

COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

All knowledge through Christ

Our Vision Our desire is to be part of God's plan to unite all things in heaven and on earth under the lordship of Jesus Christ, by...

Our Mission ...assisting parents in the nurture of their children, providing a Bible-based, Christ-centred education which equips the children to live for God's glory.

18 June 2008

From the Head of Junior School

My Amazing Gran or Pa or Grand-friend was the theme for the most recent Year 3-6 Speech-Giving Assembly. Each student prepared a speech on the topic and the best were voted by their peers to present at the greater assembly.

It would be easy to say that each speech was sensational. Some were, but not all. Others could better be described as interesting, solid, informative... developing. One thing we can safely say is that the speeches are improving. Through constancy, various skills are emerging, confidence is growing and our desire to be involved is rising. Older students model techniques that younger students adopt. Extrovert students foster a confidence that is contagious. Our teachers refine their ability to bring out the best in students.

Speech giving is like milk ... it contains so many of the vital ingredients of the purpose of schooling. A good speech is academically rigorous. It involves reading, writing with a purpose and demands a variety of research skills. A good speech will be cleverly crafted, organised with the audience in mind, first grabbing their attention, then building to a climax, finally leaving them with something to take away. A good speech involves creativity, that unique ingredient that reaches out and touches the audience, creating some sort of response in their mind, their souls, their funny bones. In a way, speeches are even culturally engaging.

On this occasion, *Hunter Jourdan* and *Brianna Caristo* from Year 3, *Zac*

Randolph and *Daniel Watkins* from Year 4, *Andrew Davis* and *Joanna Swadling* from Year 5, and *Grace Cole* and *Charlotte Aitken* from Year 6 had the opportunity to present their speech. *Zac Pearson* was also voted, but was unable to deliver his speech on the day. We were so very proud of each one.

Speech giving is such a wonderful feature of school life these days.

That rumbling you hear is the approach of **Grandparents Day**, and it is rolling straight for us. Next Wednesday at 9.30am, the Junior School will gather together in the hall, with their beloved Grandparents and Grandfriends to... well – just have a really good day together.

Responses to invitations are flowing in steadily and teachers are busily preparing their classes. We have taken this opportunity to combine a focus on Grandparents with our usual Book Week activities and Art-Show exhibition. Each grade will be conducting a performance from one of the shortlisted books and each student will have some of their artwork on display around the school.

Grandparents will have the chance to peruse the classrooms and enjoy a Devonshire tea. After morning tea, a number of performances will take place including our emerging Junior School band and one of our favourite Grandpa's will be sharing a Bible-talk with us.

We understand that many parents would like to attend (perhaps to keep their parents in line) and are welcome, although we do hope that Grandparents will be able to have the first option of the available seating.

From The Prayer Group

Text for the week ...

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer, Share with God's people who are in need. Practise hospitality." *Romans 12:12-13 (NIV)*

For Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for the great fun and fellowship for the BIG Trivia Night. Continue to pray for the team as they complete their preparations.
- Give thanks and pray for our delightful Year 11 teachers, students and families. Pray that they would be firmly grounded in God's Word.
- Continue to pray for each other, that we would all have strength to complete the term.

Next week: Year 4— Please join with us in prayer (Monday, 9.00am on the staffroom verandah).

We want to pray for you - for all our staff, students and families. Email the Prayer Group at: prayergroup@covenant.nsw.edu.au

Wednesday 25 June 2008

Grandparents/Grandfriends Day

Year 11 2009 Information Evening

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Thank you for your assistance with this.

Anticipating a significant increase in traffic that day, we have arranged for the school carpark to be open for cars after 9am, allowing the school buses to use the turning circle prior to that. Please feel free to use this facility and let us know if you require closer access to the school hall.

Rumble, Rumble!

Mr Wayne Morton

CCS Board planning for the future

On Friday and Saturday, 13-14 June, members of the School Board and the Principal held an extended meeting to review strategic directions for the School. This is something the Board tries to do once a year - to step back from many of the more regular Board issues, and think broadly about how well we are achieving our Mission, and how we can improve the school and Association. The Board also spent valuable time in prayer, particularly around these strategic issues.

On Friday evening we were also joined by five of the other executive staff team who shared some of their challenges and joys in their school roles. The two days were a very useful time, with robust and stimulating discussion taking place in the context of an underlying common commitment to our Vision and Mission and a warm fellowship in our common faith. The discussions resulted in some refinements to our Mission Statement and updates to our Strategic Plan, and some other decisions about future staffing.

Stay tuned to the web site and to the school Newsletter for more details.

*Mr Ian Carmichael,
on behalf the School Board*



Bill Rusin, Alison Streeter, Ian Carmichael, Rod Post, Roger Parker, Stuart Johnson, Anne Baker, Frea Sietsma.

Andrew's Angle

Music Laboratory - Thank you from the Music Department

As this project is now almost complete, we would like to officially extend our thanks again for the generous financial support of the parents and friends of the school who made this facility possible. It is a wonderful facility that you have provided for us in the Music Laboratory. We are already reaping amazing benefits for the students.

*Mr Andrew Lowry
Business Manager*

Year 4 Events

Dads (or Grandfathers) and Kids Bowling Afternoon—Saturday 28 June at 3.30pm, AMF Bowling, Dee Why.

Year 4 Mums Coffee Morning—Thursday 3 July after school drop off at Hills (Café Piemonte).

Please RSVP for both events to Danielle Gulliford on 9450 2847 or rdhgulliford@yahoo.com

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is being held again next week in the Private Study area under the Junior Library. Students will have an opportunity to preview the books over the next week during their Library classes.

Books will be on sale all day next Wednesday 25/6 (Grandparents Day) and also 8.30 -9.30am and 2.15 to 3.15pm on both Thursday 26/6 and Friday 27/6.

Covenant Christian School

is a vibrant, growing Transition to Year 12 school of over 700 students, located in leafy Belrose. We invite applications from suitably qualified Christians of a reformed evangelical persuasion for the following teaching position, commencing Term 3 2008.

**Primary Teacher
1 day / week (RFF)**

Temporary 6 month appointment, with possibility of permanent position from 2009

For a Teachers application package, contact the Executive Assistant by email, phone or access from <http://www.covenant.nsw.edu.au/employment.shtml>

Closing date to receive completed applications: Friday 20 June 2008.

Applications can be received by email, mail, fax or via the Front Office.

The Principal
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This is a great opportunity to purchase gifts for your children and their friends, your grandchildren, nephews and nieces and benefit the school Library at the same time. The books are suitable from early Childhood to mid teens.

You can of course buy a book to donate directly to the Library. We put a bookmark with "Library wish list" in books we would like. The Library receives a book commission on sales - up to 35%. We hope to see you there.

*Mrs Irene Carpenter
Library Coordinator*

Freezer Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Community Freezer.

Café Cavie - Open every Wednesday - 9.00-11.30am - Takeaway only from 10.15am

School Canteen - Open Mondays and Fridays

CCS Uniform Shop - Open Mondays 2.00-2.45pm and Wednesdays 8.00-9.00am (ph: 9450 2696)

Met North CSSA Football Gala Day

On Thursday 22 May, Covenant sent four teams to the CSSA Football (Soccer) Gala Day. (See last week's newsletter for reports on the other three teams.)

Junior Boys Team

The boys got off the bus at Castle Hill ready for a big day of soccer. They went into their first game confident against Pacific Hills. Starting the game fresh they played hard but unfortunately missed a few early chances. As the half time whistle blew, the score was locked at 0-0. Late in the second half when the game looked to end without a goal, a harsh but fair penalty was given against us which was converted into a late goal. The team was very disappointed to lose the match 1-0. However, they kept their spirits high and played their next match against Oxford Falls. The match was a tough contest with lots of chances for both teams but the game ended in a nil all draw. A fair result. Later in the day as the boys were starting to look like a goal was out of reach the boys came up against Norwest Christian school. After going down early one nil the boys fought back hard with Reese Cole scoring a hat-trick of goals to win 3-1. Northern Beaches, our most infamous rivals, was our last match of the day. The boys by now were tired and there was still 40 minutes of soccer to go. Although the boys never gave up on the match they ended up losing 1-0. With a mixture of results the boys enjoyed the day and should be commended for the way they played. The most impressive part of the day was the Godly way in which the boys played, never getting angry at other players or the referee and setting a great example of what Covenant and being a Christian is all about.

Primary Athletics (Swimming?) Carnivals 2008

Part 1

Wednesday June 4 was another wet, rainy day for the Primary Athletics Carnival! Thankfully there weren't strong winds and cool temperatures to deal with this year and the rain wasn't as continuously heavy. Still, it WAS WET AGAIN and we were not able to complete all our events AGAIN, but we did our best to accomplish as much as possible, specifically the long jump, turbo javelin, 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m.

The students are a credit to their parents and to our school as they continue to display such a wonderful attitude to sport and competition. Many competed with such enthusiasm and fun, that the rain was easier to ignore. Despite the weather, an impressive number of students competed in all six events on the day.

Well done to all students who attended and competed – you are wonderful! A huge THANK YOU to all the teachers, parents and Year 9 students who helped the carnival to run so smoothly and were prepared to get wet and yet kept smiling and encouraging.

Mrs Watson again had people dancing around, singing and chanting; Mrs Dye and her reliable helpers kept us well fed and everyone did their valuable bit. The Year 9 helpers excelled. Thank you, Tanya Fenwick, Cara Petrovski, Candice Watson, Megan Meyer, Nicki Hocking, Dorothy Poon, Tom Sheehan, Murray Bothma and Josh Cooper ... you were – and are – wonderful! Everyone was rewarded with a well-deserved early mark.

Part 2

On Tuesday 10 June we persevered to complete the 1500m, discus and shot put events, even though it rained again during the set time. Thankfully our perseverance paid off and those events were finally completed. High Jump took place in each class's PE lesson time over the period of one week, so all in all the 2008 carnival took eight days to complete, which is four days quicker than last year's carnival!

Again, the participation, enthusiasm and attitude displayed by students in the remaining events was very impressive. In particular, the following students competed in all ten events over the eight days: John Chapman, Jonathan Chen, Harri Gilbert, Judith Harvey, Tom Holman, Abi Hunter, Daniel King, Joshua Lea, Isabella Macdonald, Hannah Parker, Jared Petrovski, Jarrod Post, Jordan Thomas, Hayden Tucker and Sam Watson. Well done!

Congratulations also to the following students for breaking records: Hayden Tucker in the 11 year High Jump; Hannah Bryant in the 11 year Discus and Abi Hunter in the Junior Discus.

The Age Champions for 2008 are:

8 Years: Joshua Pearson and Zarli Robinson

9 Years: Samuel Hawkins and Hunter Jourdan

10 Years: Alexander Dandie and Abi Hunter

11 Years: Hayden Tucker and Isabella Macdonald

12 Years: Jarrod Post and Judith Harvey

Well done on such a great effort and results!

The final pointscore for our eight-day carnival was:

4th – Aylward on 528 points, 3rd – Ten Boom with 585 points, 2nd – Lewis on 634 points, 1st – WHITE with 702 points

Miss T Hammond (a very relieved – and tired - carnival coordinator)

Year 7 Social Gatherings

Saturday 21 June—family picnic/ barbeque at Apex Park at Mona Vale (behind the surf club) from 12.00-4.00pm. Contact Suzie Randolph on 9997 5051.

Letters To Parents

Some of these may not have been distributed yet.

Date of

Letter Class Topic

12/6 12 Ext English Excursion

13/6 3-4 Friday Gymnastics

7-9 Iron & Clay Concert

16/6 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews

If you did not receive a letter relevant to your child, please ask your child to collect a copy from their teacher.

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 Due Date

YEAR 7

Languages

Group 3 Test on chap. 4 19/6

Groups 1 & 2 Test on chap. 4 20/6

English 7K Narrative 25/6

Biblical Studies 7K Psalm 23/6

History 7D Ancient Egypt Test 23/6

Science (Mrs Wright's class)

Energy homework 2/7

NB: Mathematics unit tests are held regularly at the end of units. Students are notified in class a day or two prior.

YEAR 8

Maths (Mrs Smithies' class)

Topic Test on chapter 12 20/6

English (Mrs Glasscock's class) Oral 25/6

Science (Mrs Wright's class)

Natural Resources task 1/7

NB: Mathematics unit tests are held regularly at the end of units. Students are notified in class a day or two prior.

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 organizations which receive promotion. n. Comments should be in writing, addressed to the Board, and will be treated confidentially. The school's written policy on "Promotion" can be viewed at the Library.)

• Free Yr 12 Exam Strategy Lectures

'Mastering the Exams' - learn vital skills to help optimise performance in exams, as well as strategies that will maximize learning and cut down on study time.

Go to www.tsfx.com.au or phone 1300 364 173. Cost—gold coin donation to Oxfam Australia on the day. (Valued at \$150)

• Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

This is an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2008 from Germany, Italy, France, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Holland, and Brazil. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia.

The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world. We organise all the flights, school enrolment, transportation, insurances and support systems.

Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceaust@scce.com.au

What's Coming Up!

Saturday 21 June

Year 7 Family Picnic

Wednesday 25 June

T-6 Grandparents Day

Year 11 Information Evening

Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 June

Scholastic Book Fair (Library)

Thursday 26 June

Next School Tour

Saturday 28 June

Year 4 Dads, Grandfathers and Kids Bowling Afternoon

Tuesday 1 July

General Assembly—30th Birthday Celebration (9.30am)

Wednesday 2 July

Mission Trip beings

Thursday 4 July

Year 4 Mums Coffee Morning
Last day of Term 2

Monday 28 July

First day of Term 3

Wednesday 30 July

Yr 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Term Dates for 2008

Term 2 Tue 29 Apr - Fri 4 Jul

Term 3 Mon 28 Jul - Fri 26 Sep

Term 4 Mon 13 Oct - Thu 11 Dec

30th Birthday

You're invited

Celebrate with us

Tuesday 1st July 9.30am

We look forward to seeing you

This Week's Quizzle ...

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Answer to the last Quizzle ...

MIXED MEDIA

