THE VIEW

Generosity
The roses in our school garden are about to bloom. The bushes are bursting with green growth and new buds. This is not an accident. Our grounds-men, along with some volunteers, are behind the amazing blooms. They have worked hard over several months to prune, weed, fertilise, water and mulch. The investment is about to become evident.

When we think about generosity, we often go straight to the giving of goods or money, but generosity includes so much more. What might generosity look like?

• Generous with time. We can all find some extra time to give to someone else. It might be time to listen, support, help, serve or volunteer. Perhaps you could write an encouraging or thankful email. Perhaps you could do a task for someone else. The giving of time has a powerful impact, helping people to feel connected.

• Generous with skills. Each of us has a unique skill set that we have built up over time. You can be generous with your skills by mentoring, teaching and building the capacity of those around you. Teaching and coaching others creates an amazing legacy.

Be generous with your attention. In the midst of our fast-paced way of life, we often multi-task to survive. This may result in our families, friends and colleagues not receiving our undivided attention. Being in the moment and truly present for others is an act of generosity. Put down your phone and give people your full attention.

As I enjoy the beauty of the roses, I am challenged to look for ways to contribute generously to my family, school and community. How could I use my time, skills and attention to nurture and grow others in order for them to flourish and bloom?

Luke 6:38 “Give away your life; you’ll find life given back, but not merely given back - given back with bonus and blessing.”

Deb Cooper
Head of Primary
SPORT

Term 3 Sport Uniform
Years K-2 – wear their sport uniform on Mondays and Wednesdays.
Years 3-6 – wear their sport uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Wyong Chess Competition
Congratulations to all 10 students who attended the annual Wyong Chess Competition last Wednesday. Over 140 students from various schools around the area competed at the event. Congratulations to the overall best players: Rose J who placed 10th, Kylan M who placed 14th and Jayden T who placed 17th.

CIS Athletics
Congratulations to the following students who competed at the CIS Athletics Carnival and will be representing the region at PSSA in October:
- Caitin C: 1st 100m Finals
- Tegan C: 1st Shot-put
- Harry K: 3rd Discus

School Tennis Competition
Congratulations to the following students who won their division and will be representing the School at HRIS Tennis next term:
- Year 6 Boys Winner: Ryan M
  Runner up: Robert K
- Year 6 Girls Winner: Kahlia H
- Year 5 & Under Boys Winner: Solomon F
  Runner Up: Baxter B

Year 3 & 4 T-Ball Competition
Next week during lunchtime, students can compete in a T-Ball Competition. Year 3 will compete on Monday and Tuesday, and Year 4 on Thursday and Friday.

GENERAL

NAPLAN Results
NAPLAN results were sent home with Years 3 and 5 students today. Please check your child’s bag.

Year 6 Canberra Trip
Monday, September 24 until Thursday, September 27
Our Year 6 students will depart on their Canberra Trip this coming Monday at 5:15am sharp. Students are reminded to wear their full winter uniform with their Year 6 hoodie and to bring a packed lunch from home with drinks for the first day. Students will return to school at 7:15pm on Thursday, September 27.

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Kindy & Year 1 Sports Day
Last Friday our Kindy and Year 1 students enjoyed a wonderful day competing in many team and individual events. Students showed great sportsmanship and team work. Congratulations to Team 4 who won the team activity event with a total score of 611 points.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 3 of the Cross Country event:
- S & 6 Year Old Boys
  1st: Zane H, 2nd: Charles S, 3rd: Mason R
- S & 6 Year Old Girls
  1st: Bethany K, 2nd: Sophia R, 3rd: Salula F
- 7 Year Old Boys
  1st: Logan S, 2nd: Nathan L, 3rd: Oscar R
- 7 Year Old Girls
  1st: Millie G, 2nd: Maya C, 3rd: Betzi B

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Challenge Fire Night
Our Year 9 Challenge students, parents, mentors and staff met on Wednesday night for our first annual Challenge Fire Night. The purpose of this night was to give each Year 9 student an opportunity to make a commitment to being respectful, responsible and resilient. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a sausage sizzle, time together around a warm fire, and an opportunity to choose a new direction in life. Special thanks to all those who helped to make this night a smashing success!

AICES Athletics
Congratulations to Jie A-B, Liam B, Nikysha B, Lisa D, Gregory E, Jack E, Alan K, Scarlett M and Kameli N who were all selected to represent the Hunter Region at the AICES Athletics Carnival last Friday. Scarlett and Liam both placed 1st in their High Jump events and Kameli came 2nd in Shotput. They will progress to the CIS carnival to be held on Tuesday next week.

Touch Football
Avondale School hosted a visit from Brisbane Adventist College this week to participate in a touch football competition. Mixed teams from BAC, Macquarie College, Avondale College and Avondale School all played each other followed by a final game. Avondale College beat BAC in a very tight game. Avondale School came in third place overall. A big thank you to the staff from all the schools who worked together to make it all happen and the players who all had a learning experience, further developing their own skills. A special thank to Mr Domee Kea who was instrumental in pulling the event together.
Private Music Tutors
Are you interested in having music lessons? We have many great tutors and instruments available to learn on. Please contact tutors directly to arrange lesson times.

Piano
- Kylie Stacey (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) / 0409 939 302
- Angela Miller (Simply Music) / 0421 464 797
- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
- Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
- Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308

Voice
- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

Strings
- Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
- Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

Woodwinds
- Emma Jones (flute) / 0432 925 199
- Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
- Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151
- Anna Howard (trumpet) / 0430 106 953

Guitar
- Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
- Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
- Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308
- Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

Drums
- James Dennett / 0401 549 084

School Libraries Enhance Student Wellbeing
Did you know that “the school library is the hub of the school. It is a place for students to come and be free from the expectations of time, home, playground and classroom. It is a safe place where students can come to chill out, meet, talk, study, make and play. For many students, school libraries have always been a place of refuge from the playground or extreme weather.” (Child, 2018)

Our library is so much more than just books and our library staff do so much more than just catalogue, shelve and read books! Did you know that our students can come to the library and play games, build towers and colour in, in addition to the more traditional reasons for visiting the library? If you’d like to know more about this topic check out the following short article.


Holiday Borrowing
Students and parents, you are very welcome to borrow library books for the holiday period. Please return any library books you still have out before selecting your holiday reading, remembering that the usual Year Level borrowing limits still apply.

K-6 Term 3 Library Prizes
Congratulations to the 218 students from Kindy to Year 6 who have borrowed and read library books EVERY week this term. What an amazing effort! Students will choose their prizes during library classes next week.

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