From the Principal

Welcome to the last week of Term 2!

This term has gone quickly, and reports have been written and are being distributed this week. It is a busy time both for school staff and for students. Last week the school had the great privilege of having Dr Graham Barker present at the Joshua Challenge. This men’s evening was well attended and Dr Barker’s message was well received as he talked about men and depression. Dr Barker is a past parent of the school and is a leading Christian thinker and presenter on this issue. We are thrilled that he is happy to be involved in our community in this way. He will be presenting at the upcoming State Conference for CEN schools in the third week of the student’s break on depression in children. Most of our staff will be attending the conference, which will also feature Dr Bill Salier (past teacher at Covenant and current Deputy Principal of Moore Theological College) as the main speaker. Many of our staff will be involved in presenting workshops.

Last Thursday I attended the first Passion Project presentation evening. It was a wonderful night where students from Year 8 showcased a project they worked on over the past five months. It was an overwhelming success, and this new initiative of the school, where students were guided through a process of developing a plan of investigation, research, implementation and reflection in an area in which they have interest, resulted in many wonderful and varied projects. It was also great to see the students explaining their projects to other adults and students, and the lessons learnt in this project could not be learnt in a traditional classroom environment. I look forward to what the second group of Year 8 students will come up with next semester!

In a similar vein, it was lovely to attend the Year 6 book launch in the Junior School Library. God’s creative image bearing nature was very evident in the many and varied stories that were on display. Well done Year 6!

It was also pleasing to get feedback from a variety of people about the way in which many of our students behaved themselves at a recent football gala day. Even though the Senior girls won their event, it was the way in which the students showed respect for each other, the referees and the opposition which impressed many who were there. I don’t often use the word “proud”, but this is a time when I feel as though I can use it with integrity.

May these coming holidays be a blessing to you and your family.

Bill Rusin

2014/15 School Directory

The new edition has been issued and is available from the school office.
Andrew’s Angle

Building & Bursary Fund - Please Donate Online before 30 June
Please consider a tax deductible donation to the Building &/or Bursary Fund online. Simply click the link or copy the link following into your web browser. Bursary Fund: [http://www.trybooking.com/CZMA](http://www.trybooking.com/CZMA) or Building Fund: [http://www.trybooking.com/CZLC](http://www.trybooking.com/CZLC). All donations will receive a tax deductible receipt. There is no fee for using this service. Your generosity is much appreciated.

School Fee Statements
School fee statements have been mailed and emailed out to parents over the past few days. Term 3 school fees are now due and payable by 21 July. The school strongly encourages the use of BPAY for all payments. Please note that overdue family accounts will incur a $75 reminder fee for every reminder sent. If you have not received your school fee statement in the mail or via email please contact the finance office.

During the Holidays
Please remember that school starts again for students on Monday 21 July. Staff return Monday 14 July for planning and professional development however many will be at a State Teachers Conference offsite on the Monday and Tuesday. The office will not be open during the holiday break, however, the Business Manager, Mr Lowry, and the Registrar, Mrs Boase will be in some days. Alternatively, if the office is temporarily unattended, you can leave a message on the school answering service which will be responded to as soon as possible.

Mr Andrew Lowry, Business Manager

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Careers News

Macquarie University Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 25 June, 2014, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Macquarie Theatre (Building W2.4A). An opportunity to learn about Macquarie’s degrees, bonus point schemes, scholarships and the transition from high school to university. It is a free event, however registration is essential. [http://mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/parent_information/parent_information_evening.jsp](http://mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/parent_information/parent_information_evening.jsp)

UNSW Built Environment Information Session

Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo (Ryde)

Apprenticeship & Trainee Expo (Hornsby)
Wednesday 13 August, 2014, 4.00pm-7.00pm at Hornsby War Memorial Hall, 2 High St, Hornsby. Young people 15 years and older. Parents are welcome to attend. Students will need several copies of their résumé and a pen. Meet training organisations and employers, pick up job application and interview tips, and find a career that suits their interests. For more information please contact Rachel Elphick on 0439041020.

Academy of Interactive Entertainment Open Day
Sunday 17 August, 10.00am – 3.00pm. Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects. Open day will include presentations on different areas of the industry and provide information on full-time and part-time courses. [http://www.aie.edu.au/announcements/open-day-sunday-17th-august-2014](http://www.aie.edu.au/announcements/open-day-sunday-17th-august-2014)

Billy Blue Design School: Day in the Life of a Designer Workshop
An opportunity for the creative student to find out more about careers in design. Saturday 12 July - 9.30am to 4.00pm. Level 8, 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney. For more information and to book a place. See link: [http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events](http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events)

Covie Careers
Don’t forget to access Covie Careers for updated information about careers events. [www.coviecareers.com](http://www.coviecareers.com).

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Cafe Covie - Open every day 8.30 -11.30am
School Canteen - Open Monday and Friday. Order online [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)
CCS Uniform Shop - Open Monday 2.00-2.45pm and Wednesday 8.00-9.00am (ph: 9450 2696)
HSC Dance Night 2014
Tonight—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
Thursday 26 June—commencing 4.00pm in the Performing Arts Space. The Year 12 Drama students will 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.

Last Day of Term
Secondary—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 class are also supporting.

Junior—Mufti Day for the last day of term. Theme is the letter ‘B’ and please bring a gold coin donation for the Alms to Disarm Fundraising Project.

Missing Uniform Items
Quite a few uniform items have gone missing. It would be appreciated if, during the school holidays, you could check your child/ren’s clothing and make sure they haven’t accidentally picked up something belonging to somebody else.

Thank you for your assistance.

What’s New on the Blog Site?

Year 8 Passion Project Showcase
The Passion Project Showcase Evening was an opportunity for Year 8 students to display and discuss a variety of their projects. Mrs Glassock and Mr Street encouraged students to research and compile a term long project which they were passionate about. The audience was treated to a heart-felt and beautiful song composed, written and sung by Annie de Horne, accompanied by her father playing piano. There was also an opportunity for parents to see and discuss the projects with the students.


Year 6 Picture Book Launch
This semester Year 6 students have experienced the discipline of writing and illustrating a book for young children. Through this visual literacy unit they have become aware of the important features of a picture book for young children. A book launch was held in the new Junior Library.


New Blog Posts to Visit

7-10 Parent Teacher Interviews (Term 3, Week 2)
Monday 28 July
3.30pm—9.00pm
Wednesday 30 July
3.15pm—6.00pm

An email has been sent to parents with details. If you haven’t received this email, please contact the office.
Ballroom Dancing
Six week course for parents, friends and students. Dates: Tuesdays 7.30-9.00pm, starting 29 July. K Block Performance Space, $80 per couple.
Please RSVP to Karen Grey on 0413 487 178, or call for more info.

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.

Dance Academy
CCS Dance Academy classes for Term 3 will recommence on Monday 21 July, 2014. All students who were enrolled in classes for Term 2 will have their enrolment continued in Term 3 unless written notice is given. All fees will be processed at the end of Week 2.
New enrolments for Term 3 are due by the end of Week 1. Students are welcome to do a trial class before enrolling, but must complete an enrolment form in order to continue participating in Dance classes.
Enrolment forms can be collected from the Office or downloaded from the school website.
For ALL Dance Academy inquiries, including questions regarding enrolment and fees, please email danceacademy@covenant.nsw.edu.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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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.)

- **Sport & Rec Kids Winter Camps 2014**
  For info call 13 13 02 or to go http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/

- **Soccer Holiday Camps**
  At Wakehurst Public School 30/6-2/7, (4-12 yrs). Ph 1300 mrsoccer or go to www.mrsoccer.com.au.

- **North Shore Basketball League NSBL**
  For students in K-2 with inter-league competition for Yrs 3-6. NSBL is holding a school holiday basketball camp this July and registrations are already being accepted for the Term 3 program. E: www.nsbl.com.au Ph: 0403994240

- **Kids in the Park Holiday Fun**
  A range of activities are free or under $20. Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

- **Musical Mayhem Workshops**
  Improve Musical Theatre Skills at Sat pm workshops at Manly Youth Centre. 1pm-4pm, 7/7 to 2/8. For 11-15 year olds, contact Kate Munro on 9976 1486 or kate.munro@manly.nsw.gov.au