

newsletter

ILLAWARRA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CORDEAUX



TERM 3 WEEK 3 • 7TH AUGUST 2015

A message from Mr Lainson

"The people exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the creator." Romans 1:25

Over the past 2 weeks we have been considering the idea that God's good creation has been distorted by sin. All creation groans and all cultures are corrupted by our sin. One of the most significant ways our culture has distorted God's created order is to place that which is the created in the place of the creator. The creation, which points to our glorious God, has often become the object of our worship rather than the God who created it. It is often so subtle in the way we prioritize things in our lives and in our failure to acknowledge God as the creator and sustainer of all things. As a Christian School we marvel at God's creation and give thanks, yet need to ensure that God is glorified in all we do and that we seek to serve, honour and glorify him not his creation.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who recently participated in our parent teacher interviews. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any further issues that need to be followed up in the coming weeks.

Permission Notes

A reminder to try to return permission slips as soon as they are issued. It is very important they are returned at least the day before the excursion or activity so that your child is able to participate.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Psalm 33:4-5 'For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.'

Pray for the strategic planning retreat being held this weekend as participants begin the process of defining a strategic plan for our school. Thank God for the dedicated parents and staff attending.

Pray for Year 12 as they prepare for their trial exams.

Pray for the Zone athletics carnivals next week.

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

Give thanks for parent teacher interviews over the last two weeks.

Pray for CEN Music Festival in Orange.

Pray for staff as they prepare for upcoming Camps.

Key dates

Monday 10th August

Primary Zone Athletics - Beaton Park

Tuesday 11th August

Secondary Zone Athletics - Beaton Park
Infants/Primary Captains' Assembly
Chocolate Fundraiser slips to be returned by today

Friday 14th August

Primary PSSA Sport
Year 5 & 6 Chess Club

Monday 17th-Wednesday 26th August

Year 12 Trials

Monday 17th August

CSSA Primary State Metro Cup Penrith

Tuesday 18th August

South Coast Public Speaking Competition
Infants Primary Assembly - Yr 6 Presenting

Thursday 20th August

CSSA Primary State Athletics

Thursday 20th-Friday 21st August

Year 7 IT/Maths Day (Thursday)
Year 7 Luna Park Excursion (Friday)
Year 8 Outdoor Education Camp
Year 9 Slum Survivor
Year 10 Canberra Excursion
Year 11 Study Conference

Friday 21st August

Primary PSSA Sport

Saturday 22nd August

Working Bee (Make Up date) - please note new date

Wednesday 26th August

CSSA Secondary State Athletics
K-6 Book Fair and Parade

Monday 31st August

Year 8 Medieval Day

Tuesday 1st September

Infants Primary Assembly-IR Presenting

Wednesday 2nd September

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 3rd September

Association Meeting 7.30pm at Tongarra

Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th September

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

School Photos

The profits from our school photos this year will go towards purchasing a defibrillator for our school.

To order extra photos or any photo enquiries you can contact MSP Photographers on 42613009.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

Help us collect for our school.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator which you place on a points sheet, available from Woolworths. When your sheet is full you can place it in the box located in the school office.

Working Bee Dates

- 22nd August (Please note change of date) Make up date 2pm-5pm
- 12th September (Years 9 & 10) 8.30-11.30am
- 10th October (Prep/Kinder) 8.30-11.30am
- 31st October (Years 5 & 6) 8.30-11.30am
- 5th December (Make up date) 2pm-5pm

You are rostered on for the date of your youngest child. Please remember that one working bee must be attended during the year. If you cannot make your rostered date, you are welcome to attend any of the other dates above.

Expressions of Interest Barista Training Course

This is open to ICS students in Year 9 - 12 and parents and will be held at the Tongarra Campus.

Cost: \$40.00 - proceeds go towards the future purchase of a CPR defibrillator for the Tongarra Campus.

Four hour course: 4pm to 8:15pm - includes a simple dinner.

Students: If you are interested, please return the form showing your preferred days of the week for the course in order of preference.

Parents: If you are interested, please contact the school office for a form.

Captains' Fundraiser

Each year our school captains work towards supporting a cause of their choice and encouraging us to show practical Christian love to those who are in need.

This year, working alongside Olivia T and Mikaela S, they raised funds for the many child refugees displaced and in danger because of the ongoing civil war in Syria.

Their mufti day and sausage sizzle raised more than \$2500 that will be directed through UNICEF to support these children. This was a wonderful effort from our school community. Thank you.

Excursion Notes

All excursion notes should be returned to the excursion box outside the office, the day before the excursion at the latest.

Thank you for your assistance.

From the Counsellor's Desk

We are so happy and blessed to have Mrs Dombkins back! She will be working on Fridays and Mrs Officer Monday to Thursday.

Last term a group called 'Chill Out' began with 9 brave students from years 8-10. This group tackled the areas of stress and worry in their lives and learnt some positive coping strategies. The group finished in week 3 with art therapy creating some awesome salt jars.

We are praying that the support the students got from each other will continue throughout high school.

In two weeks we will be starting the Chill Out group for years 1-3. At this stage we will be running a boys and a girls group. If you have any questions about this please email Mrs Officer officer.alyson@ics.nsw.edu.au

Exciting happenings in the Resource Centre!

Book Week is coming in Week 6 of this term. To celebrate we will be having a Book Fair AND Book Parades for years Prep to 6 on Wednesday 26th August. More details will come but keep the date free!

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Mondays 1pm - 4pm

Wednesdays 8.30am-11.30am

e: iccordeaux@alinta.com.au

www.alintaapparel.com.au

Ph: (02) 42 39 5220

Second-Hand Uniforms

Donations of second-hand uniforms can be dropped off to the office at any time. Second-hand uniforms are available to buy just see office staff.

Annual Report

The 2014 Annual report is now available on the school website. If you would like a hard copy please contact the school Business Centre on 4230 3777.

Gawa Christian School Visit

We are very excited as a group of students and staff from Gawa Christian School will be visiting ICS from 6-12 September! The group will be sleeping onsite and participating in a range of activities with our students.

Are you able to help cook dinners for the group? A flyer will be coming home in the next few days with all the details. Please consider if you can help in this way.

Please pray for Gawa Christian School and ICS as we work to make this visit a successful cultural exchange and a strengthening of the relationship between our two schools.

Apprenticeships

Schindler will be looking at taking on 8-10 apprentices (electrical) in NSW this year. Applications close 14th August. An information evening will be held on Tuesday, 4th August 6pm, Botany. Please email me for more information: spence.tania@ics.nsw.edu.au

Gateway Motor Group (Fairy Meadow Showroom) - Car Salesperson
Apprenticeship Information evening:
Thursday 6th August at 6pm

No sales experience necessary.

Just turn up on the night - no booking required.

Call 42228 888 for more info.



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