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NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH ANGLICAN COLLEGE
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Introduction

One thing I do get to do during the holidays is catch up with some reading.

An article I read on the value of the creative and performing arts for children had this to say –

“arts participation can have a positive impact on students in terms of –

- *social and personal development*
- *attitude to learning*
- *literacy*
- *numeracy*
- *arts knowledge and skills*
- *generic competencies to do with writing & communicating, problem solving, planning, organising, persevering and, not surprisingly, enjoyment and valuing of the arts*

Arts participation –

- *enhances personal confidence*
- *helps develop the skills of cooperation and collaboration*
- *helps to foster relationships of trust and a sense of belonging*
- *can contribute to positive changes in behaviour*
- *enhances feelings of empathy.”*

Such research encourages me greatly because of the significant creative and performing arts programs that operate here at the College.

Parents, be encouraged, when you hear your Year 3 child learning their musical instrument as part of their homework. The rewards from such homework are far greater than you may have considered.

“...with singing lips my mouth
will praise you.”

Psalm 63:5b

Important dates for your diary

Friday 31st July

Year 5 excursion to Canberra & snow fields
NSW All Schools Cross Country
P.1 Prefects' Investiture – Gymnasium

Sunday 2nd August

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

Tuesday 4th August

Crusader Conference @ PAC
ACER Language Competitions – French & Japanese

Wednesday 5th August

ACER Language Competitions – French & Japanese
Parent Teacher Interviews
K – 6 3:30pm – 5:50pm

Thursday 6th August

ACER Language Competitions – French & Japanese
Years 3 – 12 Australian Mathematics
Competition (selected classes)
3:30pm – 6:00pm TASTastic Exhibition H
Block

Friday 7th August

P.1 /Chapel
& 3:30pm Years 11 & 12 Drama Showcase
Evening
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College
B Block

Sunday 9th August

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

Monday 10th August

Parent Teacher Interviews
K – 6 3:30pm – 5:50pm ; 7:00pm – 8:50pm

Wednesday 12th August

7:30pm P & F Meeting – Staff Commonroom
A Block

Friday 14th August

P.1 Chapel for Junior & Prep Schools
P.1 Gold Silver & Bronze Awards Senior
School

Senior School Prefect Body 2009 - 2010

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the College community the Prefect Body for 2009 – 2010.

CAPTAINS:

Luke Johnson Hannah Mollenhauer

VICE CAPTAINS:

Blake Manca Jessica Graydon

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Cranmer:

William Rodgers Jessica Lambert

Latimer

Aaron Carrasco Kirsty White

Ridley

Nathan Tuckwell Caroline Russell

Ryle

Miles Stepniewski Deborah Scheuer

PREFECTS:

Alexander Bishara Liesl Bamback

Braden Marsden Eliza Binney

Brenton Osborne Alison Miller

Gemma Sutherland

The Prefects' Investiture will be held in the College gymnasium on **Friday 31st July** at **9:00am**.

The College community is invited to be at this very important occasion.

Prep and Junior School Parent – Teacher Interviews

Prep and Junior School interviews will be held on **Wednesday 5th August**
3:30pm – 5:50pm

Monday 10th August

3:30pm – 5:50pm; 7:00pm – 8:50pm

Interview times can be booked directly with the relevant class teachers (via your children).

Computer Skills Competition 2009
Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding results in this year's competition:

YEAR 3

Distinction: Nathan Decelis

Credit: Zalia Lackey, Gemma Cacciola, Katie Greene, Abbey McPherson, Emily Pemble

YEAR 4

High Distinction: Timothy Wildig

Distinction: Brittany Reeves, Linden Arkle, Dominique Clark

Credit: Emily Brooker, Hugh Kermond

Year 5

High Distinction: Aidan Currie

Credit: Jakob Grundy, Connor Light, Myles Okorn, Kelsey Williams

YEAR 6

High Distinction: Jemma Sargeant

Distinction: Rhys Gordon, Quentin Kelly Smith

Credit: Callum Beaton, Kieran Cooper, Joel Edwards, Matthew Huckstadt, Matthew Robson, Ashleigh Vassallo

YEAR 7

Distinction: Chloe Steward

Credit: Cassandra Galea, Elyssa Hannan, Kirstin Walker

YEAR 8

Distinction: Tara Colyer, Laura Davison, Nathan Wheeler

Credit: David Belcher, Jarrod Quigley, Loren Shaw

YEAR 9

Distinction: Michael Payer, Joshua Wildig

Credit: Matthias Comfort, Johann D'Cunha, Melanie Gray, Brandan Lamb, Trent Nelson Cranfield, David Page, Lovepreet Singh

YEAR 10

Distinction: Terry Hardy, Stephanie Redman, Nicholas Theocharous

Credit: Matthew Burke, Ryan Cramer, Cameron Huddleston, Alexander Proud, Emily Thurston

Kumamoto Marist Exchange Visit 2009

Every second year students from our Senior School have the opportunity to visit our sister school in Kumamoto, Japan.

Unfortunately the impact of Human Swine Influenza has been so significant in Japan that we have been asked to postpone our visit to Japan until 2010.

In 2010 it is hoped that students from PAC will visit Kumamoto and students from Kumamoto will also visit PAC.

A Strong Performance!

On **Monday June 29th** seven of our Penrith Anglican College debating teams travelled to William Carey Christian School for a day of debating. Our P.A.C. teams put in a strong performance winning four out of the seven debates.

Our 7B team successfully argued the negative case of the topic 'That we should shut all zoos' against a William Carey Year 7 team. It was gratifying to see our young debaters growing in confidence and skill.

Both of our Year 8 teams were also victorious in arguing the affirmative case of the proposition 'That we should envy our grandparents.' I'm not sure our grandparents would fully agree but our year eights certainly argued their case convincingly! In a field of strong debaters making up team 8A, Lauren Heywood put in a particularly effective performance. Mahene Khan also made a strong contribution to team 8B.

Our 9B team were strongly competitive in arguing the negative side of 'That We Are Slaves to Fashion.' Danielle McGowan was especially impressive in rebutting and in summing up her team's case. Our 9A team also strongly argued the affirmative case of the topic 'That we need a green government' against an impressive team of Year 10 William Carey students. Madison Behringer was notably effective in her well-targeted rebuts and skilful summing up of her team's case.

Our year 10B team competently argued the negative case of the provocative proposition 'That there should be a license to parent' against a brilliant Year 11 team from William Carey. Brooke Sruhan put in a noteworthy performance for team 10B. Our 10A team achieved perhaps the most impressive result of the day by defeating an opposition Year 12 team. Amina Jansz, Elizabeth Ogunsiji, and Alice McKeown, ably assisted by Skye Burton as team advisor, successfully argued the affirmative case 'That Australia is America's 51st state.' In a uniformly strong team performance, Alice McKeown impressed both adjudicators with her mature delivery and sophisticated use of rhetorical techniques.

This day of debating was a positive one for our students. They are growing in confidence and competence and enjoyed the experience of the inter-school debate.

Mr C Merz

Debating Coordinator

Gifted and Talented Writer's Camp

Last term 6 students from Years 7 & 8 attended a 4 day Youthwork's Writer's in Residence Camp at Blue Gum Lodge in Springwood.

These camps are designed for students who have a particular interest in writing and are designed to foster their creativity and to fuel their passion for writing. The students also took part in many different activities including archery, rock climbing, bushwalking and a day trip to a local art gallery.

The program was run for 4 days and students were tutored by 2 leading children's authors. James Roy and Deborah Abela facilitated several sessions with the students developing new skills and ideas.

Students' stories will be published in a group portfolio showcasing the final product of their work throughout the camp.

A very special thank you to Mrs Elizabeth Walker who attended the camp as the College's representative.

Thank you also to the following students who attended the camp. They were excellent ambassadors for Penrith Anglican College and were commended not only on their behaviour but their special gifts and talents for writing and drawing.

Jonathan Doyle (Yr.7)
Geneva Walker (Yr.8)
Tyla Flanagan (Yr.8)
Laura Davison (Yr.8)
Cameron Dowd (Yr.7)
Kaitlin Ball (Yr.8)

PAC Memorial Garden

Memorial Plaques

One of our Year 12 Design and Technology students is currently undertaking the designing and construction of a Memorial Garden at the College, as part of his Major Design Project.

It is his desire to recognise the efforts and sacrifice of those who served at Gallipoli and/or World War One (in the first instance) by placing a Commemorative Plaque onto a Wall of Honor.

If you have a family member or relative who served in this conflict and would like to have them remembered in this special way, would you supply the following details: -

- Full name
- Service number
- Nationality
- Force (e.g., Infantry, Artillery, Navy, etc)
- Battalion/Regiment/Unit/Ship, etc
- Date of birth and death

Details should be forwarded by email to: Mr N. Marshall, Head of TAS Faculty (n.marshall@pac.nsw.edu.au) before **August 14, 2009**.

SASC Choral Festival

On **Monday 29th June** ninety students in our Junior School Choir performed at the SASC Choral Festival held at Arndell College.

Thank you to every chorister. It was wonderful to hear you sing and to see the enjoyment on your faces as you did so.

I look forward to hearing you sing again sometime in our new Performing Arts Centre in 2010.

PAC Senior Athletics Carnival 2009

On Tuesday 30th June the Senior School Athletics Carnival was held at Harold Corr Oval, Cambridge Park. It was a great day of competition and participation with this being reflected in the close final results of the carnival.

The results were as follows:

1 st	-	Cranmer	1060
2 nd	-	Latimer	1043
3 rd	-	Ryle	1024
4 th	-	Ridley	733

The College Age Champions for Athletics in 2009 are as follows:

Girls

12 years	-	Taylor Chillingworth
13 years	-	Monique Andreatta
14 years	-	Paige Schafer
15 years	-	Morgan Moloney
16 years	-	Tayla Seymour
17 years	-	Katherine Whiteside
18 years	-	Brooke Slaughter

Boys

12 years	-	Brayden Grundy and Lachlan Perring
13 years	-	Aidan Payer
14 years	-	Johann D'Cunha
15 years	-	Bryce Baiada

16 years	-	Kurt Robertson
17 years	-	William Rodgers
18 years	-	Mitchell Reinhard

A big thankyou to all of the Senior School staff who assisted greatly in the smooth running of the carnival. Special mention to Mr & Mrs Harvey for their expertise and assistance on the Track at the carnival. Finally, thanks to Werrington Little Athletics and Mrs Tickner for their assistance on the day and in the lead-up to the carnival.

*Mr L Toland
Director of Sport*

PAC Junior Athletics Carnival

Congratulations Cranmer House!
Congratulations to Cranmer on their thrilling victory at the 2009 Athletic Carnival. At one stage during the day there was only a handful of points separating all four houses. It was only in the Relays where Cranmer pulled away. Latimer were gracious in defeat and will have to wait at least another year to win their maiden carnival.

The carnival was a huge success and this was largely due to the assistance of many parents who acted as officials. Special mention must go to Mr Harvey (parent and President of Emu Plains Little Athletics) for coordinating the timekeeping and judging. Mr Harvey and Mrs Kelly Tickner most generously gave up their time to officiate at both the Senior and Junior School Carnivals. Final placings were Cranmer 1st, Latimer 2nd, Ryle 3rd and Ridley 4th.

It must be acknowledged that Cranmer House were victorious in all three major carnivals for the second year running. This is a phenomenal effort. Thank you once again to everyone who helped to make the 1st Junior School Athletic Carnival a memorable event.

Congratulations to the 2009 Athletic Champions.

Girls

8yr Claudia Cognet
9yr Suzanne Robinson
10yr Courtney Lambert
11yr Melanie Kirk
12yr Brearne Strachan

Boys

8yr Zack Vassallo
9yr Luke Go
10yr Richard Stewart
11yr Tarron Grundy
12yr James Behringer/Matthew Huckstadt

*Mr J Rodgers
Junior School Sports' Coordinator*

Dancing with the Stars at PAC

Several of our students recently performed at a very special Dance Competition at Bankstown Town Hall.

Results were as follows:

Naomi Colburn (Yr.1)

1st 6yrs Tap, 3rd 6yrs Ballet, 4th 6yrs Jazz

Alex Poirier (Yr.2)

2nd 7yrs Tap, H/C 7yrs Jazz

Lara Turnbull (Yr.2)

4th 7yrs Jazz

Tara Steward (Yr.3)

2nd 7yrs Tap, 4th 7yrs Jazz

Emi Foster (Yr.3)

3rd 8yrs Tap

Gemma King (Yr.3)

2nd 8yrs Tap

Gemma Cacciola (Yr.3)

3rd 9yrs Ballet, 2nd 9yrs Jazz

Kimberley Burrell (Yr.7)

5th 12yrs Jazz, 4th 12yrs Modern

Ashlea Launt (Yr.9)

1st 14yrs Modern

Congratulations to our very talented dancers.

Ban on Smoking in Cars

From **1st July 2009** the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 commences and creates a new offence of smoking when children under 16 years of age are present in the car. A \$250 on-the-spot fine applies. The driver of the car is also guilty of an offence if a passenger in the car smokes while a child under 16 years of age is present. NSW Police will enforce this ban on smoking in cars with children.

The NSW Government introduced this new law to protect children from second-hand tobacco smoke as second-hand tobacco smoke harms children's growing lungs and can cause respiratory disease.

More information is available from the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412 and from the Department of Health at www.health.nsw.gov.au

Junior School Public Speaking Finals

Apologies to Courtney Gordon (Yr.3) whose name was omitted in the last newsletter from the list of finalists in the Junior School Public Speaking Finals on **15th June**.

Congratulations Courtney.

Nepal Service Trip 2nd – 17th October 2009

There are now 10 weeks to go until our first overseas service trip. We have completed our fundraising to cover the costs of the service component of the trip. We needed to raise \$4700 to pay for the materials needed to build play equipment and retaining walls and to paint the school buildings. In the end we raised \$4716. Thank you for supporting the Ryle House Charity Day and the cake drive earlier in the year. We also received some very generous donations from Rotary (\$1000) and \$500 from a local company. Penrith Rotary held a BBQ at Bunnings on Easter Monday. Attached is a photo of Gemma Sutherland with some of the local Rotarians. Thank you Rotary for your support.



Tibooburra

Parents, staff and students of the College were involved in the second year of our Dusty Boots program during the recent College holidays.

They undertook community service in the town of Tibooburra from **Monday 6th July to Tuesday 14th July**.

Student members of the team included Brittany Bond, Samantha Moloney, Charlotte Smith, Alison Miller, Melinda Mikhael, Emma Crosson, Beau DuPen, Tom Evans, Kirsty White, Stuart Gales, Lauren Mikaly, Vasili Moisiadis, Lauren McKechnie and Lachlan McKecknie.

A special thank you to the staff and parents who were involved in the program and particularly Mr & Mrs Stubbs for their co-ordination and leadership of Dusty Boots.

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London, Paris and Western Front Battlefields Study Tour 2010.

24 September – 8 October 2010

In addition to our popular Turkey and Gallipoli Study Tour offered in conjunction with Boronia Travel Centre who have organised similar tours since 1993 on behalf of the Australian War Memorial, and other interested educational organisations including Penrith Anglican College, we are now pleased to be able to offer this additional Tour in 2010.

The Tour visits the many battlefields, historic sites, and towns throughout the Somme, Arras, and Flanders areas. It includes time in Paris for sightseeing and shopping. The tour travels to London on the Eurostar high-speed train to visit not only the traditional London sites, but also those a little out of the ordinary.

A detailed itinerary is available, including costs and booking form, on the College website www.pac.nsw.edu.au/events/events.html

This is a Study Tour of outstanding value and would be suitable for senior students of History, parents and teachers.

For further information contact Neil Marshall, Tour Co-ordinator (02) 4736 8100 or n.marshall@pac.nsw.edu.au

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks for the safe return of all PAC students to school this term
- give thanks for the recently completed additional Music facilities at the College
- give thanks for the new concreted areas and covered walkways in the Prep and Junior Schools
- give thanks for the new road east of the Prep School
- give thanks for the fantastic students we have at our College.

Prayer:

- pray for the new College Prefect Body
- pray for Year 12 in their last term at the College
- pray for economic recovery for our nation and the world
- pray for God's continued blessing on His work being undertaken at Christ Church
- pray that more and more people might come to find their ultimate source of security in Jesus Christ.

At the end of last term 250 students and their parents from our Prep & Junior Schools joined my wife and myself at the movies to see Ice Age 3.

I have to confess that Ice Age 3 has not made it onto my list of all time favourite movies however the fact that so many PAC students and parents began their holidays with Pauline and I was very pleasing indeed.

It confirms to me that what you are doing is not nearly as important as the company you are with.

Thanks you again to all the students and parents who joined us this day.

"I have no greater joy than to hear
that my children are walking in
the truth."

3 John 4

Barry Roots
HEADMASTER