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NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH ANGLICAN COLLEGE
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Important dates for your diary

Friday 27th February

NASSA Junior Basketball Gala Day – The Snakepit
P.1 Chapel

Sunday 1st March

Clean Up Australia Day
9:30am Christ Church @ the College
Recital Room
6:00pm Night Church @ the College
Recital Room

Monday 2nd March

NASSA Senior Open Tennis – Campbelltown
Year 12 Half Yearly Exams continue this week

Tuesday 3rd March

3:00pm – 7:00pm NASSA Junior Swimming
carnival – Homebush Aquatic Centre

Wednesday 4th March

6:00pm – 9:00pm NASSA Senior Swimming
Carnival – Homebush Aquatic Centre

Thursday 5th March

Ridley House Charity Day

Friday 6th March

P.1 Chapel

Sunday 8th March

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

Monday 9th March

Mid Term Break

Wednesday 11th March

7:30pm P & F Meeting – Staff Commonroom

Thursday 12th March

Years 3 & 4 Day Camps
P.1 Christ Church Women's Event

Friday 13th March

P.1 Chapel/Headmaster's Assembly
Years 3 & 4 Day Camps
NASSA Senior Open & U/15 B/G Touch
Football trials – Dalton Park, Fairymeadow

Sunday 15th March

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

Introduction

Two weeks ago I walked into my office and the note reproduced below was on my desk –

*"Mr Roots,
I have been watching the news since Saturday.
Unfortunately 180 have perished and thousands are
without homes and schools with half of it left.*

*As a College I would like the kids to raise money by a
gold coin donation for the schools that are half burnt; to
buy books and much more for the schools to be
built again."*

Nicholas Dowd, Year 5

Our mufti day and last week's cake stall raised \$7,600 for the Red Cross Bush Fire Appeal.

Thank you Nicholas for your letter.

Thank you also to our very generous College community.

Jesus said: "love your neighbour
as yourself."

Matthew 19:19

Sarah Salmon – Year 12, 2004

Sarah Salmon was the Dux of PAC in 2004.

Recently Sarah graduated from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) Degree with First Class Honours.

Sarah's first post graduate placement is at Nepean Hospital.

We congratulate Sarah on her outstanding results.

Matthew Allaway – Winner of the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship at UWS

Matthew Allaway graduated from PAC last year and won placement into the faculty of Medicine at UWS.

He was recently awarded a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship to complete his medical degree at UWS. Only 5 Vice Chancellor's scholarships are awarded each year.

The criteria for winning the scholarship included his outstanding academic results, his serious commitment to his studies and his wider involvement in the College community.

Matthew was an accelerated student at the College. He completed his Mathematics HSC course when he was a student in Year 11 and then was able to be more focused on his other subjects in Year 12.

Congratulations Matthew on your success.



Clean Up Australia Day

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 bank of the Nepean River. As well 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 under 15 years must be accompanied and registered by a parent / adult.

Please remember that participation is a great way to receive 2 points for Community Service in 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 or to collect a registration form to bring on the day, please see Mrs. Stubbs in the F Library Office or the HSIE staff in the G1 staff room.

Nepal Trip 2nd Oct – 17th Oct, 2009

29 students, staff and friends of the College will be participating in a service trip to the Annapurna region in Nepal in October this year. We will fly to Kathmandu, do some sightseeing for a couple of days, fly to Pokhara and trek to the village of Landrung where we will refurbish the local school building and landscape the playground to install some outdoor play equipment. Students, staff and friends are paying their own way to fund the trip. The **community project** (refurbishing, landscaping, and outdoor play equipment) will cost \$4000. We have a number of fundraising projects we will be running over the next two terms. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause there are a number of ways you can do so.

- **Pie and cake drive.** Students and staff participating all have order forms. You can order some delicious cakes, pies and hot cross buns (from Betta Maid). All cakes are baked fresh and delivered to the College on the day of preparation. Delivery date to the College is Thursday 2nd April. Pick up is from Reception between 3pm and 5pm.
- **Good Guys BBQ** on Sunday 26th April. Students and staff participating will be cooking sausage sandwiches outside the Good Guys store. If you need to purchase a mother's day gift, come to Good Guys on this Sunday and purchase a sandwich while you're there.
- **Ryle Charity Day** - Gold/silver coin donation. Details to be advised during Term 2.

The brave staff participating are Mrs C Graydon, Miss K Young, Mr M Clark, Mrs D Catto, Mrs R McSeveny, Mrs R Gooch, Mrs H Brown, Mrs C Freeman, Mrs B Aylett, Mrs C Belotti, Mrs L Heazlewood. Please approach staff if you would like to order any cakes, pies or hot cross buns, or order them from the front office.

Thank you, in anticipation of your generosity

Mrs C Graydon

College Blazers

Students in the Senior School are required to wear the College blazer during Terms 2 and 3. This year, students have to go to the Lowes store in Penrith Plaza to be fitted. If you haven't done so already, please do so as soon as possible.

Haircuts for boys.

Many boys are sporting the 'longer, shaggy dog style hairdo'!. According to College uniform rules, boys are required to have their hair above the collar and not below the eyes at the front. Many boys are waiting to be told to 'get a haircut'. Please assist us in this matter by taking your boy to the hairdresser before it gets to that. Our new uniform detention system means we are having uniform inspections on a very regular basis. Students will be issued with uniform detentions until the hair is cut to a satisfactory length.

Mrs Graydon

Dean of Students

'Quilts for Keeps'

'Quilts for Keeps' is an organisation which provides quilts for extremely ill children and their siblings at Westmead Children's Hospital. The children are allowed to choose a quilt which often will provide comfort and security.

In 2007/8 the Year 9 Textiles Technology students generously gave of themselves to make 9 quilts. These quilts were designed and constructed within the class time although some students spent many hours working at home. It was amazing to see the time and effort so lovingly used on the surface embellishing, the stitching and then the naming of each quilt.

Dr Margaret Fulton the organiser of 'Quilts for Keeps' expressed her gratitude when we personally donated the quilts. This week I received a letter from her telling us of the recipients of these amazing quilts:

- 'Teddy Bears Picnic' made by Natalie Wildig and Charlotte Smith has been chosen by a 2 year old girl with leukaemia

- 'Flowers' made by Liesl Bamback and Taryn Kennedy has been chosen by a 3 year old girl with eye cancer
- 'Nemo and Friends' made by Katie Tweed and Samantha Moloney has been chosen by a 4 year old boy with kidney cancer
- 'Teddies' made by Elizabeth King and Melanie Dummett has been chosen by a 2 year old brother of a 4 year old boy with kidney cancer
- 'Bees and Bugs' made by Kaitlyn Capel and Gemma Sutherland has been chosen by a 4 year old sister of a 2 year old boy with kidney cancer
- 'Rainbow' made by Jessica Lambert and Rebekah Pospelyj has been chosen by a baby with a cleft palate
- 'Disney' made by Carolyn Russell and Hanna Galvin has been chosen by a 4 year old girl with liver cancer
- 'Winnie the Pooh' made by Laura Smythe has been chosen by a 2 year old girl with kidney cancer
- 'Sea creatures' made by Rebecca Chapple and Monique Barrett has been chosen by a 6 year old boy with severe disabilities

Students in the current Year 10 Textiles Technology class have been involved in making more beautiful quilts and will hopefully be ready to donate these in April. I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank the students involved and to also thank the College for allowing us to purchase the fabric and requirements used by the students. It is truly amazing to be able to provide for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Mrs S de Leon

Textiles Teacher

Kokoda Track - 2010

An expedition to the Kokoda Track is currently being planned during the school holidays in July next year.

A representative from Beyond Me Travel Agency will be coming to the College on **Thursday 26th March, 2009** to do a presentation and answer any questions.

The presentation will be held in G4 commencing at **5:30pm until 6:30pm**. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For further information see Mr D Poirier.

Dealing with Bullying In-Service Course for Parents

Parents are invited to an in-service at the College on this very important subject.

The College Counsellor, Mr Jon Wright, will be leading the course.

It 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.

Request for Assistance

As part of his Design & Technology major work one of our Year 12 students is designing and building a memorial garden in the College grounds. It is hoped to incorporate four medium sandstone rocks in memory of former ANZAC's associated with the College. We are asking families of the College to donate those sandstone rocks.

If you can help please contact Mr N Marshall, Head of TAS Faculty during school hours.

Advanced Notice – Study Tour September 2010



A Penrith Anglican College Study Tour to London, Paris, provincial France and the Battlefields of the Western Front is being prepared for **September 25th to October 10, 2010**.

This tour will be an exciting addition to the highly successful 2004, 2006 and 2008 PAC Study Tours to Turkey and Gallipoli.

This fully guided tour is open to all families, friends and relatives of the PAC community and of course our past tour members. Students who wish to join us and who will travel on their own should be in Years 11 and 12.

Make sure you pencil in these dates in your diary and please contact me so I can send you the tour information package, itinerary and costing as soon as these have been finalised.

Please contact me at the College or email me:

n.marshall@pac.nsw.edu.au

*Mr N Marshall
Tour Organiser*

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks for our overwhelmingly generous College community
- give thanks that our kindergarten children have settled into the College so well
- give thanks for our amazing new teachers at the College
- give thanks that even though we are all sinners and condemned to death Jesus took our place.

Prayer:

- pray for the many many families impacted upon by the Victorian bushfires
- pray for our nation – for families who find themselves without employment
- pray for Year 12 as they undertake their Half Yearly examinations
- pray for the workers at our Friday night fellowship group at the College
- pray for more and more people to come to a personal relationship with Christ.

Last weekend I was in Hervey Bay and had a few minutes to read the Courier Mail. An article with the following heading caught my eye:-

“Learning an instrument key to academic performance”

A new study proves children and teens who study music do better in Maths and reading at school.

The study, published in Social Science Quarterly shows that the kids who have music lessons or attend concerts with parents are more likely to be academic high achievers, with that boost in school performance tending to come after they start to study music.”

I suggest to all Junior School parents that they place this page on the frig and next time you hear your child practising their musical instrument you reread this page!

“I will make music to the Lord,
the God of Israel.”

Judges 5:3

Barry Roots,
HEADMASTER

Petra Arabadzhyska – Year 12, 2008
Petra's major work on display at Artexpress.

