



# NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 7 • FRIDAY 9TH JUNE 2017



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR STAGE 4 ADVISOR MR. DAVID RUSSELL

It seems that most days, when we get home from a tiring day at work or school, we seek to relax and switch off by sitting down and watching TV. Ironically, rather than 'switching off' we are, in fact, very much 'switching on'.

1 John 2:26 is a warning to us, to watch out for deceptive teaching and false messages. Through TV and other mediums, the world is actively telling us what we are to think, what we are to do, and how we are to react. It is important to regularly consider what is going into our minds and constantly reassess whether we are listening to what God wants to tell us or what the world is telling us.

In today's assembly, I spoke to our secondary students from these verses and suggested that our minds are like sponges. If we pour a black liquid into a yellow sponge, eventually that sponge will be soaked and will become completely black. As we pour in more and more of the dark liquid, it will eventually start to leak out. Our minds work in exactly the same way; they soak up the messages that we are hearing. It is important to consider what we are regularly feeding into our minds, whether consciously or unconsciously. It might be violence, greed, lust, selfishness or any number of unhelpful things. Just like the sponge, our whole identity will eventually become coloured by what is going into our minds, and this can start 'leaking' out into all areas of our lives.

As Christians, we need to heed the warnings in 1 John 2:26. We need to be wary of deceptive messages. 1 John 2:27 tells us the best way to protect ourselves from being deceived is to "abide in Him". The author of 1 John is telling us to follow Jesus, not the world. We need to be reading God's word and putting things into our mind that will be pleasing to God. Let's reassess what we feed our minds.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:2)

Mr David Russell.

## SCHOOL HOURS AND CARPARK

A reminder to all families that students are not to be dropped at school before 8:30am. In addition, unless you have a prep child or a parking permit issued by the office, please do not drive into the school car park to drop off or pick up your children.

## PRAYER & PRAISE

**"All people are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever." 1 Peter 1:24-25**

Pray for upcoming sporting events and for safely in travel and competition.

Give thanks for all in our community who faithfully volunteer their time and energy.

Continue to pray for the Year 12 students as they prepare for the HSC.

Give thanks for new enrolments over the past couple of months.

Give thanks for our parent reps and the role they play in our school community.

## KEY DATES

### Friday 9th -Sunday 11th June

Year 12 HSC French Immersion Week-end

### Saturday 10th—17th June

Year 10 GAWA Mission Trip

### Monday 12th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

### Monday 12th, 19th & 26th June

ICS Running Squad - Available to students in Years 5—12

Sheargold Park or ICS hall if wet

### Wednesday 14th June

Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening - Parents only, 7pm in Resource Centre

### Thursday 15th June

CIS Primary & Secondary Cross Country

### Friday 16th June

Advanced English to Seymour Centre for "Hamlet"

CSSA Zone Soccer Gala Day

Years 3—6 PSSA Sport & Metro Cup Training

### Saturday 17th June

Working Bee - Stage 6

### Monday 19th June

CCSA Secondary Girls Netball Gala Day

### Wednesday 21st June

K—6 CAPA Audition Day

### Friday 23rd June

Year 12 Parent Prayer Group 9.30am in Staff Common Room

### Tuesday 27th June

Prep/Infants Drama Toolbox

### Wednesday 28th June

Infants Primary Assembly 2.40pm in the hall - 3G Presenting

### Thursday 29th June

Year 12 Visual Arts - MCA Exhibits Sydney

### Friday 30th June

Last Day Term 2

### Monday 17th—Friday 21st July

Staff Development Week

### Monday 24th July

Students return Term 3



## RAINCOATS AND UMBRELLAS

A reminder that umbrellas are not permitted for infants/primary students. Raincoats are advisable for these students in wet weather.

## ASSOCIATION INFORMATION SESSION

You are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Association Information Session on Thursday 15th June 2017.

The information session will run for approximately one hour and will outline the role of the school association and the opportunities that are available for you to contribute. The session will be hosted by one of our board members, Mr Simon Moran. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about the board.

When: Thursday 15th June, 7.30pm

Where: Resource Centre at Illawarra Christian School, 4 Tyalla Place Cordeaux Heights.

## K-6 CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT

The auditions for the K-6 Creative Arts night are being held on Wednesday 21st June during school hours. Notes with reply slips have gone out to interested students. A reply slip must be submitted for each audition. Forms should be returned to the office by Friday 16th June so an audition schedule can be organised.

If you need an audition form, please see Mrs Peters. If parents have any questions, Mrs Peters can be contacted via SEQTA. The Creative Arts Night is being held on Tuesday 15th August 6pm.

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Regular opening hours:

Mondays 8.30am–11.30am and 1.30pm–4.00pm, and Wednesdays 8.30am–11.30am Email: [iccordeaux@alinta.com.au](mailto:iccordeaux@alinta.com.au) Ph: 4239 5220 (shop hours)

## 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](mailto:sandypalms@hotmail.com)

Ph: 0410 559 009

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Year 10 parents are invited to a work experience information evening on Wednesday 14th June at 7pm in the Resource Centre.

## UNIFORM REMINDERS

The recent cooler weather has revealed some confusion about correct school uniform, particularly when extra clothing is required.

The school has two separate uniforms – one for normal activities and one for sport. The pieces of the two uniforms are not interchangeable. School uniform items such as jumpers cannot be worn with the sports uniform, and no parts of the sports uniform can be worn with this school uniform. It should be noted that this also applies to the tracksuit top, which can only be worn with the sports uniform.

Girls' school skirts or dresses are required to be below knee length. Secondary boys are required to wear the school tie in winter. Their top button should be done up and the tie worn so that it sits neatly over that button.

Students are welcome to wear scarves and gloves in cold weather. These accessories must be black. The school also has a blazer available.

All students are required to wear school hats whenever in the sun.

In the case of very cold weather, students should wear additional layers such as thermals under their school clothing, rather than adding non-uniform items over their uniforms.

We would appreciate your assistance in ensuring students are dressed in accordance with the uniform policy and appropriately for weather conditions. This will allow teachers to focus on student learning rather than uniform issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jo Fahey if you have any queries about uniform requirements.

Mr Simon Lainson

## BIKE FOR BIBLES LOST PROPERTY

Lost property from the Bike for Bibles ride is in Mr David's classroom.

Please see him to collect missing items.

## TERM 3 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 24th July - Students return for Term 3

Tuesday 25th July and 1st August - K–11 Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm–9pm

Wednesday 26th July - ICS Athletics Carnival - Beaton Park

Monday 31st July and Tuesday 1st August - School Photos

## SEMESTER 1 REPORTS AND SEQTA

If you have not yet logged on to SEQTA, please do so as soon as possible.

Semester 1 reports will be sent out via SEQTA later this term. Please make sure that you have your log in and can access SEQTA asap. Contact our IT manager via the office if you require assistance.

SEQTA is access via this link:

<https://parent.ics.nsw.edu.au/>

## IT NEWS

Did you know that on the right-hand side of our school website home page there is a section called Quick Links? Here you will find links to important things such as SEQTA Engage, SignMee, the school calendar and much more. Be sure to visit our website and have a look. <http://www.ics.nsw.edu.au/cordeaux/home>

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Thank you to families who have offered to host. We need 6 more host families. ICS will be partnering with Australian Recreation and Educational Tours (ARET) to host a group of 6 male and 8 female students from Yokohama Seifu High School, Japan, from 27th July–9th August. We are seeking host families for these students for the 13 nights of their stay. Host families will receive a payment of \$40 per night to help cover costs. If you are interested in hosting a student, please let me know. For those hosting students, paperwork is due back on Friday 9th June.

Mrs Spreitzer

email: [spreitzer.penny@ics.nsw.edu.au](mailto:spreitzer.penny@ics.nsw.edu.au)

## ICS UMBRELLAS

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



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EDUCATION

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 5 days per week during term time
- have a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care or equivalent
- be enthusiastic and community minded

Role description available online.

## **Applications close: 23rd June 2017**

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### **Process for Application:**

The application form and role description are available on our school website. [www.illawarrace.nsw.edu.au/employment](http://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](mailto:ellerman.beth@illawarrace.nsw.edu.au)

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**For further enquiries please contact:    Beth Ellerman, Business Manager**  
**email: [ellerman.beth@illawarrace.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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.*



# ILLAWARRA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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## **Illawarra Christian School at Cordeaux Heights & Calderwood Christian School at Calderwood**

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

### **School Debtors and Compliance Assistant (Full time - 38hrs/week - commencing July 2017)**

The ICE head office in Calderwood is seeking an individual passionate about people and processes to take a key role in facilitating the accounts receivable and compliance aspects of our business. Experience in at least one of the primary aspects of the role is essential as is a commitment to accuracy, deadlines and continual improvement. The successful candidate will have a positive, solutions focussed attitude and be able to demonstrate perseverance, resilience and high level of confidentiality. Applications close 15/06/17.

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- Please include all other documents listed in the application form, **certified as true copies by a J.P.** Applications will not be considered if not complete.

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- or electronically to:  
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#### **For further enquiries please contact:**

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**email: [ellerman.beth@illawarrance.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ellerman.beth@illawarrance.nsw.edu.au) Phone: 02 4230 3777**

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