From the Principal
Life at a school is never dull. Last week we had the Primary and Secondary state swimming carnivals, Pi Day and the Year 3 and 4 Sleepover, as well as a Secondary School information night, a PASS incursion, a Yarrabah training evening and an excursion for our Year 11 Textile & Design students. We even had some time to have “normal” lessons! We are grateful that children in our school have such rich educational experiences.

Staff are also busy preparing for the Year 7 to 10 Camps, and our Year 11 and 12 students are getting ready for the first formal exams being held in the last week of this term.

One of the great joys I have is meeting with our new staff and working through what it means to teach in a school like Covenant. This week we looked at the way in which some can view God as an “ultimate watchmaker”, where God set everything up at the beginning and is now watching his good creation distorted by sin, sometimes stepping in to make some things right, but leaving other things to unravel. It is perhaps better to use a metaphor that God set up the world like a person who is able to spin a basketball on his finger. If you watch someone who can do that, they are often making micro-adjustments to their finger, but also giving the ball a little flick to keep it spinning so that it remains in balance.

God has been, and still is, creating and in ways that people may not think about as being part of the creative actions of God. Not only has He created the physical world but, through humanity, which is the pinnacle of His creation (not the end), the creativity continues through our ability to create as part of our image bearing nature. Things such as doing justice, producing art, developing vaccines, loving, laughing and learning are all creational activities, and we ought to be thankful for those parts of God’s good creation as well. Of course, that is not the end of the story, as we recognise the impact of sin on the created order, and God’s redemptive actions ... not only to call out a people to be a light to the nations, but for His people to be part of the reconciliation of all things to Himself.

Bill Rusin

Andrew’s Angle
Try the Bus for Free! Collaroy & Seaforth Charter Bus Service
Calling all students who live in the Collaroy/Cromer & Seaforth/Balgowlah areas! Please see the Try the Bus for Free coupon on the back page of this week’s newsletter. The coupon is valid for the rest of Term 1. A student is allowed to try the bus for FREE (one day only). Simply contact the school office on 9450 2688 and inform them of your child/ren’s FREE return travel day and hand the coupon over to the driver with your child/ren’s name/s on the coupon.

The charter bus service is provided to assist parents but will only continue with the support of parents. The service is significantly subsidised by the school to make it affordable. So please give it a go!


From the Prayer Group
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1: 9 (NIV)

For Prayer and Praise
• Praise God we can have forgiveness through Him.
• Give thanks and pray for teachers and students in Years 9 and 10
• Pray for Dance and Drama Camp
• Pray for Primary CIS swimming
• Pray that God will grant wisdom and insight to our counsellors
• Pray for students who are anxious, isolated or struggling, to seek God for strength, help and comfort

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

Lost and Found
Left after the Year 3/4 Sleepover — an air bed and a sleeping bag.
Please see Mr Morton if you are missing either of these items.

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Canteen Closed Last Day of Term and Café Covie Closed Week 11 (Last Week of Term)
Please note that the Canteen will be closed on the last day of term (11 April). Café Covie will be closed in Week 11 (7-11 April) as key staff are away serving on Secondary camps that week. However, please be assured it will be back five days a week from the commencement of Term 2. Thank you for your patronage.

Additional Working Bee - Saturday 5 April, 8am to 12pm.
We have an additional working bee on Saturday 5 April, commencing at 8am. With the completion of the new E Block first floor, we have 26 staff moving to new locations and we need your help (if you are free). We seek as many hands as possible to move office furniture and boxes of resources into the new staffroom space. Your help is most appreciated. This working bee will replace the Term 2 working bee.

Mr Andrew Lowry, Business Manager

CCS Dance Academy
Due to the Dance Academy operating outside of normal school hours, the Dance Academy teachers have been provided with a copy of Emergency Contacts and medical information for students enrolled in their dance classes. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact Rebecca McCausland at rmccausland@covenant.nsw.edu.au.

Attn: Parents of Year 7-9 Geography Students
We have been informed that the Oxford Atlas we were going to use (on the school textbook lists for 2014) will now not be available until November 2014. If you ordered one at the beginning of the year through Campion, your order has been cancelled, and you should receive a refund from Campion. The school has decided to use second hand atlases for this year and review it for 2015. If you are waiting for one through another distributor you may want to cancel your order.

Upcoming School Community Events
Year 4 Parent Night:
Parents are invited to a coffee and dessert night tomorrow night, Thursday 20 March, 7.30pm at Mark & Ali Streeter’s home.

Year 7 Parents Get Together
Year 7 parents are invited to meet over coffee at Café Covie on Wednesday 26 March around 8.45am. Love to see you there!

Year 9 Parent Catch up
Wednesday 26 March at Café Covie after morning drop off. Any questions, please contact Melissa Lowe 0426 897 774.

Year 10 Parent Dinner
Monday 31 March - Cavallino, Terrey Hills, at 7.30pm. Please RSVP by 24 March to Kari Higgins on 0418 120 966.

Careers News
Australian Defence Force Academy
The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is a unique university where you’ll be paid a salary ($39,525) to study a degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW). You’ll also undertake military leadership training and learn to become an officer in Australia’s Navy, Army or Air Force. In addition to the salary, all tuition fees are covered. Applying for ADFA is a dual application process that can take up to 12 months, so if you are interested it would be best to get started now. Find out more information go to http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/applicationProcess.aspx

Australian National College of Beauty Open Day
Saturday 3 May, 10.00am – 1.00pm, 235 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont. Contact: 1300 885 385
See more at http://www.ancb.edu.au/open-days-events/open-day-sydney-3rd-may.

Macleay College Industry Days
Monday 14 April – Friday 18 April. Macleay College will host a series of Industry Days for senior secondary students to give them a taste of possible future careers. There will be individual sessions focused on Sports Management, Advertising, Event Management, Marketing, Travel and Tourism, Journalism and Public Relations.

Covie Careers
Don't forget to access Covie Careers for updated information about careers events. www.coviecareers.com.

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)
What’s New on the Blog Site?

Secondary Swimming Carnival

The Secondary School competed in their annual swimming carnival on Friday 3 March. Students participated wholeheartedly and enthusiastically in all events, providing healthy competition between Houses.

The House competition is always keenly fought with White showing improved form early but once again, at the end of the day, Aylward ran away with it, finishing just in front of Lewis (2nd) Ten Boom (3rd) and White (4th).

There were some commendable performances on the day with a number of records broken by Isabella Macdonald, Elysha Robinson and Nate Calman.

Age Champions:
12 yrs - Alex Kilby & Lauren McDonald
13 yrs - Jake Eakin & Olivia Winestock
14 yrs - Oscar Gullickson & Lily Morton
15 yrs - Jarreau McLean & Natalie Lawrance
16 yrs - Tom Edwards & Kirana Armstrong
17 yrs - Hayden Tucker & Elysha Robinson
18 yrs - Oskar Jaggers & Ebony Stanmore


Year 5 and 6 Camps

See articles and lots of photos of the two camps at:

New Blog Posts to Visit

What’s Coming Up!

Wednesday 19 March
Joshua Challenge—tonight at 7.30pm
(see Blog Posts list on page 3)

Thursday 20 March
Year 4 Coffee & Dessert Night

Thursday 20 to Friday 21 March
Year 7-11 Drama & Dance Camp

Monday 24 March
Year 10 Parent Dinner

Wednesday 26 March
Primary CIS Swimming

Year 7 Parent Get Together at Café Covie

Year 9 Parent Catch Up at Café Covie

Tuesday 1 April
Easter Assembly

Thursday 3 April
School Tour (9.15am)

Thursday 3 to Friday 11 April
Year 11/12 Exams

Saturday 5 April
Covie Working Bee

Monday 7 to Friday 11 April
Year 7 to 10 Camps

Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9 April
Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 11 April
Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 29 April
First day of Term 2

Tuesday 6 May
School Cross Country Carnival

Monday 12 May
Year 11/12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15
Year 3, 5, 7, 9 NAPLAN Testing

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This Week’s Quizzle

Answer to the last Quizzle
WOLF IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING

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This Friday’s Canteen Special:
Beef Nachos (gluten & dairy free) .............................................................. $4.50

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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

Music (all classes)
Musical Instrument Assign’t  Wk 8

English Wide Reading Task
(Mrs Gardner’s class)  21/3

German Cultural Task  Wk 9

Geography assignment  28/3

English Speech Presentation  31/3

English Speech Presentation  31/3

D&T—Snack & Package
Group 3&4 / Group 5  2/4 / 4/4

YEAR 8

Geog Rainforest Assignment  26-27/3

German Language Perfect Test  27/3

D&T Folio & Bag  Wk 10

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
12/3  9-11  Term 2 Elective Sport
17/3  3-6  Term 2 Sport Options
21/3  5-6  Girls Soccer Gala Day
5/3  8-10  Camps
12  EEC Excursion
10/3  7-12  Secondary State Swimming

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.

Covenant Christian School Belrose

Names:

FREE BUS DAY

This coupon entitles the student(s) named to ride for free one day only Term 1 2014. Hand coupon to driver.

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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.)

- Sydney Easter Parade & Family Day

- Student Exchange Info Evening
  Wed 26/3 at 7.30pm. Adina Apartment Hotel, Cnr Kent & Bathurst Streets. For more info call 1300 135 331 or go to www.studentexchange.org.au.

- Accommodation Needed
  A Church planting family has need of accommodation from June 2014. If you know of any reasonably priced housing for a family with three children on the Northern Beaches, please call Daniel on 0412 089 220.

- Northern Beaches ADHD Support Grp
  Next meeting Mon 24/3, 7-9pm at Pittwater RSL. Bookings essential: www.eventbrite.com.au/org/4222746751

- HSC Study Skills for Students with ADHD

- Warringah Council Vacation Care

- National Youth Week
  Warringah Council’s Youth Services will be presenting a range of activities as part of National Youth Week Celebrations from 4-13/4, including workshops, parent evenings, band competitions, etc. See details at www.yovosgigs.info.

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This Week’s Quizzle

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