From the Head of Junior School

As 2014 draws to a close, we have some fond farewells and some exciting staff developments of which to keep you abreast.

In case you have not yet heard (or noticed), Mrs Mitiku will be taking maternity leave early next year. Her role will be filled by Mrs Richelle Watkins. Mrs Watkins is a very experienced teacher who is well to known to many as a current parent - and from her time teaching Year 1 last year. We are thrilled to be able to replace one wonderful teacher with another.

With the recent departure of Mrs Staples, we are also very excited to welcome aboard Mrs Alexis Tripet. Alexis is likewise an experienced teacher and a current parent in the school who has been serving Covenant as a casual teacher for the last few years. I feel confident that Mrs Tripet will be a hand in glove fit in the Junior School team. So, with a little creative juggling of our staffing, we have now been able to cover all Mrs Staples’ duties that spanned both Education Support and Music … Phew!

Furthermore, for 2015, we have taken the opportunity to operate three Year 6 classes instead of just the two. With the availability of the extra classroom in K block, coupled with a full to overflowing Year 5, the time seems ripe to explore this arrangement. For this reason, we have been able to offer Mr Tim Stanwell a position at Covenant for 2015. Mr Stanwell is a teacher with a wealth of experience, who some might know from a stint at Covenant several years ago. We are genuinely pleased to welcome Mr Stanwell and his family into the Covie community. We hope you feel very comfortable, very quickly, Mr Stanwell!

And then there’s Mr Eatough. Mr Mark Eatough, who has been teaching Year 6 at Covenant for several years now, has jumped at the opportunity to be involved in an exchange program with a teacher from Canada. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mark and his family to experience another culture and another Christian school in a different part of the world. Teachers participating in this sort of program swap houses, jobs, cars, surfboards, ski boards… whatever. Mark’s exchange partner is Mr Jonathan Zuidhof from Langley Christian School, located just outside Vancouver. Langley has a similar heritage to Covenant. Below is a link to a short biography featuring Jonathan, for those who would like a little more information. http://www.langleychristian.com/staff/bios/zuidhof-jonathan. Please make sure you remind Mr Eatough that it is only a one year arrangement when you see him!

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to parents to be part of our Speech Giving Assembly this Friday, Infants Christmas Concert next Tuesday, and the Year 5 Billy Cart Derby the following Monday - all wonderful events in the Junior School Calendar that you are very welcome to attend. Yes… lots on! We would be thrilled if you could join us. And so to conclude for 2014; on behalf of all the Junior School, we wish you God’s richest blessing and His abiding presence this Christmas.

Wayne Morton

From the Prayer Group

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1 (NIV)

For Prayer and Praise
• Praise God for His unfailing love and for His goodness.
• Give thanks and pray for Years 1 & 2.
• Pray for the Year 10 End of Year Program.
• Pray for the Secondary Alive Camp.
• Pray for Year 1-7 2015 Orientation.
• Pray for those leaving Covie, that they will continue to live Christ-centred lives, grow in maturity and glorify God.

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

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School Buses Purchased for 2015

After much consideration, the school Executive has made the decision to purchase two four year old small to medium size buses for the primary use of school Sport activities, excursions and camps. Keep an eye out in the car park for a 12 seater and a 25 seater bus with Covenant Christian School branding. These buses will be in operation as of Term 1, 2015. We pray that these buses will be a great blessing to our school community, assisting with our future transport needs. See article at http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/school-buses-purchased-for-2015.

Working Bee—Great Team Effort!

Thank you, thank you, to all those wonderful parents who came along to the working bee last Saturday. You all worked hard, with great energy and commitment on a variety of necessary tasks. The Christmas lights on Forest Way are up and we look forward to sharing the good news of Jesus through our light display. Keep an eye out over the month of December! We look forward to seeing you all back in 2015! See some photos at http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/working-bee-helpers-greatly-appreciated.

Parent Involvement Program (PIP) Forms

Reminder to return your form as soon as you have completed your hours. http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/community/forms-policies.html.

Mr Andrew Lowry, Business Manager

Year 8 Passion Project Showcase

Showcase is on! The Passion Project Showcase will be held next Tuesday 25 November in the K Block Performance Space. The Passion Project is a semester-long individual research project which is completed by Year 8 students. It has been a very exciting journey and some outstanding work has been undertaken. Projects range from research projects to design to short film and painting. Come and see a display of student work and hear of their discoveries. The night begins at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Supper will be served. Year 7 are particularly invited so they can see what they will be doing next year.

Careers News

Macquarie University School Leaver Information Evening

Wednesday 10 December, 6.00 – 8.00pm, Macquarie University, Baladava Road. http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/school-leaver-information-evening/

William Angliss Institute Information Session

Wednesday 19 November, 5.30pm – 6.30pm, 26-32 Waterloo Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 1300 ANGLISS or study@angliss.edu.au. http://www.angliss.edu.au/sydney-news/152-course-info-session-for-students-wanting-to-know-more-about-study-at-our-sydney-campus

Australian National College of Beauty Open Day


Gap Year Ideas

Projects Abroad Online Information Session

Tuesday 2 December, 4:30pm (ACST). This general information session will provide an overview of Projects Abroad, profiles of volunteers, safety concerns and information on all available destinations and projects. Attendees will be able to ask questions via instant messages throughout the 45 minute presentation. http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/about-us/meet-us/online-info-sessions/

Antipodeans Abroad: Gapbreak Webinar

Wednesday 10 December, 6pm – 7pm (AEDT). Listen in from home on a computer, laptop or iPad to find out specific information about destinations and projects that you are interested in. http://www.antipodeans.com.au/info-nights.htm

Camp America Online Information Session

Wednesday 26 November, 6:30pm – 7:30pm (AEDT). Find out everything you need to know about Camp America and get all your questions answered from the comfort of your own home. http://campamerica.com.au/camp-america/events/camp-america-free-one-hour-info-session-live-online/

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)
Secondary Secondhand Textbooks
The Secondhand Textbook Sale Day will be held on Saturday 29 November, from 8.00-10.00am in the Secondary Library. If you have books to sell, please take the books, together with the selling form, to the Secondary Library on Wednesday 26 or Thursday 27 November (8.30am-1.30pm), or Friday 28 November (8.30-11.15am). Books in every condition accepted, if they are readable. The form can be found at http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/community/forms-policies.html. Unsold textbooks must be collected at lunchtime on Monday 1 or Tuesday 2 December. Please note that uncollected books will become the property of the school.

Operation Christmas Child Thanks
Thank you to the families who have sent in Operation Christmas Child boxes. They will bring a lot of joy to the children who receive them. This year we collected 166 boxes—a fantastic effort. Thank you so much for supporting this wonderful cause.

Mrs Watson, Miss Rose & Mrs Bickell, Operation Christmas Child Coordinators

Learning an Instrument in 2015
If you have ever considered learning an instrument, now is the time to make the move and contact one of our lovely music tutors for 2015. Lessons are available for most instruments and can be organised for any age group. Give them a call! http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/_literature_131127/Music_Tutor_Contact_Details_2014

Extend OOSH at Covenant Christian School
Extend has recently launched an Online Parent Portal which is available exclusively to a select few schools during its launch period. Covenant Christian School families are invited to access this Parent Portal to enrol and manage bookings. Visit https://bookings.extend.com.au to enrol online today. Note: This link is not available publicly on theExtend website so save it to your bookmarks for easy access. You only pay the annual enrolment fee when you make a booking so enrol now and pay later. Please note – all children must be enrolled before attending. If you have any queries, please call 1300 366 437.

Important Travel Pass Information for 2015
Reminder that Year 2 and Year 6, who are continuing at Covenant to Year 3 and Year 7, need to reapply for new travel passes for 2015. Application forms are available from the school office. Please complete the form as soon as possible and return it to the school office.

Year 7 Family BBQ
Saturday 22 November from 3.00pm at Freshwater Beach. BYO chairs, games, food and drink. Contact Sarah Mulray, 0413 224 753, or Sara de Horne, 0412 999 805.

What’s New on the Blog Site?
Primary Comedy Camp
At Comedy Camp 2014, we covered it all! From the power of ‘team’, to bow-tie wearing chicken hats, lollie moustaches, the case of the missing pizza and not forgetting the helicopter launch. We learnt a lot and had so much fun.


New Blog Posts to Visit
http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/year-12-economics-dress-up-to-visit-reserve-bank
**Year 7 & 8 Tests and 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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**Letters to Parents**

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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/CSNNotes](http://tinyurl.com/CSNNotes).

**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.)*

- **PeaceWise Covenant Hub**
  Thu 27/11. Time: 7pm for dinner; for 7:30pm meeting. Place: Staffroom Topic: Christmas Peacemaking (Thai dinner provided). Contact: Ping Chen; mobile: 0412 664 225 or email: yinpingchuchen@gmail.com. RSVP before 20/11 for catering purposes & dietary requirements. $10/person.

- **Youth/Student Worker Opportunity**
  Do you know someone passionate to share the good news of Jesus with teenagers Year 9 and above? Frenchs Forest Anglican is looking to add to its ministry team for a youth/student worker in 2015 for Friday evenings and Sundays (paid employment). To find out more, contact Dave Lanham, Snr Minister on dave@tig.com.au or 0414 996 128. Please share this information with your friends, family & church family.

- **Kindy Uniform - Request**
  If you are able to provide a uniform for the daughter in a new family starting Kindy next year it would be greatly appreciated. She is average to above average in size. If you have a uniform, please bring it to the school office for distribution.

- **Christmas Fair**
  Balgowlah Anglican Church, 18 Boyle St, Sun 23/11, 11am-3pm. Gifts, trash & treasure, home made goodies, Fair Trade Cafe, craft & games. Bring a can for Anglicare or box for Operation Christmas Child.

- **Christmas Workshop**

- **Free Children’s Christmas Book Event**
  Forestville Library - 25/11, 4-5pm to celebrate the launch of the 9th book in the popular Lulu Bell series, *Lulu Bell and The Christmas Elf*. Christmas craft, afternoon tea and drawing with illustrator, Serena Geddes. Author, Belinda Murrell, will talk about the inspiration behind the series and read from the books. (Lulu Bell is a fun series for kids aged 6-9). More info on 9452 5706.

- **School Holidays Camps**
  Elanora Squash & Fitness Centre, Mon-Thur, 5-22/1/15. Table tennis, squash, basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, etc. Bookings essential. Ph 9913 9003. Warringah Council Program brochures available from the school office (discount vouchers included).
  Cartooning Camps

**This Week’s Quizze**

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Answer to the last Quizze

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**What’s Coming Up!**

**Thursday 20 November**
Year 10 End of Year Program Begins

**Friday 21 — Saturday 22 November**
Secondary Alive Camp

**Saturday 22 November**
Year 7 Family BBQ

**Tuesday 25 November**
Year 8 Passion Showcase Evening

**Wednesday 26 November**
Year 1-7 2015 Orientation Day

**Thursday 27 November**
Year 10 Last Day

**Friday 28 November — Friday 5 December**
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hike

**Saturday 29 November**
Secondary Secondhand Textbook Sale Day (8.00-10.00am)

Year 6 Celebration

**Wednesday 3 December**
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony (9.00am)

**Thursday 4 December**
Last day of Term 4

**Tuesday 27 January**
First day of Term 1 2015 for Years 1-12

**Wednesday 28 January**
First day of Term 1 2015 for Kindy

**This Friday’s Canteen Special:**
Butter Chicken with Steamed Rice ..............................................Sm $3.00  Lg $4.50