



the vine

NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH ANGLICAN COLLEGE
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Introduction

Like a lot of other people in our College community I was displeased last week when Tabcorp announced that the TAB will be open for business on Good Friday.

I did put pen to paper and wrote a letter to the editor of the Sydney Morning Herald. It was no surprise that the letter was not published but what did surprise me was the little response there was to this issue in the printed media.

Has our nation moved so far from its Christian foundations that having the TAB open on Good Friday really isn't a problem to the majority of Australians?

Sadly I think that this is true.

Happily it is not true at all here at the College.

This is a question I would like to put to all in our community –

Betting on a horse race in South Africa or Singapore or worshipping the Son of God, which is more important?

If I was a betting man I know where I would put my money.

“The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of man to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.”

Psalm 14:2

Parent – Teacher Evenings

These will be held on the following nights:-

Tuesday 31st March

K – 6 3:30pm to 5:50pm and 7:00pm to 8:50pm

7 – 12 3:50pm to 5:50pm and 7:00pm to 8:50pm

Monday 6th April

K – 6 3:30m to 5:50pm

7 – 12 3:50pm to 5:50pm and 7:00pm to 8:50pm

Appointments are for 10 minutes.

- Logon information to access the College Parent Teacher Booking System online was mailed out to parents on **19th March**.

26th March, 2009 No 5, 2009

Important dates for your diary

Friday 27th March

CIS Junior Swimming – Homebush

P.1 Chapel

ROCK Camp (after school)

Saturday 28th March

ROCK Camp

Sunday 29th March

ROCK Camp

9:30am Christ Church @ the College

Recital Room

6:00pm Night Church @ the College

Recital Room

Tuesday 31st March

Parent-Teacher Interviews

K-6 3:30pm – 5:50pm ; 7:00pm – 8:50pm

7-12 3:50pm – 5:50pm ; 7:00pm – 8:50pm

Wednesday 1st April

Stage 1 Camp

Thursday 2nd April

NASSA Junior Netball – Auburn

AICES Swimming – Homebush

Friday 3rd April

P.1 Chapel

7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College

B Block

Saturday 4th April

7:30pm College Trivia Night – Gymnasium

Sunday 5th April

9:30am Christ Church @ the College

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Tuesday 7th April

K-12 College Cross Country

AICES Open & U15 Boys'/Girls' Touch

Football

Wednesday 8th April

PSSA Swimming Carnival

Years 7 – 12 Choir Camp

7:30pm P & F Meeting – Staff Commonroom

Thursday 9th April

12:00 College Easter Service – Gymnasium

Term 1 ends for staff & students

- Old logon information from 2008 will not work for this round of interviews.
- Online bookings can be made from **23rd March**.
- To make bookings online go to the College Website click on the Events link and then click on Parent Teacher Interviews in the left hand side bar.

Easter Services at the College

The College will celebrate Easter at the following times:-

1. ALL SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICE –
Thursday 9th April
Time: **12:00pm** Venue: Gymnasium
Students will be dismissed from the College at the end of this service for the Easter break (approx. **1:00pm**)
2. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE –
Friday 10th April
Time: **9:30am** Venue: Gymnasium
3. EASTER DAY SERVICE –
Sunday 12th April
Time: **9:30am** Venue: Gymnasium

Parents and friends of the College are invited to each of the services above.

A flyer about the Easter Services is attached the Vine.

Scholarship Entry into PAC in 2010

Students in Year 6 and Year 10 who are seeking scholarship entry into PAC in 2010 can make application now by going to the College's website.

There will be a series of advertisements about scholarship entry to PAC in the local press in the week commencing **Monday 30th March**.

Please bring these advertisements to the attention of families and friends who might like to consider scholarship entry here for next year.

Student Insurance

All students at the College have insurance cover for accidents through Aon Risk Services. The details of that coverage have changed in recent weeks.

I have attached to the Vine a copy of the details of the new Student Accident Protection Plan – Platinum.

NASSA Junior Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the Penrith Anglican College students who competed at the NASSA Junior Swimming Carnival. PAC finished a gallant 4th overall. The Illawarra Grammar School won for the 7th straight year. Below are the names of those students who have qualified to represent PAC and NASSA at the Combined Independent Schools Swimming Carnival.

We wish all those swimming the very best but I'd also like to remind every single competitor that it is an outstanding achievement just to reach such a prestige level. Keep this in mind as you compete and let's try for a few PB's, anything else is a bonus.

Boys

Matthew Gales
Hayden Perry
Derrick Visser
Jack McAllister
Benjamin Hole
Benjamin Hartsuyker
Mason Iaria
Mr J Rodgers
Junior School Sports' Coordinator

Girls

Georgia Appelgren
Kayla Bentley
Larissa Gagen

NSW All Schools Triathlon

On **Wednesday 4th March** the NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships were held at the Penrith International Regatta Centre. PAC entered two students in this event in the Junior Division. Monique Andreatta (Yr.7) and Matthew White (Yr.7) represented PAC at this event in the 12, 13 and 14 year olds section.

The individual event included a 400m swim, 12 km cycle and a 3km run. Throughout the day 530 competitors took part across three age divisions. The competition was very tight but both our competitors performed admirably. Monique finished in 29th position overall with a finishing time of 00:50:50h and Matthew finished in 52nd place with a finishing time of 00:51:17h.

This was the first opportunity for these athletes to compete at such a level and they excelled and enjoyed the day. They are now looking forward to competing in this event annually throughout their time at PAC.

Monique Andreatta (Yr.7)

Brilliant Brooke

Congratulations to Brooke Morehead (Yr.6) who was selected for the Combined Independent Schools' Basketball team to compete at the

PSSA Basketball Championships in Bathurst. Brooke has been a member of the PAC Senior team since she was in Year 3 and thoroughly deserves her selection. She is a brilliant player and her selection is just reward for many years of fine performances.

Well done Brooke and good luck in Bathurst.

Mr J Rodgers

Junior School Sports' Coordinator

Brenton Osborne – Hockey

Congratulations to Brenton Osborne (Yr.11) who has been awarded a CIS Blue for his involvement in CIS Hockey. Brenton is an outstanding Hockey player who has represented the College, NASSA AICES CIS and nationally last year at the Pacific School Games. This is a very prestigious award and one that deservedly has been awarded to Brenton.

Mr L Toland

Director of Sport

Stephanie Watts – Softball

Stephanie Watts (Yr.10) was recently selected in the CIS Girls' Softball team. This is an outstanding achievement and we congratulate Stephanie on her success. Stephanie has consistently been involved in representative Softball at school level for a number of years and is highly deserving of her success and achievements in this sporting area.

Mr L Toland

Director of sport

Term 2 – Winter Uniform

Since this is the last Vine for Term 1 I would like to remind everyone that students return to the College for Term 2 on **Wednesday 29th April**.

Students will return to the College in full winter uniform.

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks to God for the safety of all Senior School students through CEP week
- give thanks that it is our choice to worship the Son of God on Good Friday and at all the other times of the year
- give thanks for the work of the chaplains here at the College
- give thanks for the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross and for the eternal significance of this sacrifice.

Prayer:

- pray for College families who find themselves in changed economic circumstances
 - pray that many College families will seek to worship in a Bible believing church this Easter
 - pray for the impact that Christ Church might have on the College community this Easter
 - pray that staff and students find time for rest and relaxation during the Easter holidays.
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It delights me that every student in our Junior School (Years 3 – 6) and so many of our students in our Senior School are learning musical instruments. I recently read where a critical mass of students participating in musical activities is required to create a positive music culture. Only then do music activities become part of the normal or expected part of the school.

With 330 Junior School students at PAC learning a musical instrument and with 13 co-curricular music groups operating in the Senior School I am delighted that such a music culture is a very healthy part of our school.

“Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.”

Psalm 150:6

Barry Roots,
HEADMASTER

Congratulations to Matthew White (Year 7)

Junior Sports Star: Matthew White

19 MAR 09 @ 05:35PM BY LAWRENCE MACHADO



AT the age of 12 Matthew White has a healthy appetite for sport.

Supremely fit for his tender years, he has competed successfully at the past two Nepean Triathlons, being the first from Penrith to finish the 2008 event.

"I love athletics and triathlons," he said.

He trains four hours each week in addition to his weekly competitions.

He is also our first Penrith Press Junior Sports Star of the Year nominee for 2009.

Matthew was the sports champion and swimming star at Emu Heights Public School in 2008 before joining Penrith Anglican College this year.

This weekend he will aim to finish among the top 10 in the 1500m at the NSW Little Athletics Championships at Homebush.

"My family have all been involved in sports and we all enjoy this," he said.

He trains regularly at the Glenbrook Little Athletics Club under coach Kevin Stork.

He also competes in the City2Surf and the Blacktown fun runs. Matthew took part in the recent 9km Blackmores Fun Run from the Harbour Bridge to the Sydney Opera House. He put his body to the test in the 2009 schools triathlon championships, coming through the 400m swim, 12km cycling and 3km run in good condition.

* The Penrith Press Junior Sports Star of the year will receive a medal and \$1000, and the Young Achiever will receive a medal and \$500. Sportspeople aged between 10 and 16 at the time of nomination who live in the local area are eligible to enter. Simply fill in the nomination form in Tuesday's sports section or go to <http://www.penrithpress.com.au>