



the vine

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Introduction

At the Junior School's Headmaster's Assembly on **Friday 29th May** I spoke about the great pleasure that has come to my wife and I with the birth of our first grandchild, our grandson, Luke Edward.

As part of my talk I explained to the assembly why I want my grandson to call me "pa".

One of my favourite uncles is called pa by his grandchildren and even though he is not my grandfather I have watched him grandparent his six grandsons and one granddaughter for a very long time.

I have seen in my uncle attributes that I believe are worthy of copying.

My uncle –

- never shows favouritism towards any of his grandchildren
- they are all treated the same
- he makes everyone of them feel special
- he spends a lot of time with them and probably most important of all.....
- he listens to them and what they have to say to him always seems important.

I hope and pray that my grandson will one day say the same thing about me.

How we relate to others; how we respect others; how we deal with others; how we work and connect with others – it is these relationships that make our connection with other people worthwhile.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God."

Matt: 5:8

Important dates for your diary

Friday 12th June

College Production – Sherlock Holmes
Q Theatre, Penrith
Matinee & Evening Performances
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College
B Block

Sunday 14th June

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

Tuesday 16th June

College Photo Day 1
7:30pm Yr.9 – 2010 Elective Information
Evening – Gymnasium

Wednesday 17th June

College Photo Day 2

Thursday 18th June

Years 7 – 10 Churchill Debating Cup

Friday 19th June

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

Saturday 20th June

7:30pm College Annual Dinner – Penrith RSL

Sunday 21st June

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

Monday 22nd June

NASSA Years 7 – 12 Football Sports Day –
Reserve Park, Birrong & The Crest Fields,
Bankstown

Wednesday 24th June

College Photo Day 3
AICES Open Netball
7:30pm Years 9 & 10 Elective Music Evening
Recital Room

Thursday 25th June

Years 9 – 12 Music – Musica Viva
Ryle House Charity Day

Friday 26th June

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

No Right Turn into Wentworth Road
I would like to remind the few drivers who choose to ignore the no right turn into Wentworth Road at the eastern exit from the College that not only is such a turn illegal it is also very very dangerous.

Being sorry after someone is injured or killed will account for very little to the people who have to deal with the injury or the loss of life that could come from such an irresponsible action.

Year 9 2010 Elective Evening
On **Tuesday 16th June** Year 8 students and their families are invited to a subject choice elective evening for next year.

The evening will be held in the College gymnasium and starts at **7:30pm**.

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.

Eliza Binney, Zac Stewart & Tyler Wilkinson National Champions
While many students would have looked forward to the end of term one as a break from serious study, Eliza Binney (Yr.11), Zac Stewart (Yr.7) and Tyler Wilkinson (Yr.7) along with 40 fellow instrumentalists were working hard to fine tune their musical skills in the lead-up to the Australian National Concert Band Championships which were held in Sydney over the Easter weekend.

Eliza, Zac and Tyler, members of the Mountains Youth Band, saw their efforts rewarded when the band's stunning performance led them to victory and being named as the 2009 Australian National Champion Concert Band in their Under 19 Youth C Division. This was the band's first attempt at national competition.

Performing to an audience of almost 500 spectators at Sydney's Seymour Centre, Mountains Youth Band swept the competition away by scoring the highest marks in all sections of the event.

The band competed in a field of seven New South Wales and interstate concert bands. Each band was required to perform four challenging items.

The chief adjudicator for the section, American composer and music educator James Curnow, heaped praise on the band's fine playing. "The band played musically, tunefully, accurately and expressively," Mr Curnow stated.

Congratulations to Eliza, Zac and Tyler. They are fine musicians who can be justly proud of their contribution to the Mountains Youth Band victory.

RUN4BIBLES

My apology to Grace Wentworth (Yr.3) and Paris Rigney (Yr.4) for omitting their names from the list of children who raised money for RUN4BIBLES. Thank you both for your generous donation and for supporting an extremely worthy cause.

Mr J Rodgers

Junior School Sport's Co-ordinator

PSSA Swimming Championships 2009

Congratulations to Matthew Galea (Yr.2) who was our only competitor at the PSSA Swimming Championships. Matthew finished 11th in NSW and was a reserve for the final. A wonderful performance indeed. Well done Matthew.

Mr J Rodgers

Junior School Sports' Co-ordinator

Dara Delivers!

On **Thursday 28th May** I had the pleasure of attending the Western Sydney Regional Final of the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award held at the Arts Unit in Lewisham. Eleven students from a wide range of schools were represented; private schools, selective state schools, Catholic schools and comprehensive state schools. I witnessed an excellent standard of public speaking from all participants.

Dara Ogunsiji (Yr.12) represented Penrith Anglican College most capably. Both her prepared speech and her impromptu speech were of a high standard and each of these showed an improvement over those she delivered in the earlier qualifying round in which she was victorious. I was particularly impressed that in her three minute impromptu speech (for which she had three minutes of preparation) she was able to speak coherently for the full three minutes.

Dara's prepared speech dealt with the nature of true love, a very relevant topic for society today. Her voice projection and dynamic style were

excellent and she spoke with a tone of conviction and sincerity which impressed her audience. She also conveyed a strong sense of stage presence. She certainly succeeded in convincing members of the audience that genuine love is the most important force for human good today. The impromptu speech was on the topic of 'The Band Played On' and Dara skilfully interpreted this phrase as a metaphor for our individual lives and for the life of our society in general.

It has been a pleasure to observe Dara's progress as a public speaker. She is a young person with much to say who is learning to speak most effectively in a public situation. She deserves to be commended for her efforts!

Mr. C. Merz

Debating Coordinator

Year 11 Service Trip to Tibooburra 2009

Twelve Year 11 students in the Tabitha Program are preparing for their 'Service Trip to Tibooburra' with the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia's 'Dusty Boots Programme'. During this term they are fund raising to assist with the costs of travel and service as well as training for their service.

From **July 6th to 14th**, 12 students and 4 staff will travel to Tibooburra via Broken Hill to undertake landscaping, maintenance, cooking and working in the School of the Air in this small country town of 150 people in Western N.S.W.

Please pray for the Team as they undertake the community service.

- Cooking team: Brittany Bond, Samantha Moloney, Charlotte Smith
- Children's team: Emma Crosson, Melinda Mikhael, Alison Miller
- Maintenance team: Stuart Gales, Lauren Mihaly, Vasili Moisiadis
- Landscaping team: Beau DuPen, Thomas Evans, Kirsty White
- Teachers: Miss Menzies, Mr. Tweed, Miss Elliott, Ms. Hazell
- Families: McKechnie and Menzies
- Leaders: Rob and Jenny Stubbs

Your prayers for safety in travel as well as for the work to be undertaken would be appreciated. Also please pray for the on-going work of the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia as we go and support them.

If you would still like to support the team or know more about the 'Dusty Boots Programme' please talk with Miss Menzies or email me at j.stubbs@pac.nsw.edu.au

Jenny Stubbs

BCA Co-Worker for the West Darling

Gifted and Talented Enrichment Program – Visit to the Art Gallery

As part of PAC's enrichment program for Gifted and Talented students, 15 students from Year 7 and Year 8 travelled to the Art Gallery on **Wednesday 20th May**, to participate in a Higher Order Thinking Art Klippel Workshop.

The program was part of the Gallery's Gifted and Talented program and addressed cross curriculum subject areas. Students participated in a discussion tour followed by a visit to the prints and drawing study room for an intimate viewing of Robert Klippel's works on paper. Students then used sculptural materials in a 3D workshop to extend their visual thinking skills.

A special thank you to Mr B Newton who facilitated 3 sessions of preparation work prior to the visit.

Thankyou also to the students who represented themselves and PAC in the most commendable manner.

Students who attended the excursion were:

Monique Andreatta
Joshua Karp
Kirstin Walker
Rebecca Heins
Jack Seeds
Danika Winterton
Aidan Payer
Geneva Walker
David Belcher
Jessica Huckstadt
Laura Davison
Peter Morian
Morgan Gray
Blake Tickner
Emily Hills

Mrs K Toland

Senior Gifted and Talented Coordinator

National Simultaneous Storytime 2009

Students in the Junior School participated in the Australia-wide National Simultaneous Storytime in Week 5.

During their library lessons they joined hundreds of other schools and local libraries across Australia in a reading aloud of the picture book "Pete the sheep" which was written by Australian author Jackie French and illustrated by Bruce Whatley.

This annual event highlights the pleasure of sharing stories with others. The children certainly enjoyed the time and the associated activities.



CIS Sport Selections

In recent times there have been a number of outstanding performances by individual students in various Representative sports. All of these achievements are a reflection of the sporting talent that this College possesses and demonstrate that across a number of sporting areas we have athletes that are in demand for positions in State Level Independent School teams.

Some of our recent selections include:

Brooke Slaughter (Yr.12) CIS Girls' Football
Touch Football

Lauren McDonald (Yr.8)

Erin Burns (Yr.11)

Caitlin Burns (Yr.9)

Tayla Seymour (Yr.10)

Rebecca Chapple (Yr.11)

Aaron Carrasco (Yr.11)

Brenton Osborne (Yr.11)

U/15 CIS Girls' Touch Football
CIS Open Girls' Hockey
CIS Open Girls' Hockey
CIS Open Girls' Cricket
CIS U/16 Girls' Hockey
CIS Open Boys' Touch Football
Open Boys' Hockey

On top of these outstanding achievements are the ones listed below:

Kyle Maurer (Yr.8) received a number of placings at CIS. Represented the College at NSW all Schools Swimming

Morgan Moloney (Yr.9) 1st place U/15 Girls' CIS Cross-Country

Monique Andreatta (Yr.7) 3rd place U/13 Girls' CIS Cross Country

Katherine Whiteside (Yr.11) 5th place U/17 Girls' Cross-Country

Morgan Monique and Katherine will now represent the College at the NSW All Schools Cross-Country.

All of the above are outstanding young men and women who have achieved fantastic results at a very high level of competition.

Mr L Toland

Director of Sport

Medication administered at school
Parents are reminded that if their child requires medication to be administered at school a permission note needs to be handed in on the day.

The note needs to state the dosage required and that permission is given for Miss Munce to administer the medication in the Clinic.

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks for the near completion of the new road access into the College
- give thanks for the very successful Year 11 – 2010 Information Evenings held recently at the College
- give thanks that so many families continue to seek enrolment for their children here at PAC
- give thanks for the growth of Christ Church @ the College

Prayer:

- pray that as the College continues to grow every student feels important, cared for and loved
- pray that our new demountable Music block will be operational soon
- pray for safety for all families during the mid year holiday period
- pray for protection for all College families from human swine influenza
- pray for God's protection over our College at all times.

I had the privilege of speaking to the Mamre Anglican School senior students at their chapel service on **Friday 5th June**.

The theme of the chapel service was sacrifice.

A picture of the crucified Christ highlighted, almost without words, the extent to which God was prepared to go to set His children free.

God sacrificed His son Jesus for us. Even though Jesus lived a perfect life He was prepared to die in our place.

For those who believe that to be true they will be granted eternal life.

“This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

1 John 4:9-10

Barry Roots,
HEADMASTER