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Principal's Message

Murray Chapman
Principal, Sydney Adventist College

I would like to thank all of our Year 12 parents who attended the Year 12 report evening on Wednesday. I hope that it was a profitable evening for you. If you were unable to attend, the report can be collected from the College office with a note authorising its release.

Our Strathfield Campus Open Day – also on Wednesday – went very well, with a large group of prospective parents attending. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Stuart and her team of teachers, staff and students, whose hard work ensured that the day was a success. If you have friends who may not have been able to attend the day, we will be holding our Activity Day later in Term 3 and they would be most welcome to attend this.

Our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have been involved in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing this week. This is a Nation-wide program of Diagnostic tests and the results will be released later in the year, with a report for each parent on their son or daughter's performance. I am grateful to Mr Kim and Mrs Steed for coordinating these tests on both our campuses, and thank all our students for their cooperation.

On a final note, there are a number of things I would like you to remember in your prayers. Next week our Year 11 students will sit their first set of exams and we ask you to pray that God will be with them as they face this challenge. The following week will be our Strathfield Campus Week of Spiritual Emphasis. Please pray for God's presence and blessing on the week, for Pr Richie, our guest speaker, and for all our students as they share and respond to God's invitation.



Head of Junior Campus' Message

Gaye Menzies
Head of Junior Campus

This week the government brought down its latest budget, which was good news for some and not so good news for others. Not only is the country in debt, but many people also have quite large debts to pay. It is going to be many years before the country will be able to repay the debt that is accumulating.

Thinking about the budget got me thinking about spiritual debt and I found myself asking the question, 'What do I owe God?' The answer I came up with was that I owe God my love, my loyalty and my gratitude for what He did on my behalf. Unlike the government, Jesus has already paid my debt of sin and nothing I do will change that. Nothing I do will make God love me more and nothing I do will make God love me less. My debt has been paid. All I have to do is accept it and keep on my spiritual journey with God day by day.

We may not be financially wealthy, but we can all be spiritually rich because of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

Junior School News

Head of Junior Campus Awards

Awards this week go to:

PREP: Leo Weng for settling into the Prep class and for being a happy student. Steven Service for working hard on decorating his sheep on our Nursery Rhyme wall.

KINDERGARTEN: Jabriel El Masri for following instructions and for completing his sentences correctly. Melenaité Folau for speaking clearly and confidently during class sharing time.

YEAR 1: Anthony Kha for excellent painting using gum nuts and leaves. Kobina Assan for playing a memory game with enthusiasm and for patiently waiting for his turn.

YEAR 2/3: No awards this week.

YEAR 3/4: Monica Chan for her excellent bookwork and a very good understanding of division. Sila Ozen for her great skills in technology, working with the Smart board and creating Power Point presentations for Chapel.

BRONZE AWARDS:

No awards this week.

Prayer Points

- * Thank God that He has paid our spiritual debt for us.
- * Pray that the staff and students stay healthy as we move in to winter.
- * As a staff this week we prayed for: Mr. Beeharry, Mr. Weslake, Mr. Solomon, the School Council, the P&C, Pr. Richie, Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Menzies.

Campus news, events and announcements

NAPLAN TESTING:

This week our Year 3 students have been sitting a series of national tests called NAPLAN. The students sat the language conventions and writing test on Tuesday, the reading test on Wednesday and the numeracy test on Thursday. The children have been working hard in preparation for these tests and have worked to the best of their ability. We look forward to seeing the results when they are sent to us later in the year.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT TESTS 2010

This week we received the application forms for students in year 4 whose parents want them to sit the OC test this year for a place in an Opportunity Class in Year 5 in 2010.

Please contact the office if you would like an application form. Applications need to be returned to school by May 22.

PHONE NUMBERS:

We have had difficulty contacting some of our parents when we have needed to because the phone numbers have changed. If your phone number changes, please let us know so that we are able to contact you if we need to. Thank you.

Junior School News

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UNIFORMS:

If you have been waiting for long sleeved boys shirts or boys or girls ties, they are now available. Track suit pants are still to come.

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. Miss Zygadlo teaches violin and Mr. Erceg teaches guitar (acoustic, electric or bass) and drums.

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

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.

END OF SCHOOL TIME ON FRIDAYS:

This term and next term we finish school at 2:30 on Friday.

Please be aware of these times if you pick your child up on Friday afternoon.

Auburn Campus

<i>May 26</i>	<i>School Council meeting</i>
<i>May 27</i>	<i>ICAS computer skills test</i>
<i>June 4</i>	<i>School photos</i>
<i>June 5</i>	<i>Healthy Harold day</i>
<i>June 8</i>	<i>Queen's Birthday Holiday</i>
<i>June 10</i>	<i>ICAS Science test</i>
<i>June 15 – 19</i>	<i>WOSE</i>
<i>June 23</i>	<i>ICAS Spelling and Writing test</i>
<i>July 10</i>	<i>Multicultural day</i>
<i>July 10</i>	<i>Term 2 finishes</i>

Strathfield Campus

<i>May 18 - 22</i>	<i>Year 11 Mid Year Exams</i>
<i>May 21</i>	<i>Years 5 & 6 ASISSA Cross Country</i>
<i>May 25 -29</i>	<i>W.O.S.E.</i>
<i>June 8</i>	<i>Queen's Birthday Holiday</i>
<i>June 24</i>	<i>P & C Meeting at 7pm</i>
<i>July 10</i>	<i>Last day of Term 2</i>
<i>July 29</i>	<i>First day of Term 3</i>
<i>July 29 - 31</i>	<i>SAC Idol registration</i>

Middle School News

Campus news, events and announcements

FIRST WEEK OF TERM

During the first week of this term, the Year 8s went on a camp. We had to bring all our own equipment (tents, food, sleeping bags, clothes) and cook our own meals. The camp was held at Crosslands and the weather was quite cold.

For some of us, it was the first time camping. We went canoeing and had a campfire. As well, we tried several other activities. We jumped off a big rock that was actually part of the cliff edge. Not all of us jumped but those who did said that it was fun. It was scary at first looking down from the cliff. The water was brown and you couldn't see the bottom.

Camp was just two days and one night. That night, we built a campfire and sat around it. Some of us couldn't wait to toss in more sticks. We had worship and some activities. We also roasted marshmallows which were quite sticky and messy. (I remember finding a marshmallow on my shoe after the camp.)

It was very cold during the night and the next day, we had some more activities. Soon, it was time to get back to school and go home. We had a lot of fun at the camp.

SECOND WEEK OF TERM

This week, twelve students from Middle School and Mrs Nawaikalou went to Band Camp. Held at Crosslands, it was a good experience for those who already knew how to play any one instrument properly. It was mostly group work and we sounded like an orchestra.

During the band camp, we had a few activities and lots of free time, although mostly, we were practising for the last day concert. We learnt new songs, met new people and made some new friends. We also had talent night. SAC students at the band camp did 3 things for talent night (held on the second last night at band camp) and won all three 'shows'!

During our activity time, we passed the place where the Year 8s had their camp. One activity included a game where we had to search for pictures of animals, plastic insects and snakes. Imagine if we'd picked up a real snake instead! When we found the animals, we were supposed to take them to be cashed in. The money was not real but it added up to group points. We were surprised to see two items left from that last camp! One of them was cashed in for \$300 before being checked to see who had lost it!

The concert on Thursday night at Galston Church Hall was quite good as the songs sounded better than when we were practising together. The guitars played together as one team along with the drums and also were separated from other instruments playing. However, they were very good and were able to play some very good pieces along with the drums. The concert started with the song 'This Old Man' and ended with 'The Mountain King' with a number of short intervals where the guitars played. There was an encore where they replayed 'Funky Town' and 'The Incredibles' (main theme) from the Disney Pixar show of the same name.

All instrument players put their best into their playing and achieved a good experience playing music together. After the concert was over, we returned home. We had fun at the camp and concert and were all tired. I would like to go again.

THIRD WEEK OF TERM

This week, half of the middle school sat the NAPLAN test held over three days. We hope all students performed well.

The Wednesday and Thursday schedules were turned around and some of us were rather confused about what subjects we had in various periods.

In two weeks, WOSE (Week Of Spiritual Emphasis) will be held. We welcome our guest speaker, Pr Warwick Sawyer, for the special program. Having WOSE also means that period times will be changed to Thursday's scheduled times. I'm sure that we're all looking forward to the next seven weeks of school that are left.

Enjoy yourselves this weekend.

Su Han Leong, Year 8

Senior School News

Campus news, events and announcements

From the SRC:

The annual SAC IDOL challenge and activity afternoon is approaching fast for 2009. If you have an act you would like to show the whole College please begin thinking about what you would like to perform. Registration for the event commences Week 1 of Term 3.

We hope to see some interesting acts from every level of the College from Prep to Year 12.

Hope to see you at rehearsals.....”

Open Day:



Maths Puzzle

John and Jason each have a collection of cricket balls. John said that if Jason would give him 6 of his balls they would have an equal number; but, if John would give Jason 6 of his balls, Jason would have 3 times as many balls as John. How many balls does Jason have?

No winner for last week's puzzle.

Answer for last week's puzzle: 9 May 2009

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

Adventist College of English



Patricia Pavez

Director, Adventist College of English (ACE)

ACE academic work

Australian Studies Level 4 students have just commenced researching important Environmental Issues for Australians. Each year is allocated a topic – years 7/8 are studying Threatened Habitats, Year 9 are investigating Floods and Year 10 Air Quality.

All students make good use of their mainstream textbooks by answering comprehension questions on the causes, impact and solutions as well as summarising relevant sections on the set topic.

After this, students deliver an oral presentation either as a Power Point Presentation or present with the use of a poster.

