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NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH ANGLICAN COLLEGE  
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## Introduction

Welcome to Term 1, 2009.

As you drive in the eastern entrance to the College you cannot help but be taken aback by the beautiful new Preparatory School building that we saw being constructed in 2008 and is now complete and occupied by the Preparatory (K-2) School.

This new building named after William Wilberforce, the man who fought and finally convinced the British parliament to outlaw slavery, is a wonderful addition to the physical resources of the College.

Work on the surrounding grounds is not yet complete but will be so in a very short time frame.

Parents and friends of the College who come to the Annual General Meeting of the Parents' & Friends Association on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** will be given a guided tour of the new Prep School building. The tour will commence at 7:00pm.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its  
builders labour in vain."

Psalm 127:1

## Higher School Certificate 2008

Sixty six PAC students completed their HSC examinations here at the College last year.

Our students performed very well with PAC ranking the Number 1 independent school in the City of Penrith. Some significant achievements were as follows:-

- Petya Arabadzhyska's major work in Visual Arts was selected for ARTEXPRESS. ARTEXPRESS exhibits some of the most outstanding artworks produced each year by HSC candidates across the state.
- Bethany Millar-Powell came fourth in the state in Beginners French with an HSC mark of 99%!
- Omair Syed earned a UAI of 96.05.
- 12% of PAC students achieved UAI's over 90.
- 29% of PAC students achieved UAI's over 80.

## Important dates for your diary

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

P.1 Chapel

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

9:30am Christ Church @ the College  
Recital Room

6:00pm Night Church @ the College  
Recital Room

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Tell Us About Your Child Evening  
K – 6 3:30 – 5:50pm ; 7:00 – 8:50pm  
7 – 12 3:50 – 5:50pm ; 7:00 – 8:50pm

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Senior School Swimming Carnival – Penrith  
Pool

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

P.1 Chapel

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

9:30am Christ Church @ the College  
Recital Room

6:00pm Night Church @ the College  
Recital Room

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

NASSA Senior Open Boys' & Open U16 Girls'  
Hockey Trials – Camden  
7:30pm Approaching the HSC for Parents of  
Year 11 students – Gymnasium

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

7:30pm P & F AGM – Recital Room

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

NASSA Senior/Junior Cricket vs Macarthur  
Anglican School – Cobbity

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Practice, Pizza & Performance (after school)  
6:00pm – 8:00pm Kindy Parents' Network  
Evening

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

9:30am Christ Church @ the College  
Recital Room

6:00pm Night Church @ the College  
Recital Room

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February

NASSA Junior Tennis Trials – Leumeah  
7:30pm Senior School Study Skills – Parents'  
Information Evening (Year 12)

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Junior School Swimming Carnival – Glenbrook  
Pool

- 74% of PAC students were offered first round positions at universities in Australia.
- PAC was ranked in the top 200 schools in NSW.
- One third of PAC students achieved at least one Band 6 (i.e. over 90%) in an HSC subject.
- 32 Band 6 grades were awarded to PAC students.

The 2008 Year 12 cohort is to be congratulated on these excellent results.

### School Certificate 2008

English Literacy (Bands 6 – 1)  
Bands 5 & 6

**PAC 70%** State 39%

No Band 1 or 2 grades awarded to PAC students

Mathematics (Bands 6 – 1)  
Bands 5 & 6

**PAC 46%** State 25%

No Band 1 grades awarded to PAC students

Science (Bands 6 – 1)  
Bands 5 & 6

**PAC 62%** State 32%

No Band 1 grades awarded to PAC students

History  
Bands 5 & 6

**PAC 43%** State 23%

No Band 1 grades awarded to PAC students

Geography  
Bands 5 & 6

**PAC 47%** State 28%

No Band 1 or 2 grades awarded to PAC students

### Computing Skills

**86% of PAC** students were judged as highly competent on the School Certificate Computing Skills test compared to 57% of students in the state.

Year 10 2008 have earned outstanding results in their School Certificate examinations. I commend Year 10 on their efforts and the quality of the School Certificate results.

Year 11 German (Continuers) Result  
Kristine Tarbert is to be congratulated for gaining first place in the Year 11 German (Continuers) Preliminary Course undertaken through the Open High School.

Kristine completes all the work she is required to do by correspondence.

Congratulations Kristine for this outstanding result.

### Traffic Movement in the College Car Park

Particularly for new parents to the College and as a reminder to other parents I have attached to the Vine the traffic arrangements that must be followed inside the College grounds.

The safety of every child in this school is a concern for us all.

Drivers are asked to:-

- drive slowly
- show courtesy towards other drivers
- obey all road and parking signs
- follow instructions given by staff
- watch for pedestrian traffic

### Quartile Rankings on Student Reports

It is now a requirement that as part of formal reporting to parents reports identify to parents where their child/ren are positioned viz a viz their cohort group i.e. top quartile, second quartile, third quartile, bottom quartile.

At PAC this information is automatically placed on the formal reports issued to parents at the end of Terms 2 & 4.

If any parent would not like this information placed on their child/ren's report a request in writing to the Headmaster is all that is required.

Such requests have to be made each year.

Any parent can request this same information by telephone or at parent-teacher interviews.

## New Staff 2009

We welcome to the College the following new members of staff:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Teaching Area</u>	<u>Previous School</u>
Mrs Nancy Hackworthy	Maths	Wyong High School
Mr Peter Horan	HSIE	St Paul's Grammar School
Mrs Lea Magele	English/History	Christian Community High School
Mr Alistair McCallum	HOD History	Arndell Anglican College
Miss Amelia McMurray	Junior School	Grose View Public School
Miss Shawnah Urizar	English/History	Riverview
Mr Stephen Nott	Junior School	Calvary Chapel Christian School
Mrs Maria Rosa	Languages	Springwood High School
Mr Markou Seif	Science	Mamre Anglican School
Mrs Mora Soliman	Science	Oxford Falls Grammar School
Mrs Natalie Stevenson	Junior School	Mamre Anglican School

## K-12 Tell Us About Your Child

### Evening

On **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** all College parents are invited to meet class teachers in the Prep and Junior Schools and Pastoral Care teachers in the Senior School.

A "pro forma" document will be sent home with your child/ren. Parents are asked to bring this completed document to the meeting.

Meeting times are:

K – 6 3:30 – 5:50pm ; 7:00 – 8:50pm

7 – 12 3:50 – 5:50pm ; 7:00 – 8:50pm

No appointments are necessary

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet College staff and to talk to them about your child/ren.

It is an opportunity not to be missed.

## Senior School Textbooks 2009

There is a new system of issuing textbooks. This year Senior School students will borrow most of their textbooks directly from the library. The textbooks borrowed by each student will be recorded in the library computer system. At the time of borrowing each student will write his/her name inside his/her textbook to identify the borrower.

When instructed by their teacher to return a textbook, it will be the responsibility of each student to return his/her book directly to the library return box.

*Library staff*

## College Swimming Carnival

Please note the dates and times of this year's Swimming Carnivals.

- ❖ Senior School Swimming Carnival  
Penrith Pool  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**
- ❖ Junior School Swimming Carnival  
Glenbrook Pool  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents and friends of the College are warmly encouraged to attend both of the carnivals to support their children and to help engender House spirit.

## College Blazer Sale

Attached to the Vine is a flyer from Lowes offering a \$50 reduction off the normal price of College blazers if they are purchased between **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February** and **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**.

All College parents whose child/ren require a new blazer this year are encouraged to take up this offer from Lowes.

## AMEB Piano Examinations

Congratulations to Georgia Kennedy (Yr.9, 2009) and Michael Payer (Yr.9, 2009) who both received Honours in their AMEB Piano exam Grade 2.

## HICES Maths Tournament

On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**, 2008 four students from PAC attended St Paul's Grammar School to take part in the HICES Mathematics Tournament.

The competition was organized into 3 sections requiring students to work in teams to solve mathematical problems. The tasks alternated between competitive and non competitive rounds.

PAC competed against a total of 28 other schools and was placed in a very admirable 10<sup>th</sup> position overall.

The following students represented PAC:

Laura Davison – Year 7  
Jacqueline Boss- Year 7  
Joshua Wildig- Year 8  
Hugh Lumb- Year 8

A special thank you to Mr Newton who spent time preparing the students for this challenge.

*Mrs K Toland*

*Senior Gifted and Talented Coordinator*

Education Tax Refund – Fact Sheet  
Some parents at the College may be eligible for the Education Tax Refund (ETR).

I have attached to this Vine a detailed fact sheet provided by the Australian Government which gives more information about the ETR.

Luke Gagen Year 7, 2008

On **23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2008** Little Athletics Association of NSW held its State Relay Championship.

Luke and 3 team mates from Werrington Little A's competed in the Boys' U14 years Shot Put/Discus and were awarded a gold medal.

Congratulations Luke.

## Christmas Card Competition

In Term 4, 2008 four students in the Prep School had their Christmas card design selected in the finals of the 2008, Karyn Paluzzano Christmas Card Competition.

The finalists were:-

Luke Go  
Olivia Loobeek  
Olivia Sligar  
Talie Walton.

We congratulate the four finalists on their selection and particularly to Olivia Loobeek for being selected as the Stage 1 overall winner.

Tayla Seymour (Yr.9, 2008) – Cricket Success

In **November, 2008** Tayla was named in the NSW State U/17 female cricket team. Tayla competed in the National Championships in Canberra last month.

Congratulations Tayla.

Jenna Seymour (Yr.11, 2008) – Physical Culture Success

In **November, 2008** Jenna was named Runner Up National Champion in her section in Physical Culture.

Congratulations Jenna.

Eleanor Soane (Yr.5, 2008) – Piano Examination Success

In **November, 2008** Eleanor passed her Grade One Piano Examination.

Congratulations Eleanor.

Joel Marks – Year 12, 2006

Recent news from Joel is that he is serving in the Australian Defence Forces and is based in Western Australia.

In his time in the Army Joel has seen service in Guam, Hawaii, Christmas Island and here in Australia.

Joel is concurrently studying for a Degree in Counter Terrorism at the University of Western Australia.

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## Praise and Prayer Points

### Praise:

- give thanks for safe and restful holidays
- give thanks for the opening of our new Prep School building
- give thanks for the new staff appointments to PAC for 2009
- give thanks for the very well attended Christmas services at Christ Church @ the College
- give thanks for the many opportunities students are given at PAC to read the Scriptures.

### Prayer:

- pray for all our graduating students from 2008
- pray for parents at PAC whose job prospects may be uncertain in today's economic climate
- pray for parents, staff, students and friends of the College who are sick at this time
- pray that more and more College families would find a Bible based church to explore faith issues
- pray for God's protection over the College for the duration of the 2009 academic year.

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In 2009 we begin the second decade of PAC. The first decade was a wonderful time to be part of this amazing educational institution.

I am confident the second decade will be even more amazing.

I hope and pray that all College families find the second decade equally fulfilling.

"Praise be to the Lord forever!  
Amen & Amen."

Psalm 89:52

Barry Roots,  
HEADMASTER