From the Deputy Principal

What a pleasure it was to take Dr Elissa Deenick on a quick tour of the school last Friday! Elissa is daughter of past principal, Tony Deenick, and an ex-student. She was at school to take part in the Careers talks organised by our Careers Adviser, Mrs Wendy Gilbert, and Year 10 Pastoral Care Coordinator, Mr David Gray. Elissa left in 1994 and was in several of the classes I taught way back then! There are many, many changes since Elissa left but she was glad to see some challenging climbing equipment had replaced the old long slippery dip. We remembered when assemblies were held outside, where the Coliseum is now, and without the shade covering. We remembered how, after school, she used to stand on the lower roof of G block and clean the upstairs windows and how my eldest son James had the job of getting the balls off the roof! No such thing as risk assessments then! Elissa always had a book (or two) tucked in her bag and would read whenever the opportunity arose - one of the best forms of extension work.

Year 8 have been completing their Passion Projects this semester - another extension activity for all students - and these were on display last night in the Performing Arts Space. What a range there was - from skateboards to novels, posters to videos and music - each reflecting the individuality of the student. The Passion Project is now set to be something each Year 8 group looks forward to doing every year. Well done, Year 8!

Rehearsals are underway for the Dance Concert on Thursday night. This is always an evening of colour and music, from tiny dancers to parents and HSC students. It is a real celebration of the year of dancing that these students have enjoyed. Many people contribute with costumes, rehearsals, photos and supervision to make it a great night - see you there!

What did we do without the Performing Arts Space? Year 10 students will be finishing up their year with their Social in the PAS on Friday night. The PAS is a beautiful environment in itself but is transformed into a fairyland for the Social. I look forward to seeing the students in their formal attire and celebrating the completion of Year 10 with them.

Next year, my role changes slightly. I will be Deputy Principal Pastoral Care (7-12) and Mr Peter Muddle will be Deputy Principal Curriculum (7-12). As the school has grown, it has become increasingly important for the role of Deputy Principal to be separated to allow time to focus on each area. Mr Jay Trevaskis will also be Director of Teaching and Learning, bringing fresh ideas to our teaching practice. A few people have misunderstood the new structure and wished me a happy retirement! Rumours of my retirement are premature! I look forward to a bit longer at Covenant.

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a restful and safe holiday. See you in 2015!

Mrs Chris O’Sullivan

26 November 2014

From the Prayer Group

And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace. Romans 11:6 (NIV)

For Prayer and Praise
• Praise God salvation is by grace.
• Pray for Preschool and Kindy.
• Pray for the Gold Duke of Ed Hike.
• Pray for the Year 6 Celebration and Graduation Ceremony.
• Pray for PeaceWise Hub.
• Pray for the Board Meeting tonight.
• Pray for unbelievers, that by God’s grace they will know Him.

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

Next Thursday will be the last prayer meeting for 2014. We will meet for a Prayer Brunch offsite at 9.15am. Please call Yen on 0416 420 995 if you would like to come.

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

Secondary Secondhand Textbook Sale Day

This Saturday, 29 November 8.00—10.00am in the Senior Library

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**Andrew’s Angle**

**Ulysses on a Unicycle, Bronte on a Bicycle, Tolstoy on a Tandem**

A school in the US has come up with a creative solution to promote literacy, reduce childhood obesity and encourage increased physical activity amongst its students – reading whilst riding on exercise bikes! The Read and Ride program has enabled students to not only gain the health benefits associated with exercise, but made reading fun for children who usually find it frustrating.

Covenant is seeking the donation of a second-hand exercise bike in order to trial the Read and Ride program. The exercise bike should be in excellent condition and working order. If you are able to help, please contact Andrew Lowry via the Front Office. See more at [http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/a-call-for-exercise-bikes-for-reading](http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/a-call-for-exercise-bikes-for-reading).

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**CCS BYOD Purchasing Portal Open!**

We are pleased to announce that our purchasing portal is now open. This will allow parents to purchase devices suitable for the upcoming BYOD program in Years 9-12 for 2015. (Other parents are also welcome to purchase via the portal should they wish.) Each of these devices has been tested on the CCS network successfully and has been selected with a view to them still being a useful device in three years time.

You will notice a range of devices are available - some PC devices from Dell and some Apple MacBook devices. There are a range of specifications available to choose from. Each product also includes the optional purchases of a suitable protective cover and accidental damage insurance. We highly recommend parents purchase the accidental damage insurance.

You can access the portal here: [https://estore.coretechnologypartners.com.au/covenant](https://estore.coretechnologypartners.com.au/covenant). Please note the order deadline of 5 December should you wish to have delivery before Christmas Day.


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**Careers News**

**Macleay Open Day**

10.00am – 3.00pm – Saturday 17 January 2015. Macleay College is a private college where you are taught by industry specialists and also complete an internship that establishes connections to real job opportunities. Courses include: journalism, event management, advertising, marketing and tourism. [https://macleay.edu.au/campaign/sydney-open-day-17-january](https://macleay.edu.au/campaign/sydney-open-day-17-january)

**Sydney TAFE Information Session**

- **Information Technology**: Monday 1 December, 2.00-6.00pm, Sydney TAFE, Thomas Street, Ultimo, Bldg G1.26, Level 1, Rm 26
- **Industrial Design**: Wednesday 3 December, 6.00 – 8.00pm, Design Centre Enmore, Building C, Level 1 Room 07 (C1.07), 110 Edgeware Rd, Enmore
- **3D Art and Animation plus Concept Art**: Wednesday 3 December, 6.00 – 8.00pm, Design Centre Enmore, 3D Art and Animation Studio, 110 Edgeware Rd, Enmore
- **Associate Degree Applied Engineering**: Wednesday 21 January, 6.00 – 7.30pm, Building N, Ground Floor, Room 16 (NG.16), Jones Street Mall, off Maryann St, Ultimo


**The School for Excellence: HSC Summer School**

Monday 5 to Thursday 22 January, University of Sydney Camperdown Campus. This summer school for Year 11 and 12 students is designed to provide students with a head start to Year 11 and Year 12. Students will take part in working through Term 1 materials in advance of school, receive expert notes, learn strategies, and more.


**University of Sydney: Free HSC Guide**

Each year the University of Sydney prepares a free HSC guide for students, which includes advice on how to best approach your HSC exams.


**University Admissions Centre: Participating Institutions Information**

This site includes institution-specific information about all institutions that you can apply for through UAC. This information includes admission requirements, special requirements, bridging courses, charges and fees, and student services and facilities.

Help required for Fishing Camp 2015
In 2015 we are running a new camp on the Northern Beaches for students in Years 8–10. As part of Fishing Camp, we would like to take the students fishing on Pittwater. If there is anyone in our community who has a boat and would like to help out on Wednesday 1 April, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mr Logan Wakeford if you can help. It’s a great way to make up some PIP hours! We will also be doing some estuary and beach fishing and would love to have help from any keen fisherman who’d like to teach/help students collect their own bait or even show them how and where to catch fish.

Last Day of Term in the Secondary School
The last day of term will be a little different than other days. Between recess and lunch, home classes participate in the BIG QUIZ in the hall. Afternoon activities include futsal round robin games, Capture the Flag, board games in the library, chill room and watching the Lion King. Students can come in mufti, yet should bring a small gold coin to donate in home class and remember please to wear modest clothing and appropriate footwear. Money raised goes to the Irene Gleeson Foundation.

Secondary Secondhand Textbooks
Reminder that the 2014 Secondhand Textbook Sale Day will be held this Saturday 29 November, from 8.00am to 3.00pm. 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.

What’s New on the Blog Site?
Student Congratulations!

Joshua Baikie (Year 7) has achieved a Platinum award for the Premiers Reading Challenge. Platinum awards are the level above Gold award and recognise students who have read a large number of books over several years. Joshua has been participating and reading for seven years now and so has achieved this Platinum award. Congratulations, Joshua!

The Engage Asia Award is given by Australian National University (ANU). Noah Jago (Year 10) has been studying Japanese through the Open High School during Years 9 and 10 and has been nominated for this award by the Open High School for excellence in written Japanese. Congratulations, Noah!

See more details at:

Every year the staff nominate and vote for students for the The Australian Defence Forces Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Award. Two students have received this award for 2014: Jonathan Chen (Year 10) and Judith Harvey (Year 12). Congratulations to both of you!

See details of this award at:

New Blog Posts to Visit
This Friday’s Canteen Special:
Ham & Pineapple Pizza ....................................................... $3.50 per slice

Extend OOSH at Covenant Christian School
Have you enrolled? Enrol now, pay later. The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is not payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn’t matter if you don’t end up using the service, because you won’t be charged. Visit https://bookings.extend.com.au to enrol online today. Note: This link is not available publicly on the Extend website so save it to your bookmarks for easy access. Call 1300 366 437 if you have any queries.

Important Travel Pass Information for 2015
Reminder that if you have a child in Year 2 or Year 6 continuing at Covenant next year, you need to reapply for new travel passes for 2015. Please collect a form from the school office and return it completed as soon as possible.

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.

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.)

- **Warringah Council Open Space Survey**
  First stage of community consultation in developing a new Integrated Open Space Strategy, which will help guide the priorities for managing our parks, reserves and playgrounds into the future. Have your say: www.openspacesurvey.questionpro.com/

- **Australian Music Schools**
  Enrolling now for Term 1 classes on Northern Beaches. Fantastic & fun music classes for everyone from 2 yo to adults. Call 9314 7282 or visit www.australianmusicschools.com.au.

- **Holiday Fun and Splash**
  Warringah Aquatic Centre, Mon-Fri 12-16/1/15. Full day costs $55.80. For kids aged 6-12. Bookings now open. www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

- **Manly Warringah Basketball Camp**
  Manly Warringah basketball camp: 20-22/1 @ NBISC. Good coaches, lots of fun, Great prizes. Cost $70. Ph: 99133622 Programs can be downloaded from the website www.manlybasketball.com.au/portal/

- **Belrose-Terrey Hill Raiders—Soccer**
  Register your interest and be informed about rego dates, family discounts, pre-season twilight times & early bird offer. E: ktulloh@optusnet.com.au.

- **Mr Soccer January Holiday Camps**

- **Manly Warringah Gymnastics Club**

What’s Coming Up!

**Thursday 27 November**
Year 10 Last Day
Primary Eagle Tag Finals (after school)
CCS Dance Concert (6.30pm)

**Friday 28 November**
Preschool 3 Christmas Concert (2pm)
Sat 28 November—Sat 5 December
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hike

**Saturday 29 November**
Secondary Secondhand Textbook Sale
(8:00-10.00am)
Year 6 Celebration

**Monday 1 December**
Year 2 Graduation (2pm—PAS)
Year 5 Billy Cart Race & Picnic Day

**Tuesday 2 December**
Infants Christmas Concert
Whole School Christmas Assembly

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

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

**Thursday 22 January 2015**—
Uniform Shop Open 3.00—6.00pm

**Friday 23 January 2015**—
Uniform Shop Open 3.00pm—5.30pm

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

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

This Week’s Quizzle

**WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN**

**Answer to the last Quizzle**

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