From the Head of Junior School

Junior School Musical

Every second year, the Junior School puts on its very own musical, and 2014 is our year. Secretly, we really do appreciate having a year off, to sit back and savour the Secondary School’s production … (it’s nice just collecting tickets and directing traffic) but nothing rivals the sheer enjoyment we experience from putting on our own production. Yesterday, after months of preliminary organisation, the Production Team met with the remaining staff to launch this year’s musical. It was fun!

So, what is it all about? It is called BitterSweet and it is based on the story of Ruth from the Bible. BitterSweet is a home grown production that draws upon the blood, sweat and tears of many from our school community. It will be performed on three separate occasions - September 10-12. Already the students have auditioned and are well into rehearsals under the direction of Mrs Piney and Mrs Young. The costumes and sets are being designed by Mrs Holman. Mrs Morton will be organising a team to paint the backdrops. Each teacher will be choreographing their various items … some may need a little help. The music, including choral items – recordings – backing tracks – live music is all being coordinated by Mrs Staples. She even wrote the finale, which really is a beautiful piece of music. Just wait and see.

A number of parents have already been called upon to volunteer their creative skills. Once I volunteered to help paint a backdrop for a Secondary musical. You probably recall some of the shades of blue in the top left corner of the 2001 musical … they were mine. During the musical, (not sure what it was) I couldn’t take my eyes off it - no one could. Volunteering is thoroughly satisfying. Mr O’Donoghue - Jemimah’s dad - and Mr O’Donoghue Snr - Jemimah’s grandpa - have already donated hours of their time putting together all the recordings for the class items. Their input is heartily appreciated. I am sure they, too, will be thoroughly satisfied with their accompaniment when late in Term 3 the audience settles, the lights dim, and the overture rings out from the orchestra pit and the curtains finally open. We can’t wait!

Speech Giving Assembly

This coming Friday, students from Years 3-6 will be engaging in the first Speech Giving Assembly for 2014. We have been doing this for several years now. Sixteen students, two from each class, have been chosen by their peers to deliver their speech to the rest of primary. The themes the children could select from on this occasion include: 1. My life as a … 2. Easier said than done. We will be setting up a number of seats in the K block auditorium, plenty for parents and friends to come and enjoy what is always a fun occasion. The assembly commences at 1.40pm - we would love to see you there.

Some House Keeping

The Junior School uniform policy states that sports shoes should be primarily black or white. Given the range of colours that are available these days and that straight colours are not easy to come by, we have extended the colours to

From the Prayer Group

In the beginning You laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish … But You remain the same, and Your years will never end.

Psalm 102:25-26a & 27 (NIV)

For Prayer and Praise

- Praise God He is infinite, constant and everlasting. Give thanks we can put our hope and trust in Him.
- Give thanks and pray for staff and students in Year 11 and 12.
- Pray for Year 8 Showcase Evening, Year 6 Picture Book Launch, Primary Speech Giving Assembly and the Year 12 Dance Night.
- Pray our students will give glory to God for the gifts He has given them.

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

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

Year 12 Dance Night

Wednesday 25 June

Year 12 Drama Night

Thursday 26 June

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include blue, red, black and white. Look at the girl’s school uniform as a guide to appropriate shoe colour. Please let your children know that lime green, mellow yellow and jaffa orange are unfortunately not part of this assortment. We feel that this meets parents half way and anticipate that the next pair of shoes will meet these expectations. Thank you for your understanding.

Wayne Morton

Andrew’s Angle

Parent Involvement Program (PIP) - Declaration of Hours Form
Reminder to please return your completed form by the end of this term.

Bursary & Building Fund
With the end of the financial year now approaching, it is a great time to consider partnering with the community at Covenant. We have a long history of generosity. The school pioneers gave financially for many years to the vision of Christian education - even knowing their own children would not benefit.

A brochure was sent home to families by mail recently. It reminds us of our generous pioneering families and invites you to be part of this continuing culture. Donations to either the Building or the Bursary funds are 100% tax deductible. Such donations help reduce your tax and help the school at the same time. They help to keep the school operating costs at a reasonable level so that our school is affordable to as many Christian families as possible.

Donations to the Building Fund will be used for future building plans and donations to the Bursary Fund are used to provide fee relief to families less financially able. A way for the school community to make tax deductible donations to these funds is by using an online credit card facility. Simply click the link or copy the link following into your web browser.


All donations will receive a tax deductible receipt. There is no fee for using this service. Your generosity is much appreciated. If you would prefer to donate via cheque or EFT please contact me via alowry@covenant.nsw.edu.au. See more at www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/founders-generosity-continued-by-current-families

Mr Andrew Lowry, Business Manager

Careers News

University of Tasmania Open Days, Sydney
Darlinghurst Campus - Saturday 23 August, 1 Leichardt Street, Darlinghurst
Rozelle Campus - Sunday 24 August, Cnr Glover and Church Street, Lilyfield.
The Rozelle campus offers the Bachelor of Paramedic Practice while both campuses offer training in Nursing. See http://www.utas.edu.au/open-day/sydney-campus.

Design Centre, Enmore (TAFE) Open Day
Saturday 21 June, 10.00am – 3.00pm, 110 Edgeware Rd, Enmore. Chat with teachers, learn about the diverse range of courses on offer & tour the campus. Contact: 1300 360 601. See https://www.facebook.com/DesignCentreEnmore.

Sydney Design School Open Day
Saturday 28 June, 12.00pm – 2.00pm, Level 2, 40 Oxley Street, St Leonards. Speak to staff, learn about the courses available and view the facilities. More at http://sydneydesignschool.com.au/info-sessions/.

UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program
Round 1 Applications close: Friday 20 June; Round 2 Applications open: Friday 1 August; Round 2 Applications close: Tuesday 30 September. This program provides students with $15, 500 per year of study and two six month full-time industry placements with sponsor organisations. There are two rounds of applications in 2014 for the 2015 intake. See http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/information-technology/it-undergraduate/bit-co-op-how-apply.

Australian Defence Force Gap Year
Applications close Monday 30 June 2014. The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished Year 12 or equivalent, aged between 17 and 24, 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/

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 2.00-2.45pm and Wednesday 8.00-9.00am (ph: 9450 2696)
Year 8 Showcase is on!
The Passion Project Showcase will be held this Thursday, 19 June, in the Performing Arts 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 musical composition 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.

HSC Dance Night 2014
Wednesday 25 June—6.00-7.30pm in the Performing Arts Space. HSC Dance students will be presenting their Performance and Composition works and the Eisteddfod troupes and soloists will be presenting their routines from the recent Northern Beaches and Extreme Eisteddfods.

Year 12 Drama Night
Come along to the Performing Arts Space on Thursday 26 June to see the Year 12 Drama class perform their Group and Individual Performances that they are preparing for their HSC. The afternoon begins at 4.00pm with the Group 1 Performance followed by Individual Performances. Group 2 will perform at 6.30pm, followed by Group 3. The rest of the Individual Performances will follow. The evening should conclude at approximately 9.30pm.

Parents and friends are invited to attend. Tea and coffee and will be served.

PIP Sewing Help Needed
Help is needed with sewing for the Junior School musical. If you can do simple sewing and would love to help, please see Mrs Holman in 5HM or Mrs Watson in the Junior Library.

What's New on the Blog Site?
Primary Athletics Carnival - 2014
On Wednesday 11 June, we held the Primary Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen. Thankfully the weather stayed fine and the students enthusiastically competed in many events – to the point where we must have broken a record for the huge number of boys competing in the Open 1500m!

The cheering was also very enthusiastic and the House Captains did a great job at organising and encouraging their teams.

Benj Gulliford (Year 6) had a terrific day, breaking records in the AWD 100m, 200m, Discus and Shot Put. Well done, Benj!

Congratulations to the 2014 Age Champions:
8yrs – Anna Kim and Nathaniel Ryan
9yrs – Isabella Dale and Luca Morgante
10yrs – Erin Shaw and Ben Kelly
11yrs – Grace Dale and Oliver Spencer
12yrs – Chloe Higgins and Aaron Steyne

The final point score was:

Thanks so much to the wonderful parents, teachers and Year 9 PASS students who helped the carnival run so smoothly - and praise God for a great day.


New Blog Posts to Visit
This Friday’s Canteen Special:
Toasted Chicken Pesto Wrap with wilted baby Spinach and Cheese ........................................ $4.50

Secondary Last Day of Term
Friday 27 June, the last day of term, will feature a new event run by Student Council, Covie Live, a talent quest for students. This event will be held between recess and lunch. Students can wear non-uniform and need to bring a gold coin donation. The money collected is going to SIM (Serving in Mission), which is the mission organisation that the Year 8 Biblical Studies are supporting as well.

Year 10 Student Lunch
Year 10 Year Parents invite all Year 10 students to a Pizza lunch on Tuesday 24 June, on the basketball court in the first half of lunch. Cost is $5 to be paid through Munch Monitor by 23 June. Any queries, please ask your child to collect a copy from their teacher or go to helen@bilton.com.au.

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.

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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.

Letters to Parents
Some may not have been distributed yet.
Date of
Letter Class Topic
6/6 K-2 Term 3—Swimming
16/6 12 Mathematics Workshops
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.)

- School Holiday Activities/Parties
  Vacation care, indoor play centre, birthday parties, soccer camps.
  www.bigblast.com.au
- HSW Health Parenting Programs
  Term 3 courses — Tuning in to Kids (3-10 yrs), Triple P (3-8 yrs), Communicating with Kids Workshop (3-12 yrs), Tuning in to Teens, Toddlers workshops, Resilient Kids Workshop, Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop. Ph 9887 5830 www.nslhd.health.gov.au/services/CAP
- Trial HSC Seminars
- Crusader Holiday Camps
  CRU are running 21 amazing camps for K-12 inc snow, activity, HSC study camps and a Christian leadership camp. To find out more, call 9874 8933 (option 1) or visit www.crucamps.com.au.
- Ready Set Trot
- North Shore Basketball League (NSBL)

What’s Coming Up!
Thursday 19 June
Year 8 Showcase Evening
Friday 20 June
Primary Speech Giving Assembly
Monday 23 June
Year 6 Picture Book Launch
School Tour (9.15am)
Tuesday-Wednesday 24-25 June
Year 3-6 Cartoon Workshop
Wednesday 25 June
Year 12 Dance Night
Thursday 26 June
Year 12 Drama Night
Friday 27 June
Year 11 Yarrabah Trippers depart
Last day of Term 2
Monday 21 July
First day of Term 3
Wednesday—Friday 23-25 July
Year 11 Art Camp
Monday 28 July
Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3.30-9.00pm)
HSC Trials Begin
Tuesday 29 July
Year 11 Drama Night
Wednesday 30 July
Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3.15-6.00pm)
Monday 4 August
Primary Zone Athletics
Monday-Friday 4-8 August
Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement & SDD Residential
Wednesday-Friday 6-8 August
Duke of Edinburgh Hikes

This Week’s Quizzle

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Answer to the last Quizzle
SAILING INTO THE WIND