



the vine

NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH ANGLICAN COLLEGE
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Introduction

Welcome to Term 4.

During the holidays fourteen parents & staff and thirteen Year 11 students from the College flew to Nepal for the adventure of a lifetime. The team were involved in the refurbishment of a local school building, landscaping its playground and installing some play equipment in a little village called Landrung. As well the group spent some days trekking through some of the most beautiful mountain country in the world.

A more detailed account of the adventure will appear in the next edition of the Vine. For now I am just delighted that the trekkers have returned to us safely; that they did have life changing experiences while they were away and that most importantly of all, they were able to share their faith in very practical ways with the people of Nepal.

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

John 13:15

Anglican Diocese of Sydney – Financial Concerns

You may be aware of recent reports in the media regarding certain financial pressures being experienced within the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney.

I am not in a position to comment on Diocesan matters, however, please be assured that the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation, which owns and operates 16 Anglican schools in and around the greater Sydney area and that includes Penrith Anglican College continues to operate from a strong, independent financial position.

The Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation is an incorporated organisation, whose finances and operations are separate from those of the Diocese. The Corporation neither receives financial support from the Diocese, nor does the Corporation contribute financially to the work of the Diocese.

Important dates for your diary

Friday 23rd October

Last day for Yr12 IB students
P.1 Chapel
Practise, Pizza & Performance (after school)

Sunday 25th October

9.30am Christ Church @ the College
Recital Room
6.00pm Night Church @ the College
Recital Room

Monday 26th October

Yr 10 Yearly Exams
Yrs 3-6 Assessment period

Friday 30th October

P1 Chapel

Saturday 31st October

College Family Photo Day

Sunday 1st November

9.30am Christ Church @ the College
Recital Room
6.00pm Night Church @ the College

Monday 2nd November

Yrs 7-9 Yearly Exams

Tuesday 3rd November

IB exams commence

Friday 6th November

P1 Chapel

Sunday 8th November

9.30am Christ Church @ the College
Recital Room
6.00pm Night Church @ the College
Recital Room

Monday 9th November

School Certificate exams commence
9.30-11.00am Kindergarten 2010 (A-K)
Orientation morning

The Corporation does not invest any of its funds in stocks or equities, only in Australian bank-guaranteed deposits and in the development of the Corporation's own schools. As such, at the end of 2008, the Corporation had net assets of \$198 million. Under God, we remain confident of further growth in student numbers in the future.

Year 9 Drama Showcase

On **Friday 25th & Saturday 26th September** the Year 9 Drama students showcased their extraordinary acting talents through a series of performances based on the topics they have been studying this year.

Thank you Year 9 for a wonderful evening's entertainment.

K-12 Talent Quest

On **Tuesday 29th September** the entire school sat enthralled as a large number of College students and staff entertained us with their performing arts skills.

A big thank you to the staff and students who performed on the day. An even bigger thank you to Mrs Graydon and her committee for making the afternoon such an enjoyable experience. Talent Quest 2010.....I can't wait!

2009 English Competition: Years 3-6

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent results in this year's competition:

Year 3

Distinction: Gemma Cacciola, Callum Payer

Credit: Matthew Beach, Nathan DeCelis, Courtney Gordon, Katie Green, Brendan Lambert, Angus McDonald, Abbey McPherson, Emily Pemble.

Year 4

Distinction: Sarah Lewis, Lavinia Song.

Credit: Emily Brooker, Mikaylee Dawson, Emi Foster, Eliza-Rose Gordon, Sophie Hogan, Tara Holdsworth, Liam Karp, Hugh Kermond, Zalia Lackey, Thomas Loos, Jayden Medlen, Natalie Moniz, Stephanie Stones, Jessica Trevethan.

Year 5

Distinction: Matthew DeCelis, Isaac Dunn, Madeleine Long, Charmian Stewart, Timothy Wildig.

Credit: Linden Arkle, Caitlin Brown, Nicola Crabb, Jacob Donaldson, Jyle Fotheringham, Benjamin Gray, Alexis Johnson, Lachlan Montgomery, Myles Okorn, Ellyse Pye, Louise Smyth, Eleanor

Soane, Cooper Vanderjagt, Ashlee Van Os, Bryce Walton, Kelsey Williams, Emma Willis.
Year 6

Distinction: Quentin Kelly-Smith, Hanna Oloffs.

Credit: Tooba Anwar, Joel Edwards, Katrina Haddon, Matthew Huckstadt, John Nolan, Georgia Patterson.

Duke of Edinburgh- Gold Award Winner

Congratulations to Aimee Maurer (Year 12) for achieving the Gold Award in the Duke of Edinburgh program.

This is the highest award that can be earned by anyone undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh program.

Aimee is a most deserving winner.

Book Fair

The Book Fair held on Gospel Day was an attraction for Grandparents and students alike.

\$7697 worth of books were sold. The students of the College will enjoy the many books (totalling \$1431) which were kindly donated.

Thank you from the Library Staff.

Senior School CIS Athletics Carnival

At the Senior School CIS Athletics Carnival in Term 3 PAC was ranked second place in the overall pointscore of all schools at the carnival.

When we think of the number of independent schools in our state and the size and resource base of some of them this is an amazing achievement by our Senior School athletes.

Well done!

Term 3 Mufti Day

The Term 3 mufti day raised \$1300 for Jeans for Genes. Thank you to everyone who supported this very noble organisation.

WANTED: Flexible Families

ANGLICARE is seeking flexible families to provide foster care for kids in need of a loving home.

If your household could stretch to accommodate another child or two-short term or long term-we'd love to hear from you.

We'll bend over backwards to support your family in making a difference in children's lives.

ANGLICARE Child and Family Services
Tel: 9890 6800
Email: telo pea1@anglicare.org.au

Family Photographs Book Now

On Saturday 31st October family photographs will be taken here at the College. Please see flyer/booking sheet attached to this newsletter.

2009 Australian Mathematics Competition: Years 3-12

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent results in this year's competition:

Year 3

Distinction: Callum Payer, Emily Pemble, Aaron Szczygiel.

Credit: Gemma Cacciola, Madeleine Carter, Nathan DeCelis, Courtney Gordon, Katie Greene, Lachlan Keep, Harrison Kennedy, Zalia Lackey, Kierley Lakke-Benson, Brendan Lambert, Angus McDonald, Zahan Madon, Tristan Sutcliffe, Grace Wentworth, Aidan Willis.

Year 4

Distinction: Dominique Clark, Ivan Suman.

Credit: Georgia Ambrosi, Brandon Beach, Scully Beaton, Kayla Bentley, Emily Brooker, Stelina Catanea, Nicola Crabb, Timothy Crosson, Mikaylee Dawson, Tara Holdsworth, Alexis Hubble, Liam Karp, Hayden Lloyd, Thomas Loos, Jared Rosenthal, Allyson Shaw, Nathan Willis.

Year 5

Credit: Kael Bucholtz, Lachlan Burke, Matthew Decelis, Isaac Dunn, Jyle Fotheringham, Larissa Gagen, Mary Ghebrial, Matthew Graydon, Courtney Lambert, Madeleine Long, Brock Norris, Hayden Perry, Louise Smyth, Lavinia Song, Cooper Vanderjagt, Bryce Walton, Emma Willis.

Year 6

Credit: Andrew Agaiby, Kieran Cooper, Joel Edwards, Amber Goodall, Jakob Grundy, Katrina

Haddon, Matthew Huckstadt, Alexis Johnson, Luke McCall, Lachlan McDougall, John Nolan, Timothy Wildig, Brigitte Wilson, Jake Yalden.

Year 7

Distinction: Monique Andreatta, Callum Beaton, Jennifer Tang.

Credit: Kyle Atkins, Lachlan Clancy, Harrison Collins, Benjamin Costa, Jasmine Dhaliwal, Cameron Dowd, Abbey Duke, Madeleine Ellis, Mina Ghebrial, Jack Graydon, Lachlan Hubble, Quentin Kelly-Smith, Catelyn Knight, Cameron Reeves, Jemma Sargeant, Magnolia Song, Liam Thurston, Alexander Usman, David Voller, Kirstin Walker, Tyler Wilkinson, Michael Younan.

Year 8

Distinction: Jacqueline Boss, Tara Colyer, Jayden Cramer, Justin Lees, Dominique O'Driscoll.

Credit: Rebecca Boyall, Tyla Flanagan, Jacob Galea, Morgan Gray, Rebecca Heins, Emily Hills, Madison Hui, Joshua Karp, Chantelle Kirk, Andrew Leader, Michael Lovegrove, Curtis Mills, Aidan Payer, Lachlan Rigney, Jassim Saab, Zach Stewart, Blake Tickner

Year 9

Distinction: Emily Baker, Nathan Wheeler.

Credit: Georgia Ashworth, Gemma Bayly, Amy Blevin, Daniel Bordignon, Heather Bray, Mattias Comfort, Johann D'Cunha, Christopher Fam, Luke Gagen, Claire Gostelow, Chloe Holloway, Georgia Kennedy, Ashlea Launt, Aidan Maddox, Peter Morian, Brooke Palmer, Abbey Presdee, Mario Sefin, Rebecca Sidney, Lovepreet Singh, Rebecca Tarbert, Doretha Visser, Michaela Weston, Elise Yalden.

Year 10

Distinction: Junaid Syed, Joshua Wildig.

Credit: Bryce Baiada, Matthew Burke, Ryan Chapman, Jonathon Dunn, Tamara Grennan, Bradley Heaney, Thomas Heffernan, Amina Jansz, Elizabeth Ogunsiji, Michael Payer, Bronte Rayner, Stephanie Redman, Emily Thurston.

Year 11

Distinction: Alexandra Pardey.

Credit: James Beech, Anthony Gozzo, Luke Johnson, Matthew Keeley, Grant Louat, Matthew Quinn, Miles Stepniewski.

Year 12

Distinction: Stuart Gales.

Credit: Benjamin Brooker, Dominic Jurkiewicz, Mitchell Reinhard, Jenna Seymour, Kendall Stein, Reagan Stein.

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks for the wonderful Christian witness of so many of our departing Year 12 students
- give thanks for the recent College Talent Quest and for the great pleasure it gave to so many
- give thanks for a most uplifting Farewell Chapel Service and Valedictory Dinner for Year 12, 2009
- give thanks for our recent holidays
- give thanks for the impact of Christ Church in the College community

Prayer:

- pray for the Year 12 IB students as they finish lessons at the end of this week
- pray for all Year 12 students as they prepare for their final examinations
- pray for Year 10 as they prepare for their School Certificate examinations
- pray for the people of Samoa and Indonesia as they recover from recent earthquakes and flooding
- pray for the return of Jesus

My address to Year 12 at their Valedictory Dinner on **Thursday 1st October** concluded with two blessings: one was an old Irish blessing and one was a blessing from the Bible.

I offer these same two blessings to everyone at PAC as we begin our final term for 2009.

“May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and rain fall soft on your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

And for the Holy Word of God, specifically the Book of Jude:

“May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.”

Barry Roots,
HEADMASTER