

promote the empowerment of children, families and communities living in abject poverty, internally through their programs and externally by advocating on their behalf

protect children within their programs by creating environments where they can feel safe and secure, and have the opportunity to develop holistically after experiencing difficult beginnings.

How can you help? Join me and some other teachers, parents and students, and walk to school from Forest Way shops on Friday – yep, this Friday. Why? To give you an idea of what it might be like to be a student in a school in Zambia; to take a reasonably long walk to school; to have breakfast in a somewhat Zambian style; to make a donation for the privilege; to spend a little time reflecting and praying for these people; and be thankful to God for His goodness to us and our need to step up and take action on behalf of God’s people in the majority world. Please email pmuddle@covenant.nsw.edu.au for more details. See http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/walk-to-school-to-raise-funds-on-friday-12

Mr P Muddle, 7-12 Curriculum Coordinator

Leaving Covenant?
A reminder … if your child is in Preschool to Year 11 and is leaving Covenant at the end of 2014, one term’s notice is required, in writing. Failure to give one term’s notice in writing will render parents liable for one term’s fees. Two terms’ notice is required for Year 6 leavers. Please notify the Principal by letter or email, including the date the child is leaving and the school they will be attending. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Careers News

Macquarie University: First Engineering Entry Scheme
Macquarie is offering students who participate in the FIRST Robotics Competition the chance to enter a Bachelor of Engineering. Students who perform well in the FIRST program can be recommended by their FIRST coach/mentor via a formal letter to the head of the Department of Engineering at Macquarie. Students must be studying for the HSC and apply for the Bachelor of Engineering through UAC.
http://www.mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/parents_and_teachers/connect_newsletter/all_connect_articles/new_first_engineering_entry_scheme/

ACU Open Day
Saturday 13 September - Strathfield Campus, 25a Barker Rd, Strathfield.
http://life-less-ordinary.acu.edu.au/come-along-to-open-day/

Mr Andrew Lowry, Business Manager

Position Vacant

Year 3 – 6 Teacher
(6 month maternity relief)
This full-time maternity leave cover is for Term 1 and Term 2 2015, with a possible extension to the end of the year (4 December 2015).
A general job description is located at http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/positions-vacant.html
Applications close: Friday 19 September

Mr P Muddle, 7-12 Curriculum Coordinator

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 2.00-3.00pm and Wednesday 8.00-9.00am (ph: 9450 2696)
Let’s Meet our School Association Coordinator

An interview with Sarah Ryan

How long have you been involved at Covenant? I have been involved at Covenant for almost four years, since my children began attending school here.

Why did you decide to apply for this position? It sounded like a really exciting opportunity to further promote Christian education, which is something I have been passionate about for many years.

What do you see as your role? My role is to strengthen the Association membership - both by increasing understanding of its purpose and recruiting new members who both understand and support the fundamental ethos of the school and the purposes of Christian education.

So why should people consider the Association? If you are a Christian parent who believes in the importance of educating in a uniquely Christian manner, then this is a wonderful organisation to be a part of. Covenant was started by a group of parents who strongly believed in Christian education for the children of Christian families. We have to continually strive in order to maintain that focus in a world that always seeks to pull us towards an education that prioritises results above all else, as well as promoting a worldview so different from our own.

How do people contact you? The best way to contact me is via email sryan@covenant.nsw.edu.au

What church do you attend? I attend Northern Beaches Church in Curl Curl.

Do you have any hobbies or interests? I am studying law part time, so don’t have a lot of time for hobbies! I love to spend time with my family, and am happiest just hanging out with them.

What is the current book you are reading? I am never reading just one! Law of Torts, Ephesians and The Silkworm.

What is your favourite movie of all time? Too hard. Can I have a top ten?

Tell us about a memorable family holiday. We went on a camping holiday once where it rained the entire time - memorable but not for the right reasons!

40 Hour Famine

A quick reminder that all money raised and books for the 40 Hour Famine must be returned before the end of term. This enables us to bank our funds as soon as possible for World Vision to send overseas to projects in Rwanda. Many thanks to all the students who have participated and to family and friends who have sponsored and encouraged them.

Mrs D Redwood, School Counsellor/40 Hour Famine Group Leader

What’s New on the Blog Site?

Scholastic Book Fair

Last week there was lots of excitement in the Junior School with the running of our annual Scholastic Book Fair. A huge thank you to Mrs Robyn O’Donoghue for the many hours she put into coordinating and organising the book fair. Many thanks also to the wonderful parents who helped make the book fair a success. We gained over $1800 worth of books for the school library.

Mrs Robyn Watson, Teacher/Librarian


Student Congratulations

Cooper Eakin (Year 4) recently competed at the 2014 NSW State Age Swimming SC Championships. Cooper swam incredibly well to achieve personal best times and a top 10 place in all six of his events, which means he made the finals in all events. His most impressive results were a third place medal in the 100m backstroke and a second place medal in the 50m Backstroke. Well done, Cooper, on these wonderful swimming results! See whole article at http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/personal-bests-for-cooper-eakin-at-nsw-state-age-swimming-sc-championships

New Blog Posts to Visit

This Friday’s Canteen Special:
Butter Chicken served with steamed rice ..........................Sm $3.00, Lge $4.50
Please note that the canteen will be closed on the last day of term,
Friday 19 September, due to the Year 12 Graduation.

Book Week in Junior School
Next week we will be celebrating Book Week in the Junior School. There will be many fun activities happening in the Library over the week. On the last day of term, Friday 19 September, Junior School are encouraged to come dressed as a ‘book character’. A gold coin donation will be encouraged with the money going to support ‘Alms for Arms’.

Mrs Robyn Watson, JS Teacher Librarian

Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations
The next round of vaccinations is on Wednesday 8 October 2014 (Week 1 Term 4). This is the last visit for the year and consent forms have been completed. The following vaccinations will be given:

Year 7 boys & girls - Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 3) and Chicken Pox; Year 9 boys - Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 3).

Lost
Tennis racquet with a blue cover - left outside 5HM classroom. Labelled with Zac Paton’s name.

Red AFL ball—went over the fence in Bundaleer St. Labelled with Samuel Vaughan’s Name.

If found, please hand in to the office.

Letters to Parents
Some may not have been distributed yet.

Date of
Letter Class Topic
4/9 7-12 CIS State Athletics
9  English Film Viewing
11 Year 11 Retreat
8/9 12 Physics Excursion
9/9 7 Rugby League Severs Day

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 work load.

Subject and Title DATE DUE
YEAR 7
English Wide Reading (Mr Street) 12/9
Musical Instrument—Group 3 15/9
Eng Wide Reading (Mrs Smith) 16/9
Food Tech Project 19/9
NB: Mathematics unit tests are held regularly at the end of units. Students are notified in class at least two days prior.

YEAR 8
The Passion Project (TB & W) 15/9
Independent Investigation Task 15/9
NB: Mrs Smith’s English class will not have a Wide Reading Task this term. There are fortnightly spelling tests in weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9.
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 confidentially.)

• Next PeaceWise Hub Meeting
“Gossip: The Most Acceptable Sin Among Christians?” 7:30-9:30pm in the Covie staffroom. For more information please contact Ping Chen on 0412 664 225, or yinpingchuchen@gmail.com, or David Coy: dbcoy@optusnet.com.au.

• Online Tennis Holiday Camp
5 days camps, early bird discount. www.onlinetennis.com.au

• Sea Eagles Rugby League Beach Clinic
Thu 25/9, 10am-1pm Collaroy Beach. Cost $20 (morning tea provided, Manly merchandise). Boys & girls 5-12 years. Reg commences 9.15am. Register at www.playnrl.com

What’s Coming Up!

Wednesday to Friday 10-12 September
Year 6 Canberra Trip

Thursday 11 to Thursday 18 September
Year 11 Exams

Friday 12 September
Covenant Walk to School Day

Monday 15 September
Year 9-10 Drama Night
School Tour (9.15am)

Wednesday 17 September
Secondary CIS Athletics

Wednesday—Thursday 17-18 September
Year 5-8 Maths Camp

Thursday 18 September
Year 12 Graduation

Friday 19 September
Year 12 Assemblies and Last Day

Last day of Term 3

Tuesday 7 October
First day of Term 4

Wednesday 8 October
Year 7 (all) & Year 9 Boys Vaccinations

Thursday—Friday 9-10 October
Year 11 Retreat

Monday 13 October
HSC Exams begin

Monday—Wednesday 13-15 October
Silver Duke of Ed Hike

Friday 17 October
Infants Fun Sports Day

Tuesday 28 October
Preschool & Kindy 2015 Information Evening (7pm)

Thursday 4 December
Last day of Term 4

This Week’s Quizzle

Answer to the last Quizzle

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