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Introduction

Thursday 1st October is the last day at school for our Year 12 HSC students. Our Year 12 IB students finish school in Term 4.

This wonderful group of young men and women will be honoured at a final chapel service on the Thursday morning and at a Valedictory Dinner with their parents and staff that same night.

Year 12 2009 are the seventh group of students to graduate from the College. As a group they epitomise much that we wish to see in all the students who spend time at the College.

I know I speak on behalf of the entire College community when I wish them well in their upcoming examinations and in their future life endeavours.

I would pray that each Year 12 student takes from the College a very clear understanding of who Jesus Christ is and the eternal impact He will have on their lives.

It is this above all else that matters.

"But God demonstrates His love for us
in this: While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

Year 10 Drama Production – Death by Chocolate

Congratulations to the Year 10 Drama students and their teacher Mrs McLaren for a wonderfully entertaining performance on **Friday 11th & Saturday 12th September**.

Every member of the audience was delighted by the talent and the enthusiasm of each of the performers.

Thank you Year 10 for such a pleasurable experience.

Important dates for your diary

Friday 25th September

P.1 Headmaster's Assembly – Senior School
P.1 Chapel – Junior & Prep Schools
7:30pm Yr.9 Elective Drama Performance Evening
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College
E Block

Saturday 26th September

7:30pm Yr.9 Elective Drama Performance Evening –
Recital Room

Sunday 27th September

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

Monday 28th September

Year 7 Boys 2nd Hep B vaccination
Year 7 Girls 2nd Hep B vaccination and 3rd HPV
vaccination

Tuesday 29th September

Ps. 5-6 K – 12 Talent Quest – Gymnasium

Wednesday 30th September

Year 5-6 Camp – Waterslea, Nowra
Year 9 Commerce morning at Penrith Markets

Thursday 1st October

Year 5-6 Camp – Waterslea, Nowra
P.1 Year 12 Final Chapel – Gymnasium
7:30pm Year 12 Valedictory Dinner – Liverpool
Catholic Club

Friday 2nd October

Year 5-6 Camp – Waterslea, Nowra
College Service Trip to Nepal
Term 3 ends for staff and students
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College
E Block

Sunday 4th October

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

Sunday 11th October

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

Sunday 18th October

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

Monday 19th October

Staff Day

Tuesday 20th October

Term 4 commences for all students
Changeover date to summer uniform

NAPLAN Results – 2009

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been issued with their NAPLAN test results.

Parents may wish to check with their child/ren if they have not seen these results.

I am very pleased with this year's results.

A summary of these results is shown below.

YEAR 3

Students achieve a band between 1 and 6.

	<u>Literacy (Bands 4 – 6)</u>				Overall Literacy
	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	
State	70	78	75	77	77
PAC	77	81	68	77	81

	<u>Numeracy (Bands 4 – 6)</u>		Numeracy
	Number, Patterns, Algebra	Measurement, Data, Space	
State	64	69	65
PAC	68	72	69

YEAR 5

Students achieve a band between 1 and 8.

	<u>Literacy (Bands 6 – 8)</u>				Overall Literacy
	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	
State	61	64	64	68	64
PAC	76	81	71	87	83

	<u>Numeracy (Bands 6 – 8)</u>		Numeracy
	Number, Patterns, Algebra	Measurement, Data, Space & Geometry	
State	55	64	59
PAC	75	85	81

YEAR 7

Students achieve a band between 4 and 9.

	<u>Literacy (Bands 7 – 9)</u>				Overall Literacy
	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	
State	57	51	62	54	59
PAC	70	61	70	60	70

	<u>Numeracy (Bands 7 – 9)</u>		Numeracy
	Number, Patterns, Algebra	Measurement, Data, Space & Geometry	
State	58	57	60
PAC	72	71	71

<u>YEAR 9</u>	Students achieve a band between 5 and 10.				
	Reading	<u>Literacy (Bands 8 – 10)</u>		Grammar & Punctuation	Overall Literacy
		Writing	Spelling		
State	55	44	53	46	49
PAC	77	56	65	60	62
	<u>Numeracy (Bands 8 – 10)</u>				Overall
	Number, Patterns, Algebra		Measurement, Data, Space & Geometry		
State	57		52	56	
PAC	81		64	77	

K – 6 Creative Arts Evening

On **Monday 21st September** every student in the Prep & Junior Schools played a very important part in this year's K – 6 Creative Arts Evening.

The night revealed a smorgasbord of talent.

Thank you to all of our Prep & Junior School students for making the evening such an enjoyable experience and thank you to the staff of the Prep & Junior Schools for the hours of time they have given over to rehearsals.

GOSPEL DAY - 2009

Our Annual GOSPEL Day (Grandparents and other Special People's Day) occurred on **Wednesday 23rd September**.

It is a delight each year to welcome so many special people to our school.

I know that students particularly enjoy seeing these special people in their lives at their school.

Pedestrian Traffic in the College Car Park

It is a matter of urgency that people walking through the College car park follow the designated walking paths and use the pedestrian crossings marked. One parent has said to me that because adults and children are choosing to walk in any and all places across the car park "there is an accident waiting to happen."

I could not agree more.

I urge all pedestrians to walk in the appropriate areas and for parents to insist that their children do the same.

I also reiterate that drivers must be particularly vigilant at all times when driving in the College car park.

CIS Junior Athletics 2009

Congratulations to the 28 athletes who represented Penrith Anglican College and NASSA at the 2009 Combined Independent Schools Junior Athletic Carnival. This is by far the largest number of athletes to qualify for this elite level of competition.

The day began well with the Junior Boys' and Girls' Relay Teams both qualifying for the finals. The Boys' Team finished 8th and the Girls' Team won gold in the very last stride. The team of Emily Perring, Renee Hansen, Courtney Lambert & Ainslie Harvey went into the final as the fastest qualifiers. They came extremely close to breaking the CIS record. In the final I think nerves were a factor and the changes weren't quite as smooth. In the end it took an unbelievable finish from Ainslie to secure gold for PAC. An extremely exciting and memorable moment.

Richard Stewart as well as being a member of the Junior Boys' Relay Team also won gold in the Junior Boys' Long Jump and silver in the Junior Boys' 200 Metres. A super effort Richard. Lovedeesh Toor not to be outdone won gold in the 11 Year Girls' Shot Put and silver in the 11 Yr Girls' Discus. Another amazing effort.

There were many PB's on the day and each and every member of the team is to be congratulated for even qualifying for CIS. Thank you also for your excellent behaviour and for representing Penrith Anglican College with great pride.

Congratulations to all 28 athletes. We wish Emily, Renee, Courtney, Ainslie, Richard and Lovedeesh all the very best at the NSW PSSA Championships to be held at Homebush on **Wednesday 28th October** and **Thursday 29th October**.

CIS Competitors 2009

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| 1. James Behringer | 1. Natalia Beaumont |
| 2. Jacob Donaldson | 2. Gracie Grinham |
| 3. Jesse Freeman | 3. Renee Hansen |
| 4. Luke Go | 4. Ainslie Harvey |
| 5. Matthew Go | 5. Mikayla Hinkley |
| 6. Tarron Grundy | 6. Alexis Johnson |
| 7. Angus Harrold | 7. Melanie Kirk |
| 8. Andrew Huckstadt | 8. Jaime Lackey-Benson |
| 9. Matthew Huckstadt | 9. Courtney Lambert |
| 10. Justin Keightley | 10. Hannah Oloffs |
| 11. Hayden Perry | 11. Emily Perring |
| 12. Blake Schafer | 12. Kathryn Robinson |
| 13. Richard Stewart | 13. Brearne Strachan |
| | 14. Lovedeesh Toor |
| | 15. Brigitte Wilson |

Mr J. Rodgers

Junior School Sports' Coordinator

AICES Athletics

On **Wednesday 9th September** 45 students from the Senior School were involved in the AICES Athletics Championships that were held at Sydney Athletics Centre, Homebush. All of the students involved competed in an exceptional manner and once again PAC's results on the day were nothing short of sensational.

In total 18 athletes have now qualified for CIS Athletics many of them in the process setting new records both at NASSA and AICES levels of competition. PAC for the third successive year topped the Overall Medal Count with 43 medals. This was 6 medals clear of their nearest rivals. We were able to amass 972 points in total as a College which meant we were the first placed NASSA school on the basis of pointscore at AICES and second overall to William Clarke College in all of the AICES association. NASSA performed very well in this carnival and due to the significant contribution of PAC won the carnival by over 200 points.

The following is a summary of the outstanding results on the day:

U/14 Boys Relay Team – 1st place with a decrease of 3 secs in time from NASSA to AICES. (Sean Austin, Nick Herring, Andrew Leader and Johann D'Cunha)

Monique Andreatta (Yr 7) – 2nd 3000m, 1st 800m, 1st 1500m and Record

Johann D'Cunha (Yr 9) – 1st Long Jump, 2nd High Jump, 3rd 200 and 100m

Sean Austin (Yr 9) – 2nd 3000m and 800m

Luke Gagen (Yr 8) – 1st Shot and 1st Discus

Hannah-Rose Stewart (Yr 7) – 1st 400m and 2nd 800m

Caitlin Heeps (Yr 9) – 1st 200m and Long Jump, 3rd 100m

Jay Holdsworth (Yr 7) – 1st High Jump and Record

Andrew Leader (Yr 8) – 2nd 200m and 400m

Morgan Moloney (Yr 9) – 1st 3000m Record, 800m and 1500m

William Rodgers (Yr 11) – 1st Long Jump and Triple Jump both Records, 3rd 100m

Bryce Baiada (Yr 10) – 3rd 100m and 200m

Lachlan Perring (Yr 7) – 3rd Long Jump

Brayden Grundy (Yr 7) – 2nd 800m

Brooke Slaughter (Yr 12) – 1st High Jump, 2nd 200m and 100m

Hayden McTaggart (Yr 12) – 1st Javelin

Alix Waddell (Yr 9) – 1st Javelin Record

Katherine Whiteside (Yr 11) – Age Champion 17 yrs Girls AICES and has qualified for 5 events at CIS level. 1st 800m and 1500m both Records, 2nd 400m, 1st Discus, 2nd Shot Put, 3rd Javelin.

Congratulations to all athletes who competed, these results are exceptional.

Mr L Toland

Director of Sport

Gateway8 Gala Day Amendment

Apologies to Junaid Syed from Year 9 who represented PAC recently at the Gateway8 Gala Day. His name was omitted in the last edition of the Vine. Junaid was a valuable member of the Year 9 and 10 team.

Mrs K Toland

Senior Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

Correction

Elyssa Hannan (Yr.7) gained 3rd place in the "Open Section – Any Needlework not tested" at the recent Penrith Show.

Apologies for leaving Elyssa off the list of PAC students who entered the Show in the last edition of the Vine.

Junior Debating Teams Triumph in Semi-Finals

Both our PAC Junior Inter-School Debating Teams went through to the semi-finals for 2009.

On **Wednesday 9th September** PAC Team A versed PAC Team B exploring the topic, 'That fairy tales are a bad influence on young children'.

The teams presented well-researched cases and tackled each others points with strategic rebuttals. Team A won by a narrow margin in what was a very close and challenging debate.

Thanks to Mrs Kennedy for adjudicating.

Well done to the debaters who performed on the day:

Both teams will go on to the Grand Final to battle it out against Pacific Hills Christian School for the first and second place in the overall competition.

Mrs K Halcrow

Junior School Inter-School Debating Co-ordinator

Year 7 and 8 Prefects' Awards winners!

Congratulations to the following Year 7 and 8 English and Maths students who were nominated for a Prefects' Award for effort in their classes this term. Well done!

7 E R: Cameron Reeves	Emily Forrell
7 E M: Luke Caruana	Leah Chapple
7 E L: Jacob Freeman	Hannah- Rose Stewart
7 E K: Mitchell Atkins	Jessica Li
7 M R: David Voller	Sorrell Schaefer
7 M M: Liam Thurston	Jasmine Dhaliwal
7 M L: Jeff Porter	Dayna McCall
7 M K: Callum Radcliffe	Alessandra Bizzanelli
8 E R: Jassim Saab	Sarah Jansen
8 E M: Jonathan Hanna	Natalie Bishara
8 E L: Ryan Carter	Rebekah Jackson
8 E K: Haydn Potter	Chantelle Sharples
8 M R: Michael Lovegrove	Madeleine Ashton
8 M M: Tristan Bamback	Madison Hui
8 M L: Marcus Graham	Julia Muller
8 M K: Mitchell Holden	Mahene Khan

Mrs S Jones

Prefects' Coordinator

Year 3 to 6 Instrumental Music Program

Special Information to parents and students

ASSESSMENT TIME: A reminder to parents and students that assessments are approaching.

During weeks 9 and 10 this term, and the first weeks of term 4 teachers will be assessing students individually on their performance piece and their ensemble piece. Student's have been given the titles of the pieces they need to practice. Normally the teacher will ask for volunteers to start the assessment process and then progress alphabetically until all students have performed. This way all students are assessed when they are ready. Assessment is based on note, pitch and rhythmic stability.

INSTRUMENT CARE: As with all mechanical devices the instruments need service from time to time. The care of the instrument on a daily basis is the key to ensuring it continues to operate correctly. Many students ask the staff to repair instruments for problems that are due to a lack of regular maintenance. Students are given instruction by their tutor and asked to read the tutor book for details concerning use and care of the instrument in their possession. The following is a summary of what needs to be done for particular instruments:

Trumpet: Oil valves every 2 days. Take valves out of casing once a week and wipe over the valve and inside the case with a lint-free cloth. Re-oil the valve and replace in instrument ensuring the tab is aligned. Grease each slide every two weeks. These are all the valve slides and the main tuning slide. Use the mouthpiece brush to clean the mouthpiece every day to prevent build up of germs.

Clarinet, Saxophone: Check the reed and make sure it is in good order. Always use 2 reeds alternately when playing and during a break time see Mrs Jones in the Music Department to purchase a new reed if one is broken. Apply cork grease to the cork joints every 2 to 3 days. Never let the cork get dry or it will rip when assembled. Every week take a close look at the working parts. The screws holding the keys in place sometimes come loose. Carefully use a jeweller's screwdriver and re tighten each loose screw. Always use the cloth pull-through to wipe condensation from the inside of the instrument every time you put it back in the case after playing.

Flute: Every week take a close look at the working parts. The screws holding the keys in place sometimes come loose. Carefully use a jeweller's screwdriver and re-tighten each loose screw. Clean the silver surfaces with a clean cloth to stop corrosion. Always use the cloth pull-through to wipe condensation from the inside of the instrument every time you put it back in the case after playing.

Guitar: Ensure the guitar is placed in a safe place in its case. This will prevent accidental damage if it is knocked. Wipe over all surfaces with a clean cloth on a weekly basis to remove dust and the oil left from hands while playing. Make sure the tuning pegs are not bumped so you can play in tune. If it goes out of tune and you can't re-tune the guitar bring it in as soon as possible for the music staff to tune.

Violins, Cellos: Ensure the instrument is placed in a safe place in its case. This will prevent accidental damage if it is knocked. Wipe over all surfaces with a clean cloth on a weekly basis to remove dust and the oil left from hands while playing. This is especially around the area of the bridge to stop build-up of resin dust. This can become very sticky and difficult to remove if left too long. Make sure the tuning pegs are not bumped so you can play in tune. If it goes out of tune and you can't re-tune the violin bring it in as soon as possible for the music staff to tune.

Percussion: Ensure the instrument is placed in a safe place in its case. This will prevent accidental damage if it is knocked. Wipe over all surfaces with a clean cloth on a weekly basis to remove dust and the oil left from hands while playing.

INSTRUMENT REPAIR The Music staff will assist in small repairs and adjustments that students are unable to fix themselves. We do this in recess and lunch breaks. It is not appropriate to ask staff to do these repairs during their normal instrumental lesson times. Students should bring the instrument to school as soon as they notice something wrong then take it to the Music staffroom either in the morning or at recess/lunch times. The staff will quickly inspect and repair on the spot, if possible. If the instrument needs further work the staff will attend to it as soon as they can. If the instrument needs the services of a professional instrument repairer it will be sent away from school to complete the work. The music staff will contact parents in this case.

If the instrument is kept by the music staff the student should come back to the staff room each day to see if their instrument is ready to take home.

All consumables like reeds, oils and greases are available from Mrs Jones in the Music Department at break time during the school day.
Head of Music

PAC Talent Quest

On **Tuesday 29th September** our annual K – 12 Talent Quest will be showcased in the gymnasium starting at **12:50pm**.

Parents are welcome to join us for a most enjoyable and entertaining afternoon.

PAC Service Trip to Nepal

In one week's time, 14 adults and 13 Year 11 students from the College community will be flying out to Kathmandu, Nepal for a combined trek and community service project through World Expeditions.

We will also have opportunities to visit a leprosy hospital and some orphanages.

We have raised \$4700 to carry out the maintenance work at Landrung Village School and because the exchange rate of the Australian Dollar is high right now we have extra money to purchase a wide range of sporting goods. We will be purchasing those on our shopping day in Kathmandu and carrying them into the village. These resources will be highly valued and the school will benefit greatly from these donations.

We would like to play cricket with them, but they tell me it is hard to get a flat piece of ground and the balls get lost over the side of the mountain!

Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world and I am sure our eyes will be opened to true poverty. We look forward to reporting back our experiences.

Mrs C Graydon
Dean of Students

Year 5 Thespians

Congratulations to our very talented Year 5 thespians for achieving the following outstanding results in their 2009 ASCA exams:

Alexandra Nematalla – High Distinction
Brandon Smith – Distinction
Kaylee Hussain – Distinction
Olivia Brien – Distinction.

NASSA Senior Basketball Sports Day
On **Friday 11th September** PAC had six teams involved in the NASSA Basketball Sports Day. It was a great day of competition that involved a tournament for Yr 7-9 students at Penrith Basketball Stadium and one for Year 10-12 students at Hills Basketball Stadium.

The results were as follows :

Yr 7 Girls -1st place 19-12 Win against TIGS
in Grand-Final

Yr 8-9 Girls -1st place 18-10 Win against MAS
in Grand-Final

Yr 10-12 Girls -Equal 5th place

Yr 7 Boys -3rd place

Yr 8-9 Boys -4th place

Yr 10-12 Boys -5th place

The Yr 7 Girls and Yr 8-9 Girls teams went through the tournament undefeated, both going on to strong Grand-Final wins. All of the players involved in these teams played some impressive Basketball on the day and demonstrated that PAC has much talent in these age groups and a positive future in the area of Girls' Basketball.

All of the teams displayed a strong competitive spirit and there were many close matches on the day that were decided by only a few points. A big thanks to the staff who attended on the day including Mrs Potts, Mr Wallace, Miss Young and Mr Wright. Your assistance in running the teams on the day was invaluable. Thanks also to the parents who attended particularly at the Penrith venue for their support of their children and for assistance running the bench and scoring.

Mr L Toland

Director of Sport

Year 12 Design & Technology

September 14th was a significant day for our Year 12 Design and Technology students. NSW Board of Studies Markers came into the College to mark their Major Design Projects and Folio's, representing the culmination of twelve month's work. While BOS markers are not permitted to make comment or advise marks, each student should feel proud of their fine efforts and achievement.

Photos of each student's projects can be viewed on the College website under the 'Photo Galleries' link.

A full description of each Design Project will be covered in the 2009 edition of Harvest.

Mr N. Marshall

Head of Technical and Applied Studies (TAS)

Talent Identification Program - Rugby

Congratulations to Lachlan McKenzie (Yr 9) and Jonathan Guirguis (Y 9) who were recently selected in the Penrith U/15 TIP program squad for this season. This will see the boys involved in some elite level training sessions as well as a camps' program that is focusing on developing Rugby talent in the Western Sydney area.

Both of these boys were involved in our Yr 9-10 Rugby program this season and have had good seasons in School Rugby. Lachlan also debuted in the First XV early in the season and showed himself capable at this level. It is great to see our boys being selected in such programs and the experience and skills that they will bring back to school Rugby will be invaluable.

Mr L Toland

Director of Sport

Cranmer Charity Day 2009

Thank you to all those that supported Cranmer's Pizza/Pepsi Charity Day. The day was a huge success with 142 pizzas consumed along with 700 soft drinks. The wonderful news is that \$1700 was raised to support "Compassion" and "The Choroideremia Research Association". The latter charity researches degenerative eye diseases. Cranmer House is delighted to donate \$850 to both of these worthy charities.

Thank you to Mr Prince, Kirsty White and Jessica Lambert for coordinating the Senior School orders. Also thank you to Mrs Moss for making sure the Prep School students received their pizzas. Finally I'd like to thank the Ground staff for their assistance and every staff member who assisted to ensure students received their pizza.

Mr J Rodgers

Cranmer Junior School House Master

Second Hand Uniform Shop

During the next holidays the second hand Uniform shop will be open:-

Tuesday 6th October – 9:00am – 10:30am

Monday 12th October - 9:00am – 10:30am

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks for the gifted athletes in both the Junior & Senior schools
- give thanks for our Chapel for Boys and Chapel for Girls in Week 8
- give thanks for our talented students in the Performing and Creative Arts
- give thanks for the support the College receives from the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
- give thanks for Jesus

Prayer:

- pray for Year 12 HSC & IB students as they prepare for their final exams
- pray for students who are struggling with peer relationships at the moment
- pray for wisdom for all staff in leadership positions in the College
- pray for the parents, staff and students who are going on mission to Nepal during the next holiday period
- pray for God's continual protection upon our school

Whether you get time off work during the upcoming holiday period or whether you don't can I suggest a strategy for at least one meal time a week: insist that everyone in the family comes to the dinner table to eat.

You may get a negative reaction from some members of the family initially and the first meal together may be "hard work". However it will not stay that way and the meal can become one of the highlights of the week for everyone in the family.

Have a very happy end of Term 3 break everyone.

"The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make His face shine
upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace."

Number 6:24-26

Barry Roots,
HEADMASTER

Penrith Anglican College Memorial Garden



The College is proud to have two new magnificent garden environments. Designed and constructed by Year 12 Design and Technology student Anthony Jones, both gardens were completed recently for his Major Design Project. The inspiration behind Anthony's Memorial Garden was to commemorate relatives of those within the College community who served during the Great War of 1914-1919. A total of twenty names are now permanently commemorated on an Honor Roll. You can view Anthony's Australiana Garden and his Memorial Garden located outside F-Block.

It is anticipated that Honor Roll's for those who served during WW2 and subsequent conflicts will also be commemorated within the Memorial Garden in the future.

Mr N. Marshall
Head of Technical and Applied Studies (TAS)

PAC London, Paris and the Western Front Study Tour - September 2010



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

The comprehensive Tour Information Package including Itinerary, costing and Tour Booking Form can be downloaded from the College's Website www.pac.nsw.edu.au and click on 'Upcoming Events'.

Available places are quickly filling. If you would like to join us, please email me at your very earliest convenience; n.marshall@pac.nsw.edu.au

Mr. N. Marshall
Tour Organiser