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NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH ANGLICAN COLLEGE
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Introduction

Every five years independent schools in NSW undergo Registration and Accreditation inspections by the Board of Studies. For students to undertake School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations it is a requirement that independent schools be inspected to see that they are maintaining the very high standards that are set by the Board of Studies.

On **Thursday 21st May** PAC underwent such an inspection. The three inspectors who were here at the College were unanimous in their praise of the staff, the students and the teaching programs that are being implemented here.

The inspectors were delighted to register the College for the next five years and on behalf of all the staff and students here I was delighted to accept Registration and Accreditation for our school.

"Give thanks to the Lord for
He is good."

Psalm 136:1

Year 11 Subject Afternoon

Parents and students are welcome to the following event:-

Subject Afternoon – IB & HSC
3:45pm – 5:00pm Monday 1st June
Gymnasium

Reporting to Parents

As part of the reporting process to parents this College chooses to place quartile rankings for all Year 1 to Year 10 students on their half year and end of year reports.

If any parent would choose to not have this measure noted on their child/ren's report(s) would you please notify the Headmaster in writing of your wishes by **Friday 12th June**.

Such information will still be available to all parents if they contact each of their child's teachers directly.

Important dates for your diary

Friday 29th May

P.1 Junior School Headmaster's Assembly
Senior School Chapels
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College
B Block

Sunday 31st May

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

Monday 1st June

Year 7 Boys Chicken Pox Vaccinations
Year 7 Girls Chicken Pox Vaccinations and HPV
Vaccinations
3:45pm – 5:00pm Yr.11, 2010 HSC & IB Subject
Afternoon – Gymnasium

Tuesday 2nd June

Years 9 & 10 Da Vinci Decathlon

Wednesday 3rd June

Year 5 Da Vinci decathlon
College Annual Lolly Drive
NASSA Snr Open & U16 Boys' Rugby Union –
Pittwater Park, Warriewood

Thursday 4th June

Years 7 & 8 Da Vinci Decathlon
Years 9 – 12 Elective Drama Workshop

Friday 5th June

P.1 Chapel
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College
B Block

Sunday 7th June

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

Monday 8th June

Mid Term Break (Queen's Birthday)

Tuesday 9th June

College Production – Bump In

Wednesday 10th June

College Production Rehearsal Day
7:30pm P & F Meeting – Staff Commonroom

Thursday 11th June

7:30pm College Production – Q Theatre

Friday 12th June

P.1 Chapel
College Production – Matinee Performance
7:30pm College Production – Q Theatre

Sunday 14th June

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

Sherlock Holmes

Attached to the Vine is a flyer advertising this year's College production of Sherlock Holmes.

I would encourage all College families to buy tickets as early as possible to see this wonderful play and our amazingly talented thespians.

Penrith City Council Reception

On **Thursday 28th May** the Mayor of Penrith, Councillor Jim Aitken OAM, hosted a civic reception to publicly recognise the student leaders in our local schools.

Our College Captains Joshua Chapple and Ruth Kohlenberg and their families attended this reception.

I commend the Mayor for his affirmation of all our local school leaders.

2009 Annual College Dinner

Attached to the Vine is a flyer inviting parents and friends of the College to this year's Annual Dinner at Penrith RSL on **Saturday 20th June**.

My wife Pauline and I look forward to seeing lots of our College families at this very enjoyable occasion.

Bible League – RUN4BIBLES

Thank you to all the students who supported RUN4BIBLES. Penrith Anglican College students raised \$1218.20. This money will be used to provide 174 Bibles for Africa. These Bibles will bring hope and transform many lives in a country such as Senegal.

Listed below are all those who participated.

Boys: Billy Borger (Yr.5), Tom Borger (Yr.3), Dylan Baldwin (Yr.3), Jarod Baldwin (Yr.5), Scully Beaton (Yr.4), Timothy Wildig (Yr.6), Michael Szabo (Yr.3), George Szabo (Yr.5), Angus McDonald (Yr.3), Callum Beaton (Yr.6), Josh Allan (Yr.1) Jared Rosenthal (Yr.4)

Girls: Emma Willis (Yr.5), Sophie Preskett (Yr.3), Laura Sligar (Yr.3), Charlotte Britton (Yr.3), Charlotte Arkle (Yr.3), Abbey McPherson (Yr.3), Stephanie Portelli (Yr.5), Ashley Holmes (Yr.3), Tara Stewart (Yr.3), Courtney Bolden (Yr.5), Kaitlyn Hartsuyker (Yr.3), Ruby McLeod (Yr.4), Courtney Gordon (Yr.3), Caitlin Schofield (Yr.1), Isabella Mitchell (Yr.3), Megan Bromley (Yr.5), Sarah Blaikie (Yr.1), Emily Brooker (Yr.4), Samantha Lloyd (Yr.5).

Mr J Rodgers

RUN4BIBLES Coordinator

Speakers Shine

On **Monday 11th May** two of our Year 12 students travelled to Cranebrook High School to compete in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Public Speaking Award. They joined thirteen other competitors representing eight schools in the western Sydney region. Our two competitors, Dara Ogunsiji and Mikaela Coleman upheld the highest public speaking standards in representing our school.

Dara delivered a prepared speech on the topic of love and spoke very authoritatively and used rhetorical question, facial expressions and clear diction very skilfully. Her speech was also clearly argued and involved wide-ranging eye contact and excellent voice projection. She argued that the concept of love has been devalued in our modern society and that people today have a profound need for true love. Mikaela also presented an excellent prepared speech concerning the swine flu epidemic. She displayed an arresting style of delivery by using a beautifully modulated voice and a polished manner. Her dynamics, facial expressions, gestures and eye contact were all exceptionally effective and she conveyed tremendous conviction in her voice.

Following the prepared speech, all competitors were required to present a three minute impromptu speech on the topic of 'beating the gun' for which they were given three minutes of preparation time. Again, both of our girls shone! Dara presented a clearly argued speech which she delivered with conviction. Mikaela spoke very eloquently and used dramatic pauses which clearly gripped the attention of the audience. She also projected an outstanding sense of presence. After all speeches were concluded, the adjudicator awarded Dara second place which means she will compete next at the metropolitan regional final.

Each year I have attended these events the standard seems to get better and better. A number of other teachers commented on the uniformly high standard of the speakers this year. Both of our girls deserve high praise for their excellent speeches and we congratulate Dara on going through to the next round.

Mr C Merz

Debating Coordinator

Junior School Debating

The Junior School Debating teams have enjoyed great success in their first debates for the year.

PAC Team A won against St Paul's on Wednesday 13th May arguing the affirmative case for the topic: 'That age adds value'. Georgia Patterson(Yr.6) was excellent in setting up the team's case and spoke with a very mature and commanding style. Brooke Morehead (Yr.6) was a passionate speaker, continuing her team arguments with great insight. Noah Rayner (Yr.6) was an outstanding third speaker, wrapping up for the affirmative with the assured tone of a seasoned debater. Tiana Lackey(Yr.6), as fourth team member, helped to make the rebuttal points crippling to the opposing team's case.

PAC Team B won against Nepean Christian School on Monday 18th May with the affirmative case for the same topic. Lovedeesh Toor (Yr.6) was polished and set up a solid case for her team, while Jaime Lakke-Benson (Yr.6) drove the case forward effectively and with great confidence. Rhys Gordon was a strong third speaker with his purposeful and well-reasoned approach. Jemma Sargeant(Yr.6) helped devise some knockout rebuttals against the opposing team.

I have been very impressed by these young debaters who have taken on new strategies and skills in debating very quickly.

Mrs Kate Halcrow

Junior School Debating Coordinator

Junior School Public Speaking

Finals Evening

The *Junior School Public Speaking Finals* Evening will be held on **Monday June 15th** at **6.30pm** in the Recital Room.

Students have been delivering speeches to their classes over the past few weeks and five finalists from each grade are being chosen. Each of these finalists will receive a note from their class teacher by next week.

Finalists will deliver their speeches on the competition evening and all finalists will be presented with trophies. The top two speakers from each stage will then represent PAC at the regional level at Thomas Hassall Anglican College in August.

The evening will include performances from members of the Junior School Drama Team. The evening is expected to conclude at 9pm.

All students and their families are welcome to attend the evening, enjoying the performance and speaking abilities of our Junior School students.

Mrs Kate Halcrow

Junior School Public Speaking Coordinator

Shave for a Cure

Year 7 students Abby Davis and Katie Woodland raised over \$100 by colouring their hair for this year's Shave for a Cure Day. Well done girls.

Jemma Sargeant (Yr.6) & Brigitte Wilson (Yr.6)

Both these girls have been involved in raising money for Gemini Magic, an organisation that teaches dance to intellectually disadvantaged people (adults and children).

I commend these two girls for their inspirational efforts.

Nepean Academy Golf Day

In Term 1 of this year the Nepean Golf Academy held a "Skills Day" for Stage 3 at the College. The day was a wonderful success and six Year 6 students were chosen to represent Penrith Anglican College at a Golf Gala Day. The day was held on **Thursday 7th May** at the Wallacia Golf Club.

The team was comprised of 3 boys (Christopher Boggs, Adrian Meyer & Lachlan McFall) and 3 girls (Amber Goodall, Adriana Maltese & Caitlin Dickinson)

The day began with skills such as "Go-Go Golf". Players were required to hit golf balls into a circle or hoop to score points. After recess there was a competition between PAC and 5 other schools. Two players from each team were required to putt, chip or drive a golf ball where they also received points.

For lunch everyone received a beautiful "Sausage Sizzle" After lunch the 5 schools played a 3 hole game. Each player hit a shot and the best shot was played. PAC finished 2nd overall and has qualified for the finals in Term 4.

By Christopher Boggs, Adrian Meyer, Lachlan McFall, Amber Goodall, Caitlin Dickinson & Adriana Maltese.

Softball Superstars

Congratulations to Nathan DeCelis (Yr.3) and Charlotte Britton (Yr.3) who represented Penrith City Softball Association in the Under 10 State T-Ball Tournament held at Richmond on the **16th – 17th May**.

Charlotte was a key player for her team and played exceptional softball. Her team finished 4th overall.

Nathan's team were even more impressive. They were undefeated over the two day carnival and were presented with the NSW State Champions Trophy.

Charlotte and Nathan are to be congratulated for the skills exhibited over the weekend. Well done.

Mr J Rodgers

Junior School Sports Coordinator

NASSA Junior Cross Country

Penrith Anglican College successfully defended its title as the NASSA Cross Country Champions. PAC dominated both the Boys' and Girls' Divisions and won convincingly from The Illawarra Grammar School. Well done to each and every student who ran and contributed to our success.

It is very difficult to single out individuals but special mention must go to Zack Vassallo. He qualified for the Combined Independent School Carnival. The amazing thing about Zack is that he is only in Year 2. Congratulations must also go to Melanie Kirk and Angus Harrold who are the NASSA Champions for 2009.

Below are listed the PAC students who have qualified to represent PAC and NASSA at the CIS Carnival which will be held at Eastern Creek on **Thursday 28th May**. Well done and good luck to all at Eastern Creek.

	<u>NASSA Placing</u>
Angus Harrold (Yr.3)	1 st 8/9yr. Boys
Jack McAlister (Yr.4)	2 nd
Zack Vassallo (Yr.2)	6 th
Harrison Nematalla (Yr.3)	10 th
Suzanne Robinson (Yr.3)	10 th 8/9yr Girls
Richard Stewart (Yr.4)	2 nd 10yr Boys
Thomas Heeps (Yr.5)	3 rd
Hugh Kermond (Yr.4)	4 th
Jesse Freeman (Yr.4)	7 th
Justin Keightley (Yr.5)	10 th
Renee Hansen (Yr.4)	6 th 10yr Girls
Ainslie Harvey (Yr.5)	9 th
Jayden Irwin (Yr.5)	2 nd 11yr Boys
Sean Payer (Yr.5)	4 th
Matthew Graydon (Yr.5)	6 th
Melanie Kirk (Yr.5)	1 st 11yr Girls
Mikayla Bell (Yr.6)	7 th
Jack Kuipers (Yr.5)	2 nd 12yr Boys
Ben Hartsuyker (Yr.6)	8 th
Jamie Lakke-Benson (Yr.6)	2 nd
Ashleigh Vassallo (Yr.6)	7 th
Dayna Jenkin (Yr.6)	8 th

Mr J Rodgers

Junior School Sports Coordinator

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks for a most affirming Registration inspection by the Board of Studies
- give thanks for our weekly Chapel services
- give thanks for the recent grants to improve College resources
- give thanks that all students at PAC have free access to their own Bible.

Prayer:

- pray for the ladies Bible Study that meets at the College each week
- pray for the staff who work so diligently in the College administration
- pray for God's protection on all our students and their families
- pray for the staff and students at Mamre Anglican School
- pray for more and more people to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Every parent at PAC is acutely aware of how important safe driving practices are whenever anyone is behind the wheel of a car.

Such awareness needs to be even more acute when driving near children.

PAC now has a very large student population.

I have more complaints directed to me about drivers in the car park than I do about any inappropriate behaviours of PAC students.

It is imperative that all drivers in and around the College drive slowly, drive carefully and drive courteously.

Remember that children learn much more from watching what people do than listening to what people say.

“Mercy, peace and love be yours
in abundance.”

Jude 2

Barry Roots,
HEADMASTER