



the vine

NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH ANGLICAN COLLEGE
Ph: 4736 8100, Fax: 4736 8300
enquiries@pac.nsw.edu.au
www.pac.nsw.edu.au

12th February, 2009 No 2, 2009

Introduction

What a hot start we have had to the 2009 academic year. It has been a very long time since we have experienced such hot weather for such extended periods of time and it certainly has had an impact on the daily life of the College.

We have to be very thankful that every classroom in the College is air-conditioned.

I have authorised the installation of screens onto the eastern side of our new Preparatory School building. Until these screens are installed all food and drink items for students will be stored inside the air-conditioned block.

Our Prep School students have taken to their "new school building" with great excitement. It is a pleasure to enter any of the Prep School classes, to engage with the students and to observe such happy and enthusiastic PAC students.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Senior School Carnival

This year's Senior School Swimming Carnival was held at Penrith Pool on **Tuesday 3rd February**.

Results are as follows:

1 st Cranmer	633 points
2 nd Ridley	571 points
3 rd Latimer	527 points
4 th Ryle	514 points

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day. Particular congratulations to all the swimmers in Cranmer House.

Important dates for your diary

Friday 13th February

P.1 Headmaster's Assembly – Senior School Practise, Pizza & Performance (after school)
6:00pm – 8:00pm Kindergarten Parents' Network Evening – A Block Courtyard

Sunday 15th February

9:30am Christ Church @ the College Recital Room
6:00pm Night Church @ the College Recital Room

Monday 16th February

7:30pm – 9:00pm Senior School Study Skills (Years 7 – 10) – Parent's Information Evening
Venue: F Centre

Tuesday 17th February

Junior School (Years 3-6) Swimming Carnival
Glenbrook Pool

Thursday 19th February

Year 7 Boys' & Girls' 1st Hep.B vaccinations
Year 7 Girls' 1st HP V vaccinations
Year 10 boys' & Girls' DTP vaccinations

Friday 20th February

P.1 Headmaster's Assembly – Junior School Junior School Captain's Investiture
Practise, Pizza & Performance (after school)
7:30pm – 9:00pm New parents' Wine & Cheese Evening – B Block

Sunday 22nd February

9:30am Christ Church @ the College Recital Room
6:00pm Night Church @ the College Recital Room

Monday 23rd February

Year 12 IB & HSC Half Yearly exams commence
7:30pm – 9:00pm Junior School Study Skills – Parents' Information Evening
Venue: Prep School Centre

Tuesday 24th February

Crusader Conference at PAC

Friday 27th February

P.1 Chapel

Sunday 1st March

9:30am Christ Church @ the College Recital Room
6:00pm Night Church @ the College Recital Room

Dealing with Bullying In-service Courses

All students from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be in-serviced on the College's Policy for Dealing with Bullying over the next few weeks.

For many students this will be a refresher course. For students who are new to the College it will be an opportunity for them to know how the College deals with this very important issue and more importantly what positive influences they can be with their peers.

Parents are also invited to an evening in-service on this same topic.

The Parents' in-service will be held in the Recital Room (B Block) on **Wednesday 25th March** commencing at **7:30pm**.

All parents are most welcome to attend this very important event.

Sibling Entry into the College

This is the final reminder to all parents that to obtain sibling priority into the College a student must be officially enrolled by the start of Term 1 of the year before the year of entry.

For sibling entry priority for next year applications must be into the College by **27th February, 2009**.

Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshop

Attached to the Vine is a flyer inviting parents who are teaching their children how to drive to a course to assist them in this very important task.

I encourage parents who find themselves in this situation to attend this important workshop.

New Parents Wine & Cheese Evening

Under separate cover new parents to the College have been invited to a Wine & Cheese Evening on **Friday 20th February**.

Student Insurance

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation maintains insurance in respect of all students attending its schools. This insurance provides financial benefits to students and their families in the event of an accidental injury 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A flyer is attached for your information.

Trent Nelson Cranfield Year 9

Trent represented Australia in the Aussie/Kiwi Water Skiing Challenge. Trent was placed first in the slalom race. He also skied at the Australian Junior Masters in Albury where he was placed 2nd in the U14 Boys' and 3rd overall in slalom jump & trick skiing.

Congratulations Trent.

Senior School Study Skills Parents' Information Evening (Years 7-10)

Monday 16th February
7:30 – 9:00pm

F Centre

Parents of students in Years 7 to 10 are invited to hear how they can support their children in their learning. Topics include library services and assignments, homework, reading and time management. Support staff and Library staff will be present.

Junior School Study Skills Parents' Information Evening (Years K-6)

Monday 23rd February
7:30 – 9:00pm

Junior School parents are invited to hear how they can help their children as they learn. Topics include library services and projects, homework, reading and the assistance offered by the Support Department. Support staff and Library staff will be present.

Please come to the new L Centre

Year 11 Service Trip to Tibooburra –
July 2009 Information Evening
Year 11 students are invited to be a part of the 2009 team going to Tibooburra with Bush Church Aid's Dusty Boots Programme. We need 15 students (boys and girls) to undertake some community service in this small town in outback N.S.W.

You will be travelling with at least 3 teachers from P.A.C. by train to Broken Hill on **Monday 6th July**. On arrival there will be some time to look around the city before traveling by bus to Tibooburra. At Tibooburra there will be maintenance, cleaning, gardening, landscaping, cooking, or children's work to be undertaken in the town.
We will return home on **Tuesday 14th July**.

The cost is approx. \$600. This includes food, travel and hostel accommodation (but this may become less depending upon final travel and accommodation costs and fundraising efforts).

Interested? Please come to the Information Evening on **Monday 23rd February at 7.30-8.30pm** in the Recital Room (B Block). You can also talk to Miss Menzies or Mrs. Stubbs about the trip.

NOTE: This is a Tabitha service elective. Preparation for this trip will be done in Term 2 during Tabitha time.

Science Department Request

The Science department requires ice cream carton with lids. If you can help please drop off cartons at Reception or B Block staffroom.

Clean Up Australia

Sunday 1st March is Clean Up Australia Day. This is the 10th year that our College has participated in the Clean Up Day. We will be cleaning up in Emu Plains at Regatta Park, along the grassed area on the western banks of the Nepean River. This year, some people, after registering, will be going to the Hunter Fields to clean up.

Students are requested to be at the site at 11am wearing comfortable clothing, covered shoes, gloves, hat, sunscreen and spare bags to collect litter. Adults may also like to bring rakes to assist in collecting litter from difficult places. This event will go ahead even in the rain so please come prepared. It is envisaged that we will be finished by 1pm.

Students who are 14 years and under must be accompanied and registered by an adult.

Please remember that participation is a great way to receive 2 points for Community Service for the John Lambert Award.

Interested students and parents should register on the day by meeting Mrs Stubbs, Ms. Hazell, Mr. Horan or Mr. Wallace at **11am on 1st March** at Regatta Park car park, cnr. River Road and Great Western Highway, Emu Plains.

For any further details, please see Mrs. Stubbs in the F Library Office or the HSIE staff in the G1 staff room.

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks for the amazing resources available to the students at the College
- give thanks for the installation of 110 new computers into the school during the Christmas holiday period
- give thanks for the new staff and students who have joined our community this year
- give thanks for the many opportunities afforded to students at PAC to hear the gospel message
- give thanks for Christ Church @ the College.

Prayer:

- pray for continued support and encouragement of all new students to PAC
 - pray for safety for all who travel each day to and from the College
 - pray for Year 12 as they approach their Half Yearly examinations
 - pray for the many families in Victoria dealing with the loss of family members and property after the recent bushfires
 - pray for Connect 09 and its impact on our College community and in our diocese.
-

At the end of 2008 I received a letter from parents of a Year 12 student who graduated from PAC last year.

Amongst other things the parents said this:-

“PAC has given X so much more than a quality education. It has brought X a love of God, an appreciation of His great gifts, a strong sense of self worth and compassion for others less fortunate than themselves.

....We are blessed that God brought us to this special place full of wonderful, caring and dedicated people, This is the true heart of the College.”

It gave me great pleasure to read this letter at the first staff meeting in 2009.

“Such is the generation of those who
seek Him, who seek Your face,
O God of Jacob.”

Psalm 24:6

Barry Roots,
HEADMASTER