



NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 8 • FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2017



A MESSAGE FROM OUR STAGE 4 CO-ORDINATOR

Have you ever been in a hopeless situation? Maybe you've had a severe injury or illness, a real struggle with friends or even the loss of a loved one?

What did you do in this hopeless situation? Who did you turn to for help?

Ruth from the Old Testament was in a seemingly hopeless situation. Her husband had died, she was left to care for her mother-in-law, and even meeting the basic necessities of life meant a daily struggle. However, in this seemingly hopeless situation Ruth didn't run away. She trusted God for provision and committed herself to care for her mother-in-law, Naomi.

One of the main difficulties for the two women was their lack of food. One day Ruth went into the fields of a man named Boaz in search for food. Boaz took compassion on Ruth, and he left some grain for her so that she could feed herself and her mother-in-law.

In Ruth 2:11-12, Boaz says these words to Ruth: "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

Not only did God save Naomi and Ruth from what seemed like a hopeless situation by providing a regular food source for them, but he also provided a future blessing through them. God used their tragic situation and turned it into something good... Ruth eventually married Boaz, and she bore a son. This son was named Obed, and he was to be the grandfather of King David. From the line of Ruth came Israel's great king, David, and also Jesus.

While this story is centred on the lives of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz, it is an excellent illustration of God's love for us. Boaz demonstrated compassion towards Ruth, and then by marrying her he redeems her honour, livelihood and life. This is just like Jesus redeeming us from our very hopeless situations.

The story of Ruth and Boaz offers many wonderful insights for us today. Among them is the idea that God works through those who have endured tragic situations so that the lives of many others might be changed and God's sovereign power might be seen. God is in control of everything that happens, even when we do not understand the situation.

How well are you doing with trusting in God and his sovereign power during difficult times? Do you turn to God for help? Do you take refuge in God? Or do you rely upon yourself?

Mr David Russell

PRAYER & PRAISE

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9

Pray for Year 12 as they finish their last week at school and continue to prepare for their HSC.

Pray for preparations for Term 4.

Continue to pray for those among us who have been unwell.

Pray for preparation for various orientation days next term.

KEY DATES

Saturday 16th September

Working Bee (Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4)

Monday 18th-Tuesday 19th September

Year 12 Retreat - Gerringong

Monday 18th September

Year 6 Sand Sculpting at Wollongong Harbour

Year 11 PDHPE First Aid Course

Running Squad - available to students in Years 5-12

Tuesday 19th September

Stage 5 Performing Arts Evening 6.30pm
Year 8 Medieval Day

Wednesday 20th September

CIS Secondary Athletics - Homebush

Year 12 Graduation Assembly 10.50am in the hall

Year 12 Graduation 7pm in the hall

Thursday 21st-Friday 22nd September

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Thursday 21st September

Year 8 South Coast Zone Interschool

Sport - Bowral

End of Year 11 day out - Killalea State Park

Friday 22nd September

Year 12 Parent Prayer Group - Staff Common Room 9.30am

City -v- Country at Calderwood Christian School

Last Day Term 3

Monday 9th October

Staff Return Term 4

Tuesday 10th October

Students Return Term 4

Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday 12th-Friday 13th October

Bronze Duke of Ed Qualifying Hike - Royal National Park

Friday 13th October

Stage 1 - NSW Schoolhouse Museum excursion

James Holbeck talks for Years 9-11

\$20 Boss stalls at lunch

Thursday 10th-Saturday 21st October

Silver Duke of Ed Qualifying Pack 'n' Paddle Journey - Kangaroo Valley

Friday 20th-Sunday 22nd October

National Future Problem Solving Finals



WORKING BEE CHANGE OF DATE FOR OCTOBER

There has been a change of date for the Stage 3 working bee. It will now be held on Saturday 28th October. 8.30am-11.30am. Signmee notes will be sent closer to the date.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Available stock list can be found on the ICS website under Enrolments - Uniforms - Preloved Uniforms. Eftpos & cash payments accepted. Enquiries to Sam Palmer. Ph: 0410 559 009

Email: sandypalms@hotmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder that summer uniform is worn during Term 4.

The uniform shop will be open in the school holidays:

Wednesday 27th September 9am—12.00pm

Monday 9th October (Pupil free day) 1pm—4pm

Regular opening hours:

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

Email: iccordeaux@alinta.com.au

Ph: 4239 5220 (shop hours)

NEW SEQTA ENGAGE APP NOW AVAILABLE FOR ANDROID

SEQTA has released the SEQTA parent portal as an app for Apple IOS devices and now Android.

Search the Apple App Store or Google Play 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 parent.ics.nsw.edu.au, and then your normal SEQTA username and password on the next screen.

A reminder to check your SEQTA messages as there are lots of important messages from staff sent this way.

ZOOPER DOOPER FRIDAYS

Zooper Doopers are sold in the COLA at lunchtime on Fridays for \$1.

ASANTE SANA (THANK YOU)- DRCONGO FUNDRAISER

This week students and teachers from Prep to Year 12 have prayed for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo - particularly in the eastern region of this vast country.

They have learnt a little more about the beauty of God's creation in this central area of Africa, along with the many long-term sufferings of the Congolese population.

What many people don't realise is that the global economy, particularly the world's electronic industry (including mobile phones & laptops), drives the great demand for certain minerals, and this demand comes at the great sacrifice of the people in Eastern DR Congo.

Eastern Congo has many minerals used in the world's electronic goods.

However, instead of benefiting from this natural wealth, most of the 80 million Congolese people are very, very poor.

The enormous demand for these minerals has resulted in many corrupt practices, and an unimaginable amount of violence. Large numbers of Congolese (around 3.7 million people) have been displaced; many of these displaced people are hosted by already poor families.

Alongside these terrible statistics is another one. There are over 4 million orphans in DR Congo.

On Wednesday this week, well over \$2,000 was raised through a mufti day and a lunchtime sausage sizzle. (Some donations are still coming in.)

This money will be sent to Anglican Bishop Isesomo in Butembo to help with school fees for orphans and displaced children in the very troubled diocese of North Kivu.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to this day. There are far too many to be named!

"Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow"

Isaiah 1:17

Mrs Dodd

CHOCOLATE MONEY

A reminder that chocolate money is due back to school by Friday 22nd September.

Please send it into the office asap.

ICS Committee

YEAR 12 FORMAL

Wednesday 15th November - Year 12 Formal tickets are available via <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=3029426>

Last day to buy tickets - Friday 15th September

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Illawarra Dragon Boat Club

Come and try Dragon Boating

Saturday 14th October 2017

Illawarra Rowing Centre, 21 Northcliffe Drive, Warrawong 10am-2pm

Paddle on beautiful Lake Illawarra, and then enjoy a BBQ.

Dragon Boating is exciting, exhilarating and fun.

For ages 12+

What to bring: hat, sunscreen, water bottle, shoes for in the boat, change of clothes and a sense of fun and adventure.

All safety equipment supplied.

For more information please call Illawarra Dragon Boat Club -

Helen 0403 844 880 or

Catherine 0411 577 275

Berkeley Eagles Junior Baseball Club

2017-2018 Summer Season beginning in October. Pre-season training starts Wednesday 13th September at 4.30pm at Fred Finch Park.

Register now. Boys and girls aged 4-14 years.

For more information contact

berkeleyeagles.baseball@gmail.com

Ph: 0407 250 938

Picnic in the park for 2018 school starters and their families

Free entertainment and giveaways for all 2018 school starters. Join in the fun while finding out more about starting school.

Sunday 5th November 10am-12pm and MacCabe Park (southern end) Cnr Church and Ellen Street Wollongong

www.transitiontoschool.com.au

For more information contact Transition to School Officer on 4283 9943 or transitiontoschool@bigfatmile.com.au



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We are a member of Christian Education National, educating students from Prep to Year 12 at both Illawarra Christian School at Cordeaux Heights & Calderwood Christian School at Calderwood in NSW.

Committed Christians of reformed persuasion are invited to apply for the position of:

Teacher of Mathematics - Calderwood Christian School

Permanent part-time role (approximate FTE 0.5) commencing 2018.

The successful applicant will possess:

- Successful teaching experience with a thorough knowledge of the NSW Mathematics K-10 Syllabus and Stages 4-6 courses.
- Demonstrated capacity to integrate technology into Mathematics programs and classroom practice to facilitate the improvement of student learning outcomes.
- Ability to work in a team and contribute to STEM initiatives.
- Desire to contribute to the pastoral care of students.

Applications close Friday 6 October 2017

Process for Application:

The application form and role description are available on our school website, calderwoodcs.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:

Beth Ellerman, Business Manager, Illawarra Christian Education

Email: employment@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.