A message from Mr Lainson

On Saturday evening my family sat glued to the TV watching the Socceroos play South Korea in the Asian Cup final. We cheered with amazement when Australia scored the first goal, nearly cried when South Korea scored in injury time, left our seats momentarily when Australia scored during extra time, and felt relieved when the final whistle blew. I’m sure for many of our socceroos this will be one of the lasting and greatest memories they will cherish for years to come.

When I was a child I always wanted to go to Disneyland. It was kind of the dream holiday. Three years ago at the age of 35 this big kid got to go to Disneyland. Space Mountain is awesome, but the Mickey Mouse Ferris Wheel in California Adventure Land is certainly forgettable.

In Philippians 3:8 it says "...I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord..." Last week I asked our school staff what is the greatest thing about knowing Jesus as Lord. We had a range of great answers which included: forgiveness, being in relationship with God, hope, promise of eternal life, assurance and having a purpose and meaning in this life and in the one to come. The Bible says that all our greatest pleasures and joys here on earth are nothing compared to the greatness of knowing Jesus Christ as our Lord. To know Christ is to have a personal relationship with him, to trust in his death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sin and salvation. To know Christ is to have eternal life and to live with him as Lord and King of your life. To know Christ as Lord is the greatest thing ever and all else is so forgettable or worth nothing in comparison.

Our theme for 2015 is 'Consider'. This year we are going to spend time reflecting on what it means to be part of God’s world and how we think, review and reflect on it and all he has done for us in Christ Jesus. We want to be a community of critical thinkers who understand all things in light of crucified and risen Lord Jesus. We have much planned for this year and I am excited about what 2015 will bring.

Illawarra Christian School Cordeaux Campus is a thriving school community. God continues to bless us with students who work hard and strive for excellence, a staff who are dedicated and faithful, and an active and involved parent community. We continue to receive outstanding academic results, and last years HSC results were no exception. 2015 is a year of continued growth for our school as God continues to bring families to our school who want to partner with us in Christian Education. This year Illawarra Christian School Cordeaux Campus will be double-streamed from Kindergarten to Year 12 for the first time. Each day we will have approximately 590 students on site from prep to Year 12 and over 620 students enrolled in total.

We have such a wonderful team of staff at Illawarra Christian School. Men and women who love Jesus, are passionate about their subject areas, love nurture and develop the gifts and skills of each child. This year we welcome some new staff:

Mr Nathan Bell – Year 2G
Mrs Anne Dinning – Year 3G
Mr Frank Alexander – Year 6G
Mr David Russell – English / History
Mrs Skye Walker – PDHPE / Biblical Studies
Mrs Rebecca Kime – PDHPE / Science

A special welcome to our new students and families, we trust and pray that you will quickly feel at home in our school community. Welcome to our 2015 school year.
Name
Mr Frank Alexander

Teaching / Areas of Responsibility
Year 6

Favourite Subject / teaching area
Year 6

Favourite Leisure time activity
Surfing, Sailing and running

Best Book you have ever read
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho.
I chose this book because it’s an allegory that reminds me to be content with what I have, yet strive to use my God given strengths in the place God has call me to.

Favourite Food
New York Pizza....Ah, there is nothing else like it in the entire world!

Prior to joining ICS what were you doing
National Director for Evangelism Explosion Australia

Funny Story
I was working in Banda Aceh Indonesia shortly after the devastating Boxing Day Tsunami. One night I was woken up by a siren blaring close to the house. Scared for my life and those in the surrounding village and thinking a tsunami was coming, I began running around waking everyone up and telling them to run to the mountains.
Within a matter of minutes I had eight to ten people stumbling toward me half awake, laughing. I was politely told by these gracious Indonesians that the siren I heard was to signal the beginning of fasting for that day as it was the middle of Ramadan, the month of fasting for Muslims.
Good news! Our library now subscribes to the following award winning World Book Web products. These great resources are available for reading, relaxing, researching and more.

**World Book Kids**—is based on World Book’s award winning Discovery Encyclopedia and is designed to give younger students, ESL students and reluctant readers a rewarding online learning experience. The site illustrations, diagrams and maps enrich more than 2,000 articles selected for appeal and relevance.

**World Book Student**—forms the foundation of an expansive reference database that includes over 40,000 encyclopedia and reference articles, thousands of links to outside web sites selected by World Book editors and contributors. It also includes an extensive Dictionary and Atlas plus audios, visuals and animations.

**World Book Advanced**—tailored for the needs of older students, it includes encyclopedic content, integrates primary and secondary source databases plus more than 5,500 e-books in a single search, over 700 e-books can be downloaded to e-readers and iPads, and a wealth of research tools that allow students to customise and save their work.

**World Book Discover**—designed for students reading below year level, this site includes reference articles, text-to-speech capabilities, research and translation tools, and multimedia.

**Early World of Learning**—includes narrated stories, interactive games, videos, readers and story books, and a visual encyclopedia.

Our World Book subscription allows us to give you and your family access to this valuable reference source at your home computers 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. We are providing this service to you at no charge!

We hope that your whole family will use the World Book sites often to help with homework, special projects, at-home learning and information seeking.

**To access the World Book Web, follow these simple steps:**

2. Type in the following user Login ID: icswb
3. Password: study

In His service, Mrs Russell.

*(Please remember that login and password information is for students and their families of our school only, and extending this information to people who are not a part of our school community could result in a loss of ‘at-home access’ for our students.)*
A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER ILLAWARRA

Informing parents and students that during the 2015 school year, they will maintain On Time Running (OTR) in accordance with our Key Performance Indicators (KPI). Our services will be departing schools at precisely the times agreed. If for some reason students are not loaded onto the buses by the designated time it will be required to depart without them. Premier Illawarra has met with schools in relation to School departure times – to ensure that students are afforded sufficient time to relocate to the bus stop in the afternoon.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Donations of second hand uniforms can be dropped off to the office at any time. The Second Hand Uniform Pool will no longer be collecting discontinued uniform items. Thank you for your ongoing support.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will now be held on TUESDAYS. Please remember to send your children’s bank books in each Tuesday.

CONCESSION CARDS

Students who have turned 16 years of age may now come to the office for a concession travel card.

REMINDER YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION FORMS ARE NOW OVERDUE!

Gawa Intercultural Exchange Fundraising BBQ

Friday 20th February 2015 Friday 13th March 2015.

Sausage sandwich: $2.50 (1 piece of bread, sausage and sauce)
Cans: $2 (high school students only)
Poppers $1

Parents/carers - are you available to assist with the running of either BBQ? Help is needed cooking from 12-1pm and serving from 12:50-2pm.

Please contact Penny Spreitzer 0466 433 446 or spreitzer.penny@ics.nsw.edu.au.

Thankyou.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Give thanks for our school, students and staff. Pray that this year will be a year of Consideration of all things in life. Please pray that we will all be brave and action God’s directions to us honouring Him in all we do.

Uniform Shop opening hours during school terms are:
Monday 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8.30am – 11.30am
The uniform shop can be contacted during these hours by phone or email.
ricorredeaux@alinta.com.au
Payments can be made direct to Alinta Apparel in the form of cash, credit card, or debit credit card.
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Please have all items for Noticeboard to the School Office or via email to oliver.sally@ics.nsw.edu.au by Monday @ 3.30pm. Thank you for your assistance.