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## Principal's Message

**Murray Chapman**  
*Principal, Sydney Adventist College*

*This week has been a difficult one for us in Australia. Who cannot help but be moved by the tragedy and trauma experienced by our fellow Australians in Northern Queensland and Victoria? Our senior school chapel time reflected on those affected by these disasters and we spent some time praying in small groups for them. I am encouraged by our students' response to these events, and many are looking for ways that they can assist those affected. I believe this desire to help those whom we see are hurting is a God-given response. For those of us who have committed ourselves to God there is an imperative to go out of our way to help those in need. While distance*

*limits the range of responses available to us, I believe that we should consciously live our lives looking for opportunities to help those who need it in our community.*

*Service is one way God intends us to find fulfilment in life. Consequently, we emphasise service to others and seek to provide opportunities for our students to be able to serve.*

*The College has decided to raise money for the victims of the recent disasters by running a mufti day at the Strathfield Campus. Usually on a mufti day each student contributes two dollars for a designated charity. This time we have asked each student to look at their discretionary money and perhaps forgo some of their activities in the next week or so, contributing the money instead to our bush fire appeal. All money collected will be receipted at the office and passed on to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). In addition to student contributions, if you as a parent have not had an opportunity to donate, you are welcome to. Tax deductible receipts are available on request.*



## Head of Junior Campus' Message

**Gaye Menzies**  
*Head of Junior Campus*

*This week has been a terrible week for the people of Victoria. My heart goes out to those people who have lost homes, loved ones, beloved pets and livestock.*

*I can't imagine how it would feel to lose everything and not to have a home to go to. I was thinking about this as I was driving home late on Tuesday night from the school council meeting. Home is something we take for granted. I have lived in three different countries and numerous houses but I have always had a place to call home. Home is where we go to come away from the pressures of*

*the world. It is a place where we can be ourselves and where we have the support and acceptance of those who love us. It is where we keep the things that are most precious to us. It must be devastating to have all of that taken away.*

*We have been praying for the people of Victoria both as a staff and with the students. We pray that they will draw closer to God at this time and receive the strength and comfort that He can give them.*

# Junior School News

## Head of Junior Campus Awards

### Awards this week go to:

**PREP/KINDY:** Qingyan He for trying his best at swimming this week and Rozannah Fifita-Tovo for being a caring friend and always working hard in class.

**KINDY/YEAR ONE:** Melenaite Folau for using a clear voice when saying good morning to the teacher. Lusita Haumono for being confident at swimming and listening to the instructor.

**YEAR ONE/ TWO:** Kevin Chu for being a conscientious worker and for being a good citizen. Robert Chan and Aryan Sondhi for having excellent behaviour and work habits.

**YEAR THREE/FOUR:** Brendan Mata for working hard in class, being very sensible and using his time wisely. Jody Arulventhan for being a focused student, asking thoughtful questions and making good contributions during class discussions. Sila Ozen for showing great imagination when writing a short story.

## Prayer Points

- \* Pray for the people of Victoria who have been affected by the bushfires.
- \* Thank God for the generosity of the Australian people to those who are in need.
- \* This week as a staff we prayed for: Pr. Richie, the school council, staff and students on our Strathfield Camps, Mrs. Menzies and Mr. Chapman.

## Campus news, events and announcements

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT!

This week we had one new child start in prep. Roshan Mohiyuddin is coming to prep four days a week. We welcome Roshan and his family to our school.

### NEW STAFF MEMBER:

This year we have a new staff member. Her name is Miss Martin. She is taking the prep/kindy class while Mrs. Steyn is away this term on maternity leave.

Miss Martin is a graduate from Avondale College. She has established a great rapport with the children and has a warm and caring nature. Miss Martin shows a great commitment to our school by traveling all the way from Forrester's Beach on the Central Coast each day.

### COMBINED SCHOOL CHAPEL:

Last Thursday the children from our campus made their way over to the Strathfield campus for a combined school chapel. Even though it was a long time for the children and a hot day, they all had a wonderful time.

Some of the children performed with Mr. Balague for the rest of the school.

We hope that this will become a regular happening in our school as it was good to come together as a whole school and it was great to see past students from our campus and to catch up with them.

### DATA COLLECTION FORMS:

Data collection forms have been given to all families. We need this information in order to fulfill the reporting to the government that we are required to do. If you have not filled in the form, please fill it in and return it as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have returned their forms.



# Junior School News

## Campus news, events and announcements

### **NUT FREE CAMPUS:**

This is just a reminder that we have a child on our campus that has a serious allergy to nuts, so we are a nut free campus. This means that children cannot bring any food to school that contains nuts. This includes spreads such as Nutella. Please make sure that you are not sending any food that has nuts in it to school.

### **SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA:**

We are very blessed to have Mr. Balague, who is the Head of the Music Department at our Strathfield campus, coming to our campus once a week on a Wednesday to work with students on forming a choir and orchestra. This is something new and very exciting for our campus. Mr. Balague is a very accomplished musician and we look forward to working with him.

### **MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:**

Meet the Teacher Night is on next Wednesday, February 18. This is a general information evening for parents on school routines and expectations.

The evening will start with a general presentation in the library and then you will have the opportunity to go to your child's classroom and hear what your child's teacher has to say about the running of the classroom and their expectations.

### **GUITAR, PIANO AND VIOLIN LESSONS:**

We have three music teachers who come to our campus and give private music lessons to students whose parents request it.

We have Ms Djangozova who comes and teaches piano to students. This year we have a new violin teacher starting. Her name is Miss Zygadlo. She has just finished her masters of music and also teaches violin at another school. Mr. Erceg teaches guitar.

If you are interested in having your child have private piano, violin or guitar lessons, please let Mrs. McCarthy in the office know and she will pass the information on to the music teachers.

### **UNIFORMS:**

We have had our new sports shirts and shorts arrive. They look very smart! The price for a new sports shirt is \$35 and the shorts are \$25.

We still have some of the old sports shirts available, these will no longer be available separately, but we will sell them as a package. When you buy a new sports shirt you will be able to purchase one of the old sports shirts for just \$10 extra, so for \$45 you receive one of the old style sports shirts and one of the new style sports shirts.

Tracksuit jackets in smaller sizes have not yet arrived.

### **SWIMMING:**

The children will be going swimming every Wednesday this term. This is a very important part of our school's program and all children should participate in it. All children who live in Australia need to know how to swim.

We understand if children are not well and have to miss out on swimming for a week, but they should be coming to school prepared to swim every week.

### **BOOK CLUB:**

Koorong book club orders need to be back at school by February 27.

### **END OF SCHOOL TIME ON FRIDAYS:**

On Friday school finishes earlier. In terms one and four the finish time is 2:45 and in terms three and four we finish at 2:30.

Please be aware of these times if you pick your child up in the afternoons.

### **P&C MEETING:**

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held at our Strathfield campus on Wednesday 25 February at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the staffroom. This meeting is open to all parents and any people from the community who has an interest in the school. You are most welcome to attend.

# Events

## Auburn Campus

February 18	Meet the teacher night
February 25	P&C Meeting, Strathfield Campus
March 26	P – 2 to see Snugglepot and Cuddlepie, Riverside Theatre, Parramatta
March 15	Church service, Auburn Church
April 7	Parent/teacher interviews
April 8	Swimming Carnival
April 9	Easter activity day
April 9	Last day of term 1
April 28	Term 2 starts

## Strathfield Campus

Feb 16	Mufti Day
Feb 18	Y12 Interim Report Night
Feb 19	Year 12 Biology Excursion
Feb 25	P & C Meeting at 7pm
Feb 27	Swimming Carnival
Mar 2 - 6	Week of Spiritual Emphasis

## Invitation

Penny Brian, P & C Secretary has been asked on behalf of Parramatta Church's Women's Ministries to extend an invitation to the mothers, daughters and the grandmothers of SAC students to come along for an afternoon of pampering, scones, drinks as well as some spiritual uplifting on Sunday the 15th February from 3-5pm at Parramatta SDA Church, 77-81 Hammers Rd, Northmead. The meeting will be in the Emerald room. Parramatta Church supports SAC both financially and through prayer. We would love to meet you! School contact is Sue Tyler.

## Middle School Uniform

Uniforms Now Available

New bags, boys shirts, tracksuit jackets and pants.

Place your orders now.

# Senior School News

## Campus news, events and announcements

### Announcement from the SRC

This coming Monday, February 16, will be a College wide mufti day. As usual if you wish to wear mufti you will be required to make a \$2 donation. All monies raised during the day will be donated to the victims of the Melbourne bushfires.

### Music Lessons:

Music lessons are offered during school time for the following musical instruments: singing, clarinet, saxophone, piano, violin and guitar. If your child is interested in learning any of these please contact Mr Balague.

### Student Restricted Area:

The Main Office Foyer is not to be used by students as a direct way to and from the College unless a specific need exists, such as late arrival or early leave. Students need to use the side entrances and exits.

# Senior School News

## Sport news, events and announcements

### Lewis Wickenden Wins Gold MU164X Sculls

Lewis, a Year 9 student, won a gold medal in the state rowing titles at the Penrith Regatta last weekend. Competing in the Men's Under 16 Quads, Lewis and his team rowed the 1km event in a time of 3:23 minutes.

With a family tradition in rowing (both his sister and uncle are coaches), Lewis took up rowing seriously two years ago. He trains four times a week with the Sydney Rowing Club, on Parramatta River.

As bowman in the four man team, Lewis controls steering and makes power up (speed) calls during the race. He aspires to compete at the National level and we wish him all the best in reaching his goal.



### Axel Winton – Ice Hockey Player

Year 9 certainly have many talented sports players in their midst! Axel Winton plays for the Canterbury Eagles in the 13-15 years league. His prowess on the ice has earned him a position in the Under 19's team as centre for the second year running.

Axel was first attracted to ice hockey when he saw a poster as a child. He now trains four times a week and will be travelling to Canada this year to participate in hockey camps with teams from around the world.

Last year Axel made it into the top fifteen ice hockey players for NSW and he hopes to repeat that performance in 2009. Good luck Axel!



### Inter School Basketball Competition Begins for Senior School

The SWISSA Inter School Basketball competition began this week with the Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams playing St Marion's.

The boys played a solid game, gaining ground in the second half. Even though they lost 23 – 11, their coach, Mr Smith, is confident that the team's performance will improve as the boys develop their team work.

The Senior Girls team played an excellent game, winning 22 – 0. The girls were strong in attack and defence, providing little room for the other team to score. Their coach, Ms Young, is looking forward to more strong performances from the girls.

MVP's were as follows:

Senior Girls

Vera Rogoyawa

Senior Boys

Bartholomew Barca

# Senior School News

13 February

Dear Parents,

Sydney Adventist College regularly participates in the National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition, which will be held this year between 25 March and 5 April.

Schools all over Australia are involved in this competition for great prizes, including overseas trips. The HSIE Department feels that our students are capable of achieving pleasing results.

Students who achieved an 'A' grade in Geography for 2008, have been automatically nominated for the Australian Geography Competition. These students will be sponsored by the HSIE department to participate and do not have to pay the \$2.50 fee.

ALL other students interested in participating in the 2009 Australian Geography Competition are welcome to join the competition at a cost of \$2.50 per student. All interested students need to ensure that their names are listed and the \$2.50 entry fee is paid to Ms TULLY, by Thursday, 26 February.

M Tully  
Geography Coordinator

W Webster  
HOD: HSE Department

I want my child to enter the Geography Competition for 2009.

Name of student:

\$2.50 enclosed

# Adventist College of English



**Patricia Pavez**

*Director, Adventist College of English (ACE)*

All students have settled well in class and have started separate lessons according to their levels of proficiency in English. This year, seven Middle school students at the ACE have also attended the school camp in order to get to know their peers in mainstream. We are certain that this will be an unforgettable experience for all of them.



ACE students working in groups



ACE Welcome lunch, always a favourite with the students.

## WELFARE REMINDERS:

Please be reminded that any intention to change welfare arrangements, guardianship/home-stay, needs to be approved by the school first. Check the "Overseas Students" Notice Board outside the office for information on the correct forms to complete. If you do so, the school might need to report you to DIAC (Department of Immigration and Citizenship).

## Maths Puzzle

A 28cm x 28cm square metal plate needs to be fixed by a carpenter on to a wooden board. The carpenter uses nails all along the edges of the square such that there are 29 nails on each side of the square. Each nail is at the same distance from the neighboring nails. How many nails does the carpenter use?

No winner for last week's puzzle

Answer for last week's puzzle: 256, 50

Please return your answers to Dr Push. There is a prize of \$5 for the first correct answer drawn Monday lunch time.

## SAC Enviro Fact

Over 62.5 million newspapers are printed everyday.

*Enviro Planner*

## P & C Invitation

The P&C would like to extend an invitation to all of the parents of both Strathfield and Auburn Campus students to come to our first P&C meeting for this year. The meeting will be at the Strathfield Campus in the front office staff room at 7pm on Wednesday, February 25. Supper will be provided. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you over the year. The AGM will follow the meeting. Any agenda items must be forwarded to the P&C secretary, Penny Brian, via the school office, and must be received at least a day before the.

Last year the P&C was able to provide \$21,000 to buy and install five interactive whiteboards for the school. The previous year the P&C provided funds to buy photographic equipment for the Art Department and new keyboards and desks for the Music Department. The front garden at the school was also funded by the P&C, amongst many other projects. P&C funds are generated by your home and school donations and by Uniform shop profits.

If you would like to hear about what is happening in your school, or if you would like a say in how these funds are spent, we would love to have you at our meetings. See you there!

Penny Brian – P&C Secretary.