From the Deputy Principal
As the school year draws to a close, it is good to reflect on the many blessings we have enjoyed this year. It has certainly been a year of growth and excitement. During the year, K block has come to fruition and we are having difficulty remembering how we managed without it. Already the Performance Space is booked up steadily for plays, assemblies, talks and band practice, the classrooms are in use and the Junior Library is abuzz with children and teachers. School tours meet in the foyer. Buses now line up in an orderly manner in the new top car park. Hardly had K block been officially opened with quiet celebrations and reminiscences from Vincent Strickling, one of the founding parents, than another project began - the remodelling of E block. We have been amazed as huge cranes and trucks arrive to rebuild this older section of the school. Secondary staff and students have needed GPS devices (well almost!) to get from one end of the school to the other.

We have again completed HSC exams, both written and practical, competed in athletics and cultural events, raised money for those less fortunate and sent two groups of students on the Yarrabah trip to work with the children and young people and to reinforce the work of the church there.

Just last week Secondary produced “Arabian Nights”, and what a spectacular show that was - dancers, donkeys, a giant bird, a familiar looking executioner and students with well-known or unsuspected presence and skills on stage. This week we will see the dance concert, “Around the World”, always a feast of colour and movement.

We have scarcely drawn breath! But what makes all this possible is the hard work and dedication and planning of staff, students and parents ... of our community, to be exact. And the one uniting force behind our community is our God.

Let us remember as we finish the year and as Christmas approaches, that it is the birth of Jesus Christ that we recognise. Whatever worldly success there is, in performances, exams or buildings, these things are done in His name. Whatever theological or cultural differences separate us as individuals, we work together united by our belief in God and His Son, Jesus Christ. That is what makes this school distinctive.

I wish you a Christmas of joy and peace and look forward to 2014 together.

Mrs Chris O’Sullivan

Andrew’s Angle
Working Bee - Great Team Effort!
Thank you, thank you to all those wonderful parents who came along to the working bee last Saturday. You all worked hard with great energy and commitment. You wouldn’t know a musical had taken place last week! Great to have the dance floor out as well in readiness for this week’s Dance Around the World concert. The Christmas lights on Forest Way are up and we look forward to sharing the good news of Jesus through our light display. Keep an eye out over the month of December! Look forward to seeing you all back in 2014!

Mrs Chris O’Sullivan

From the Prayer Group
“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

For Prayer and Praise
• Praise God for Jesus who offers us eternal salvation from our sins.
• Give thanks and pray for students in Years 9 & 10 and for the staff teaching them
• Pray for the Dance concert, Christmas assemblies, Year 5 Billy Cart Day and Year 6 Graduation
• Pray for Duke of Ed Hike
• Pray for Board Meeting tonight Please join us in prayer—
Thursdays 9.00-9.30am in the Performance Hall foyer
Email the Prayer Group at: prayergroup@covenant.nsw.edu.au

Secondary Second Hand Textbook Sale
This Saturday 30 November 2013
8.00 - 10.00am in the School Library

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New Bus Services in 2014 - Timetable published & ready to book
Please see the links below for the new charter bus routes commencing in January 2014 for the Cromer/Collaroy/Dee Why/Narraweena/Red Hill and Balgowlah/Seaforth/Fairlight areas. To book, simply click on the www.trybooking.com/DZNK. You have the choice of a one way option or return travel per term.

Transition to be known as Preschool from 2014
In response to parent feedback and to reduce confusion among the wider community, Transition will be rebadged and called ‘Preschool’ from 2014. This is the most common name for a school operating a 3 and 4 year program. Over the coming months the word Transition will disappear from documents and signage and replaced with Preschool.

Before & After School Care 2014
Please see the A4 insert in the newsletter about next year’s exciting program and how to book. Please note: Students in Year 7 can attend Before & After School Care and receive the CCB and CCR benefits.

Parent Involvement Program (PIP) Forms
Reminder to please send in your Term 4 PIP form as soon as you complete your hours. This form can also be found on the school website at http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/community/forms-policies.html.

Uniform Shop Open in January
The Uniform Shop will be open for current families on Thursday and Friday 23 and 24 January, from 3.00-6.00pm.
Please remember that if your son or daughter is in Year 9, their uniform changes to white shirts and blouses for Years 10-12. Please be sure that all secondary students have a Covenant hat or cap as this is mandatory in the playground in terms 1 and 4.

Year 10 2014 Notebook Computers
Covenant will again be issuing school owned notebooks to each Year 10 student. These notebooks have been chosen to assist students complete a variety of learning activities, research and assessments throughout their final three years of school. In 2014, there will be an information and delivery evening that all students and parents will be required to attend. This will take place during Week 3 of Term 1.
Before students are issued with a notebook computer, they will be required to complete a short course on Digital Discipleship. This course is designed to help students consider carefully the implications of using this technology in a Christian way. They will be able to access this course online from the beginning of 2014.

Careers News

International College of Management Sydney: Information Evening
Thursday 5 December, 6.00pm. Contact 1300 585 536. ICMS Campus, 151 Darley Road, Manly. Registrations are required.

William Blue College of Hospitality Management & APM College of Business and Communications
Open Day - Saturday 18 January. Level 9, 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney.
Parents and students can talk to course and career advisers, meet industry partners, take a tour of the campus, get involved in workshops and more. See:
http://www.williamblue.edu.au/about-william-blue/upcoming-events/william-blue-open-day
http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events/apm-open-day

Year 12 2014 Students
I am currently trying to meet with all Year 12 students and will continue to do so throughout next year. It is an opportunity for them to discuss their plans and options for the future, and for me to answer any questions they may have. Please encourage your young person to drop into the careers advisor’s office to make an appointment or they can email me on wgilbert@covenant.nsw.edu.au.

Café Covie - Open every Wednesday on covered Basketball Court 8.30 - 11.30am - Takeaway only from 10.30am
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)
Bus & Rail Passes for 2014
Reminder that application forms must be completed for all students going into Year 3 and Year 7 2014 and for any students who have changed their address. Application forms are available from the school office.

What’s New on the Blog Site?

Year 12 Student Congratulations!
Jason Frawley and Ryan Bothma have been nominated for consideration to be exhibited for the HSC Industrial Technology InTech 2014 exhibitions in Orange and Homebush.
Susannah Chapman, Kimberley Janssen and Dean Grellinger have had their HSC art work selected for Manly Gallery’s 2014 “Express Yourself” Exhibition. This showcases the Northern Beaches HSC Visual Art in Feb 2014. Congratulations to all these students!

Year 6 Community Day
“This morning we came to school and there was an air of excitement all around us. Community day was here. Just before recess, excitement reached fever pitch as we began to set up our stalls. As we all scrambled to get tables and chairs, Year 4 had the distinguished privilege of having lessons in the Year 6 classrooms.

After the delightful and hectic recess of buzzing bees running around, Year 5 came down for our opening ceremony. A member of our government cut the ribbon and the day was declared open. All the Year 5’s came running to our stores and eagerly snatched up our goods.

There was a range of stores varying from sweet shops to gaming shops and haunted houses. Everyone on the day donated a gold coin and received $18 of community day money to go and spend at stalls managed by the Year 6’s. Parents and students alike enjoyed the day to the full although some students got a little too enthusiastic with the music.

The money was designed by Alex Kilby (Year 6) which afforded much amusement to everyone using it. $1 note - Saffron Smith and Jon Lowe, Members for 6E; $2 note - Mr Eatough, Governor General; $5 note - Charlotte Pond and Harry Kelly, Members for 6G; $10 note - Mr Groves, Minister for Workplace Relations.

Food and drinks were provided with some stalls giving them out as prizes and others just selling them. As the day came to a close the noise level got louder as people were trying to sell off their last goods. People ended up walking around laden with trays to sell to expectant customers.

$286.25 was raised towards providing toilets in Nairobi.”

By Rebecca Shaw and Keira Hynson
See lots of photos at http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/thank-you-year-6-for-a-great-community-market-day

Other New Blog Posts to Visit!
http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/christian-school/working-bee-thank-you-for-great-team-effort
**This Friday’s Canteen Specials:**
Toasted Chicken Pesto Wrap with Baby Spinach and Cheese .............. $4.00

Thank you to all parents and friends who have helped out in Canteen this year. The Canteen could not open without you.

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**Secondary Second Hand Textbook Sale**
Saturday 30 November 2013, 8:00-10:00am in the senior library. For information and the selling form, go to http://tinyurl.com/CCSNotes.

**CCS Dance Academy Concert**

‘Dance Around the World’ DVD’s are available to purchase for $20, which includes a booking fee and postage/handling charge. DVD’s will be posted out to you after they have been filmed and edited. Order at http://www.trybooking.com/DYSA.

**PIP Help Needed**
Our Careers Counsellor, Mrs Wendy Gilbert, is looking for assistance from parents with cutting and pasting for wall displays. She is also looking for someone who is computer literate to help produce careers flyers for students.

If you’d like to help, please call her at school or email wgilbert@covenant.nsw.edu.au.

**Found**
Sports craft jacket, size 6, black and white checks with a pink flower brooch. If it belongs to you, please collect it from the school office.

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**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.)

- **Youth Consultants Wanted**
  Manly Council is looking for 10 young people (12-24 years old) from the Northern Beaches interested in being trained for a lead role in the creation of the Manly Council Youth Strategy. 4 x 3 hr workshops: 1 in December, 2 in January and 1 in February. Contact Kate Munro, Youth Development Officer, Manly Council on 9977 1486 or kate.munro@manly.nsw.gov.au.

- **School Holiday Sport, Tennis & Activity Camps**

- **St Stephens Belrose Kindergarten**
  Daphne Mitchell, Director of for 25 yrs has retired. We are celebrating with Daphne & wishing her a wonderful retirement at the end of our Disco on Sat 30 Nov. We welcome past students & families to drop in after 4.30pm.

- **Holiday Soccer Camps**

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**What's Coming Up!**

**Thursday 28 November**
Year 10 Last Day
Infants Christmas Assembly
‘Dance Around the World’ Concert

**Friday 29 November**
Year 10 Social

**Saturday 30 November**
Secondary Second Hand Textbook Sale (8.00-10.00am)

**Monday 2 December**
Year 5 Billy Cart Picnic Day

**Monday 2 - Saturday 7 December**
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hike

**Tuesday 3 December**
K-12 Christmas Assembly
After School Care Information Session (6pm in the Junior Library)

**Wednesday 4 December**
Year 6 Graduation and Book Launch (9.00am)

**Thursday 5 December**
Last day of Term 4

**Tuesday 28 January 2014**
First day of Term 1 2014

**Tuesday 18 February**
Primary Swimming Carnival (8.30am to 12noon)

**Monday 3 March**
Secondary Swimming Carnival

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**This Week’s Quizzle**

**Answer to the last Quizzle**
THAT IS INCREDIBLE!

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