

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STAGE 5 COORDINATOR

In the book of Judges, God raised up a leader called Deborah to lead his people out from under the rule of Jabin, a Canaanite king. God told Deborah to call up her commander, Barack, get him to take 10,000 men and go to war against Jabin's commander, Sisera. God promised Deborah that they would defeat Sisera. So Deborah and Barack took 10,000 men. They went to war. And they won the battle.

In the craziness of the battle, Sisera escaped. He stumbled across a tent occupied by a woman named Jael. Jael beckoned him in. Once he was asleep, Jael grabbed a tent peg and a hammer and nailed the tent peg right through his temple. Sisera laid dead at the hands of a woman, and the war was won, just as God had said. After that, Israel lived in peace under Deborah's leadership.

This story reminds us that God hasn't made us to live in fear. Deborah had every reason to be fearful - she was in a highly unusual position of leadership for a woman in her time. But she put her faith and her trust in her God, and she was brave.

God has also made us and called us to follow him. Jesus said, "I've come that you will have life and have it to the full." That probably won't mean getting hands-on with a hammer and tent peg. But it will, no doubt, mean stretching ourselves and overcoming fear.

God called Deborah to be a judge and to declare war. He didn't call her husband, her dad, her neighbour or the obvious people. God also saw fit to include a woman named Jael in his plan. These women didn't wait for someone braver or more suitable to do the job. They were ready to be obedient and brave and they got the job done. You may not be the obvious woman OR man for the job, but God may call you to it anyway. Be ready. Be brave.

My prayer for all of us is that we will not live in fear, that we will be brave with what God calls us to do and be, and that we won't be scared to pick up the metaphorical tent peg when we need it.

Mrs Meg Story

ELEVATE EDUCATION STUDY SKILLS EVENING FOR SECONDARY PARENTS

Wednesday 23rd August 7.00pm

Come along and learn how you can support your children in secondary school with their home study.

Enjoy a cup of tea and cake afterwards as you chat with other parents and staff. Please RSVP by emailing reception@ics.nsw.edu.au

PRAYER & PRAISE

"Jesus looked at them and said 'with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.' " Matthew 19:26

Pray for preparation of camps coming up next week.

Pray for Year 12 as they continue to prepare for their Trial HSC.

Give thanks for the many volunteers in our school community.

KEY DATES

Saturday 12th August

Stage 6 French Continuers Speaking Immersion Day - Nowra High School

Monday 14th, 21st, 28th August, 4th, 11th, 18th September

Running Squad - available to students in Years 5—12

Monday 14th August

Lifesaving Presentation- Years 2, 4 & 6

Monday 14th—Friday 18th August Prep Photos

Tuesday 15th August

Infants/Primary Creative Arts Night 6pm in the hall

Thursday 17th—Friday 18th AugustSecondary Camp Activities

Thursday 17th—Friday 25th August Trial HSC

Friday 18th August

Primary State Athletics - Blacktown

Saturday 19th August

Working Bee - Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8)

Monday 21st August

Prep (Monday Group) - Science Centre & Planetarium

Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd August

Prep-6 Book Fair

Tuesday 22nd August

Prep—6 Dress up day and book parade South Coast Public Speaking Competition

Wednesday 23rd August

Elevate Education Study Skills Evening for Secondary Parents 7pm in the hall -RSVP by e: reception@ics.nsw.edu.au

Thursday 24th August

Secondary State Athletics - Homebush

Friday 25th August, 8th, 22nd September

Year 12 Parent Prayer Group - Staff Common Room 9.30am

Wednesday 30th August

K-6 Father's Day Stall

Thursday 31st August

Association Meeting at Calderwood Christian School 7.30pm

PREP-6 BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 22nd August P-6 Dress up day and Parade

At 9.15am we will be having a P-6 parade in the hall, where each grade will have a turn at walking around to the cheers of the crowd in encouragement and fun. It is anticipated this will finish at 10.30am. Parents are welcome to join us.

Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd August Book Fair

Classes will visit the Book Fair during their usual library lesson (except for Year 2 who will visit on Monday morning). Parents are welcome to visit at the time their children are scheduled to come to the Book Fair. Details on times have been sent home with students this week. Purchases at the Book Fair are CASH ONLY with prices ranging from \$5 upward.

We look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Jo Fahey

UNIFORM SHOP

Regular opening hours:

Mondays 8.30am—11.30am and 1.30pm—4.00pm, and Wednesdays 8.30am—11.30am

Email: <u>iccordeaux@alinta.com.au</u> Ph: 4239 5220 (shop hours)

REMINDER REGARDING PARKING

Please do not drive into the school car park unless you have prior permission from the school principal or are a Prep parent dropping off or picking up a Prep child. Remember to display your parking permit when in the school car park.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SECONDARY CAMP WEEK ACTIVITIES

Thursday 17th-Friday 18th August

Year 7 STEM Camp - Sydney

Year 8 - Camp Koloona

Year 9 - Slum Survivor

Year 10 - Great Northern Walk

Year 11 - Study Camp - The Tops Conference Centre

K-6 FATHER'S DAY STALL

Wednesday 30th August

This year ICS Committee has purchased lots of great gifts from a supplier. Your children will be able to make a selection from this fabulous range.

Gifts will be priced at \$5, \$7, \$10

We need volunteers to help set up from 8.30am or to sell gifts on the day from 9am until about 11am. We would really value and welcome your assistance helping at the stall for some or all of this time.

Even one hours help would be very much appreciated! Please contact Sam Palmer on Ph: 0410 559 009 to register your willingness to help on the day.

Our children love to have the special job of choosing a gift for their dad for Father's Day. Don't' forget to give your child their money to spend on the day!

NEW SEQTA APP

SEQTA has released the SEQTA parent portal as an app for Apple IOS devices only at this stage. This should cater for most smartphone and tablet users. The Android app is on its way.

Search the Apple App Store on your device for SEQTA Engage, and you should find the app. When you first open the app, you will be asked to enter the school website. Use <u>parent.ics.nsw.edu.au</u>, and then your normal SEQTA username and password on the next screen

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Available stock list can be found on the ICS website under Enrolments - Uniforms - Preloved Uniforms. Donations can be sent to the office at any time. Eftpos & cash payments accepted. Enquiries to Sam Palmer.

Email: sandypalms@hotmail.com

Ph: 0410 559 009

CONCESSION CARDS

New concession cards for students who are 16 years or over are available and can be collected from the office.

Proof-of-age cards for students who are not yet 16 are also available from the office.

LOST OPAL CARDS

If your child has lost their Opal card, please phone customer service on 131 500, or go online to https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/reportPass to order a replacement.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Support our school by shopping at Woolworths and collecting the Earn & Learn stickers. Just shop at Woolworths to earn one sticker for every \$10 spent from 26th July, fill in the sticker card, and drop it into the box in the office or at Woolworths Unanderra.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday 31st August

7.30pm

at Calderwood Christian School

ZOOPER DOOPER FRIDAYS

During 3rd break, under the COLA, for \$1.

ICS UMBRELLAS

Large ICS umbrellas for sale \$10 - available from the office.

2017 WORKING BEE DATES

Each school family is rostered on for one working bee per year. Families are rostered on the class with their youngest child. However, you may attend any of the working bees.

Time: 8.30am—11.30am except for the make up date which is 2.00pm—5.00pm.

2017 Dates:

19th August (Years 7 & 8)

16th September (Years 3 & 4)

21st October (Years 5 & 6)

18th November (make-up date 2.00pm—5.00pm)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Fun Day in the Illawarra

Come and celebrate the arrival of the NDIS.

On 1 July, the National Disability Insurance scheme was introduced in the Illawarra by Uniting and the National Disability Insurance Agency.

Join us on Saturday 26th August from 11am to 3pm for the official celebration of NDIS in the Illawarra. Entertainment, food, music and fun. Interactive expo of local businesses, organisations and service providers.

Register your interest: <u>uniting.org/</u> <u>illawarra-fun-day</u>







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

Communications & Community Development Officer - Illawarra Christian School

Permanent part-time role approximately 15-20hrs/week during school term time. Commencing October 2017.

The successful applicant will possess:

- relevant tertiary qualifications and experience in communications
- a warm and engaging personality
- strong interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills

Applications close Monday 11 September 2017

Process for Application:

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

- You must complete the school's application form in order to apply.
- Please do not just send a resume.
- Applications will not be considered if incomplete.

Applications should be submitted electronically to:

employment@illawarrace.nsw.edu.au

For further enquiries please contact:

Melinda Vidler, PA to the Principal of Illawarra Christian School Email: employment@illawarrace.nsw.edu.au Phone: 02 4239 5200



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

English/History/Biblical Studies TeacherIllawarra Christian School

Permanent full-time role, commencing 2018.

The successful applicant will possess:

- strong interpersonal and communication skills
- passion for and commitment to working with children and young people
- commitment to ongoing professional learning and implementing best educational practice

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Science Teacher - Secondary Illawarra Christian School

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