



NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 3 • FRIDAY, 12 MAY 2017

A MESSAGE FROM MR GRAHAM

Earlier this year, a Bible Society video featuring a respectful discussion about same sex marriage – over a Cooper's Ale – received significant backlash, particularly on social media. The #BoycottCoopers appeared over perceived support of homophobia. In response, Coopers released a video distancing themselves from the Bible Society and actively supporting same sex marriage.

And yet, the Bible Society video is anything, but homophobic. It features a discussion which gives equal weight to redefining marriage to include gay couples, and to a traditional Christian view advocating for marriage to be left unchanged. Therein lies the problem - it publicly airs a view that opposes same sex marriage.

In light of this sequence of events, it begs the question, "What should Australian Christians learn from it?" Here are 5 things we should consider:

1. Christians must come to terms with living in a post-Christian Australia. Suspicion – at times, even hostility – is the new normal.
Australia has changed. No longer does the majority of Australia support the traditional marriage, or many Christian values. We as Christians need to come to terms with no longer being in the majority.
2. The public square is not 'neutral' or 'secular'. Rather, it's a battleground of gods.
Everyone worships something, and many people in our society worship idols. Not God. Public domains are an opportunity for each 'god' to put forward their case and gain greater power.
3. The 'gods' of the sexual revolution want to dominate the public square, and punish any dissent.
The response to the Bible Society's video, demonstrates that when an alternate view to same sex marriage is promoted, a swift and potent response is provided.
4. If same sex marriage becomes legal, naturally, legal punishment for open dissent will also follow.
We have seen how the sexual revolution is willing to impose its vision of marriage and sexuality on Australia culturally, through social media shaming and boycotts. Its next step, is to impose its vision on Australia legally.
5. The pressure for Christians to remain silent is immense. However, now is the time to speak up.

So, what should Christians do?

Speak the truths of the Bible in love, even though we will encounter hostility from the worshippers of other gods. We will also encounter hungry people, who will hear the revolutionary call of the gospel and realise that their false god doesn't satisfy. Jesus Christ does.

<https://australia.thegospelcoalition.org/article/would-the-beer-drinking-christians-just-shut-up>

PRAYER AND PRAISE

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. Psalm 47:7

- Praise God for our mothers, may God bless them and keep them well.
- Pray for those in our school community who are unwell at this time.

CHECK SIGNMEE

These things went out this week:

- Student Council visit to Homeless Hub
- P – Year 4 Celebrating Mother's Day
- Year 12 Shoe Horn Sonata Performance
- Year 5 Visual Arts excursion

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BAG

These things went out this week:

- Year 12 Reports
- Year 11 & 12 Immunisation Information Pack
- Year 9 New Minimum HSC Requirements

Monday, 15 May

Prep – Year 4 Celebrating Mother's Day,
12.35 pm – 2 pm

Tuesday, 16 May

P&F Committee Meeting,
7.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Friday, 19 May

Year 12 Curriculum Day to Hamlet
Shoe Horn Sonata Performance

Monday, 22 May

Student Council visit to
Wollongong Homeless Hub

Tuesday, 23 May

Years 5-12 Interviews,
6 pm – 8 pm

Wednesday, 24 May

K – Year 6 Simultaneous Storytime

Monday, 29 May

Years 11 & 12 Immunisation Clinic

Tuesday, 30 May – Thursday, 1 June

Stage 5 Examinations

Please visit our [website](#) for all of our calendar dates and many more important pieces of key information.

Please also check our [Parents & Friends Facebook Page](#).

HUB NEWS

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year, NSS takes place on Wednesday, 24 May, 11 am and Calderwood Christian School will share in the reading of *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood, via Facetime from my home. Feel free to register at the National Simultaneous Storytime [website](#) and join in the fun!

CAREERS CORNER

Years 10 and 12

On Tuesday, 9 May students attended the Illawarra Careers Expo. Please take the time as a family to follow up on information gathered by your child.

A useful tool maybe the use of the [Skillsroad website](#) where they can take a Career Quiz, watch videos on different careers, and utilise other tools designed to help educate them on career choices.

Year 12

Wollongong University is holding Holiday HSC Workshops during the next break. Please refer to a brochure your child has been issued with or research options online.

P-4 MOTHERS DAY ACTIVITIES

On Monday, 15 May, we welcome mothers, grandmothers and carers to attend the school from 12.35 pm to 2 pm. You will be able to wander through your child's classroom and watch them at work. Then enjoy light refreshments which will be located near the Business Centre, before joining in group activities for the rest of the afternoon.

WORKING BEE

Please see following Working Bee dates for the rest of 2017:

Years 7, 8, 9

Saturday, 24 June, 1 pm - 4 pm

Years 3, 4, 5, 6

Saturday, 16 September, 8 am - 11 am

Prep, Kindy, Years 1, 2

Saturday, 2 December, 1 pm - 4 pm

K- 12 GIRLS AND BOYS SPORTS UNIFORM

As the weather gets cooler, we start to see students wearing a mix of uniforms. Please note, the woollen jumper is worn with the regular winter uniform, not with the sports uniform. If students need clothing for warmth during sport or on sports days, then they are to wear items from the sports uniform. The sports uniform includes, tracksuit pants and the tracksuit jacket, as outlined below.

K- 12 girls and boys sport uniform

- Short sleeve sports polo.
- Red school sports shorts or school microfibre track pants.
- School microfibre track jacket.
- Plain white ankle socks – fold down, no trim (not sockettes – must cover ankle bone).
- White sports joggers (not more than 10% cover of colour). Shoe must be sturdy, waterproof and offer full coverage of the foot. The inclusion of some mesh fabric is allowable.
- Hats or caps with school logo are compulsory all year round from Kindergarten to Year 12.

K-2 students will use the tracksuit during the swimming and gymnastics program in Term 3, so now is a good time to purchase this uniform item.

KOSEI JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL VISIT 2017

Konnichiwa!

Calderwood Christian School will be hosting approximately 30 boys from Kosei Junior High School, Japan, early in Term 3 for approximately 12 days.

Thank you to those families who have committed to hosting a student/s for the duration of their visit. At this stage, we are able to accommodate 5 students.

Would you like to be a host family?

Hosting a student from Kosei is both an exciting and rewarding opportunity for students and families. Please prayerfully consider hosting a student/s.

Please contact Mrs Gillett or Mrs Vaartjes, if you have any questions.

Arigato!

Mrs S. Vaartjes/Mrs D. Gillett

SCHOOL OPENING HOURS

Please be reminded that the school opens at 8.30 am. Students are not to be dropped off before this time. If you have a rare situation where your child needs to be dropped off earlier, please call the office on 4230 3700 to find out where they are to sit. Students are not allowed to walk around the property.

ABSENTEEISM AND HOLIDAYS

It is the school's legal responsibility to ensure that student absences from school are accounted for and valid. If your child is absent from school for any reason, then he/she must bring a signed note from you stating the reason within 7 days of the absence. All notes must be kept separate from Boomerang Books or School Diaries.

If you are planning holidays outside of the normal school holiday period, parents are requested to write to the Principal to seek approval for their plans before the event. This is especially important for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 where external regulations on assessments apply and assessment schedules must be complied with.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

With Winter fast approaching, Alinta would like to invite all students requiring winter uniforms to visit the uniform shop as soon as possible. Lay-by facilities are available in store.

In Term 2 and Term 3 the Uniform Shop is opened:

Monday	8.30 am – 10.30 am
Wednesday	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm

For pricelists, opening hours and shop details, you can visit our website:

www.calderwoodcs.nsw.edu.au

and click on Uniform Shop. Or, you can go direct to the Alinta website:

www.alintaapparel.com.au

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

The school also operates a second hand uniform shop on Thursdays 8.30 am – 10 am with help from a volunteer mum. Families are invited to donate current uniform items in good condition for sale through the second hand uniform shop. No goods are accepted on consignment.



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Illawarra Christian Education is a member of Christian Education National, educating students from Prep to Year 12 at two schools: Illawarra Christian School at Cordeaux Heights & Calderwood Christian School at Calderwood.

Applications are invited from committed Christians of reformed persuasion for the following position:

Prep Aide - Illawarra Christian School (Permanent Part Time)

The successful applicant will:

- be available at least 2 days/wk during term time (currently 14hrs/wk)
- have a Diploma in Child Studies or equivalent
- be enthusiastic and community minded

Role description available online.

Applications close: 9th June 2017

Process for Application:

The application form and role description are available on our school website. www.illawarrace.nsw.edu.au/employment

- You must complete the school's application form in order to apply.
Please do not just send a resume.
- Please include all other documents listed in the application form,
certified as true

Applications may be submitted either:

- in hard copy to: The Business Manager
 Illawarra Christian Education
 PO Box 80, Albion Park 2527 NSW
- or electronically to: ellerman.beth@illawarrace.nsw.edu.au

For further enquiries please contact: Beth Ellerman, Business Manager
email: ellerman.beth@illawarrace.nsw.edu.au Phone: 02 4230 3777

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions.