From the Deputy Principal Junior School

It is still the beginning of the year so I am sure you will forgive me for making one further introduction - someone you would all be familiar with but would perhaps be surprised to hear of his eminent position amongst us. His work is on display throughout the school from Preschool to Year 12 – amongst staff, parents, students. Although you may not have seen him, I am sure you have heard his voice. He has many names, some of them comical, but the one we shall settle with for now is Satan – the adversary.

The Bible is quite forthcoming about the life and times of Satan and that is where we go for his bio.

Satan’s pedigree is impressive. It is suggested he was an angel known as Lucifer, bright and capable. His imposing status amongst the heavenly host saw him report directly to the Almighty. He dresses in style. Refusing camouflage (the fashion preference of your garden-variety adversary,) he garbs himself as an angel of light, both impressive and convincing. Since the beginning, Satan has sought to destroy the works of God with his primary focus being the pinnacle of creation, humanity – us! And now he prowls the earth seeking whom he may devour.

His language is of particular interest. His first words, “Did God really say you should not eat the fruit?” cast doubt upon the goodness of God. And then… “You shall not surely die” - impudently contradicting God’s explicit warning otherwise. His native tongue is openly displayed right from the outset – lies. I must say it is a useful tool when opposing the Sovereign Ruler of the world, for it transcends all racial, cultural, age and gender boundaries, making you appear far more benevolent than you really are. (Similarities with opposition government are striking.) Satan’s track record was impeccable. He had tremendous success seducing the first son of God, Adam, where sweet chaos followed. He was equally successful with the nation of Israel - and his work has extended the world over, even to the end of Dell Street, Belrose.

He devours, divides, disrupts, disgruntles, deceives and destroys. He accuses, mocks, ridicules. He never sleeps or slumbers. He is an adversary worthy of the name. He is Satan – the ruler of this world.

But the adversary has an adversary and I am sure, as it is still the beginning of the year, you will forgive me for making just one more introduction. Someone I hope you are familiar with. His major work is displayed on a hill called Golgotha outside the city walls of Jerusalem some 2000 years ago. The effects of this work have rippled through the world as well, even to the end of Dell Street.

Our job is to examine and remind each other of this work. Regularly. Our job is to remind Satan of this work, too. Regularly. Because, like us, Satan forgets that there is One, a stronger man, who plucked from him all his trump cards, one by one - demons, disease, disaster. Satan forgets that the keys to death and hell have been secreted from his grasp and have no sting any longer. He forgets he has no right to accuse the children of God of anything for they have justly been declared ‘not guilty’. He forgets that his ultimate fate smells strongly of sulphur. In case we forget, let me introduce, THE Ruler of this World, King Jesus.

Wayne Morton

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Secondary School Information Evening

Tuesday 10 March

For prospective parents and Junior School parents

6.30pm Optional Tour
7.00pm Information Session
8.00pm Optional Tour

25 February 2015

From the Prayer Group

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29 (ESV)

For Prayer and Praise

- Praise God that Jesus sacrificed His sinless life for us and overcame sin.
- Give thanks and pray for staff and students in Years 1 and 2.
- Pray for Year 5 and 6 camps.
- Pray for the Board meeting tonight.
- Pray for Peacewise Hub tomorrow.
- Pray for School Association Information Evening next Tuesday.

If you would like the Prayer Group to pray for you, email us at: prayergroup@covenant.nsw.edu.au

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**Asthma**
Please complete a Student Asthma Record 2015 for your child if they suffer from asthma (mild, moderate or severe). These forms are to be updated annually. Forms are available from the School Office or can be downloaded from our website: (www.http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/community/forms-policies.html).

**Student Emergency Record Forms**
Please return your pink forms to the School Office, duly signed, if you haven’t already done so. These were sent home at the beginning of the year in the information pack. The information contained in these forms is vital for school records in the care of your child/ren.

**From the School Counsellors**
It is hard to believe we are almost half way through the term. We hope all families have settled back into school and that new families particularly are feeling welcomed and getting to know others. We want to make you aware or remind you of our roles at Covenant and how to make contact with us.

For parents with children in Junior School, we encourage you to either contact their teacher or speak with us if you have any concerns. We then follow up students individually and give you feedback, or we may just offer suggestions or strategies that can be tried at home or in the classroom. Students in Secondary School tend to either be referred by a teacher or parent/s, or self-refer. If you have concerns, please feel free to contact us so we can talk things through and work out the best way forward. Sometimes the best option for a student is talking with someone outside of school, in which case we are able to provide recommendations.

We appreciate that seeing a counsellor sometimes has a stigma attached to it. We think of our role as that of helping and assisting students during their time at school; whether it be strengthening social skills, helping with time management, liaising with other students or staff on their behalf or listening to difficulties that a student is facing. Sometimes just having a general chat or off-loading a bit is all that is needed. Parents can also pop in and visit, though an appointment made can ensure we can see you.

Mr Richard Grey is available Mondays and Fridays – email: rgrey@covenant.nsw.edu.au. Mrs Deb Redwood is available Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays – email: dredwood@covenant.nsw.edu.au.

We see it as a privilege to support families at Covenant and we hope you all have a great year!

*Mr Richard Grey and Mrs Deb Redwood*

**Careers News**
Remember to check the website: http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/careers.html

**UNSW: Built Environment Parent and Student Information Session**
Wednesday 25 March, 6.00 - 8.30pm. A valuable information session where students can learn about degrees within the disciplines of Architecture, Design, Construction and Planning. [http://www.be.unsw.edu.au/Parent_Info_Night](http://www.be.unsw.edu.au/Parent_Info_Night)

**UTS Discover Sessions: Nursing and Midwifery**

**APM College of Business and Communication: A Day in the Life**
Thursday 16 April, 10.00am - 4.00pm, The Rocks, 1-5 Hickson Road. Get a taste of life in the industries of marketing, event management, public relations or business management. Contact 1300 880 610 or enquiries@apm.edu.au. [http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events/day-in-the-life-workshop-sydney](http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events/day-in-the-life-workshop-sydney)

**Australian Defence Force Gap Year**
Applications open Monday 2 March. The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished Year 12 to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills over a paid Gap Year. To apply, visit: [http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/)

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**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)
Extend After School Care at Covenant Christian School

Autumn Holiday Program Coming Soon
Our team have been working hard on the Autumn Holiday Program and bookings will soon be open. We have heaps of fun activities planned that you won’t want to miss out on! Be sure to check our website for updates and watch this space…

Have you enrolled with Extend?
Enrolling is quick and easy and you don’t pay the annual enrolment fee until you use the service. All families are encouraged to enrol so you can have access to the Extend service if the need should ever arise. Please note it is a government regulation that all children are enrolled before attending. Visit www.extend.com.au to set up your online account on the Parent Portal.

What can you do on the Parent Portal?
There are many benefits to our Parent Portal including:
1. Managing your own bookings (you can actually view and manage your own bookings)
2. Adding a new child to your account (eg if you have a child starting school this year)
3. Updating your personal/child details
4. Have full control of your account!

Secondary Dance and Drama Camp
Book now for the Dance and Drama Camp to be held at Camp Kedron on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March. Cost is $165 per student and will include meals and accommodation. For more information, please contact Mrs Heather Pitt hpitt@covenant.nsw.edu.au. Book via www.trybooking.com/EGOX. Numbers are limited!

What’s New on the Blog Site?
Keep up to date via www.facebook.com/covenantchristianschoolsydney

Primary Swimming Carnival 2015
On Tuesday 17 February, students from Years 2 to 6 gathered at Warringah Aquatic Centre to participate in the Primary Swimming Carnival. The teams cheered loudly and the students participated enthusiastically in many events.

Several records were broken during the day, by Taylor Bradac and Cooper Eakin. Congratulations, Cooper and Taylor, and the winning Aylward relay team.

Congratulations to the Age Champions for 2015:
8yrs – Jade Stofberg and Edward Mullings
9yrs – Lizzy Pienaar and Noah Fallon
10yrs – Taylor Bradac and Mitchell Usback
11yrs – Erin Shaw and Cooper Eakin
12yrs – Grace Dale and Craig Stofberg

The final pointscore was:
4th – White 390 points, 3rd – Lewis 408 points, 2nd – Ten Boom 427 points, 1st – Aylward 484 points.

Well done to all the students who competed in races with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Thank you also to all the wonderful teachers and parents who helped in so many ways. We praise God for such a great day!


New Blog Posts to Visit
Lost
Missing - red and black Nike sports shoes. Has your child picked these up by mistake? Please contact Mrs O’Sullivan if you have seen them.

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.

Subject and Title Date Due

YEAR 7
7.1, 7.2, 7.4 German role play Wk 6
Mrs Wright’s Science Task 1 2/3
7.5 German presentation 6/3
7.3 German presentation 10/3
Maths Test 11/3
Mrs Wright’s Science Task 2 16/3
English speech due 23/3
Geog: “Describing My Home Geographically” due Week 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
Maths Test 12/3
Carry It: Bags and Portfolio Week 8
German projects, worksheets, coursework 20/3
The Passion Project
Independent Investigation Task 23/3
English Essay due 24/3
NB: Mathematics unit tests are held regularly at the end of units. Students are notified in class at least two days prior.

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

Letters to Parents
Some may not have been distributed yet.

Date of Letter Class Topic
16/2 7 Year 7 Camp
17/2 7-12 Zone Swimming
18/2 4-12 Dance Eisteddfods
3-6 Zone Swimming 7,8,12 Biblical Studies Texts
8-10 New Zealand Geography Tour 2015
11-12 Dance Excursion 12 Business Studies Excursion
20/2 3-4 Year 3-4 Sleepover 10 Music—WotOpera

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.)

• PeaceWise Covenant Hub
This Thu 26/2, 7:30-9:30pm in the Covenant staffroom. For more information please contact Ping Chen: vinpingchuchen@gmail.com or 0412 664 225, or David Coy: 0404 876 573 or dbcov@optusnet.com.au.

• CRU Autumn Holiday Camps
For details on their adventure camps, go to www.crucamps.com.au.

• How to Help Your Child Become a Better Reader

• Nthn Beaches ADHD Support Group

What’s Coming Up!
Important Dates can also be found on the Calendar page of the school website.

Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 February
Year 5 and 6 Camps
Friday 27 February
School Tour (9.15am)

Tuesday 3 March
CCS Association Information Evening
Primary Zone Swimming

Thursday 5 March
Secondary Zone Swimming

Thursday 10 March
Year 7 2016 Information Evening

Friday 13 and Saturday 14 March
Year 3-4 Sleepover

Monday 16 to Tuesday 17 March
Year 7-10 Dance & Drama Camp

Tuesday 17 March
Year 11 Drivers Education Day

Saturday 21 March
Year 10 Yarrabah Training

Tuesday 24 March
Easter Assembly

Thursday 26 March
School Tour 9.15am

Thursday 26 March to Thursday 2 April
Year 11 and 12 Exams

Friday 27 March to Thursday 2 April
Year 10 Yarrabah Trip

Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April
Year 7 to 10 Camp Week

Tuesday 31 March & Wednesday 1 April
Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 2 April
Last day of Term 1

This Week’s Quizzle

Answer to the last Quizzle
SHOT IN THE DARK

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