A message from Mr Lainson

Term 4 is always a busy term with Higher School Certificate Examinations, Graduations and Yearly Exams and Reports. As parents and teachers we need to not lose sight of the responsibility to be training and nurturing the children in our care as they grow toward maturity.

Proverbs 22:6

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

All human beings, including children, are born sinful and with a bias towards doing what is wrong. You only need to observe a small child explore the boundaries of what they might be able to get away with to understand and witness this reality of original sin. As parents we may not be able to tell what our child will be like when they are older – tall or short, academic or one who struggles in their learning, athletic or unfit. But we do know that all children, all human beings in fact, have sinful hearts.

In Proverbs 22:6 we are encouraged as parents to train our children because we know, left to their own devices, children will choose the wrong path and will grow up to be adults who will choose the wrong things. We need to deal wisely with our children and not leave them to their own guidance. So often in our modern age children are left to make decisions for themselves and are not being trained in the godly and right course of action or behaviour. Children do not know ultimately what is best for them, and our role as parents is to guide them and train them. This will mean clear directions and instructions and as they mature explaining why and helping them to understand the decisions and actions you take on their behalf. At times, as parents and teachers the decisions we make for our children will not always be the most popular, but we hope that one day they will appreciate, understand and imitate the decisions we have made for them in their daily life.

“...if you would train your children rightly, train them in the way they should go, and not in the way they would.” (J.C. Ryle)

Last Day of Term 4

A reminder that the last day of school for students is Thursday 8th December.

Term Dates 2017

- Term 1 - Monday 30th January - Friday 7th April
- Term 2 - Wednesday 26th April - Friday 30th June
- Term 3 - Monday 24th July - Friday 22nd September
- Term 4 - Tuesday 10th October - Thursday 7th December

PRAYER & PRAISE

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Give thanks for the completed Years 8-10 exams.

Pray for all the finalisation that needs to be done for 2017 classes, staff and schedules.

Pray for staff, students and members of our community who are unwell.

Key dates

Monday 28th November
Year 11 & Stage 5 French to Alliance Francaise Workshop

Monday 28th November-Friday 2nd December
Year 10 Work Experience

Tuesday 29th November
Year 8 Science Excursion to Port Kembla Steelworks
Infants/Primary Assembly - Yr 2 presenting 2.40pm in the hall

Wednesday 30th November
Science Fair at University of Wollongong
Year 9 Sport - North Wollongong Beach

Thursday 1st December
Secondary Touch Football Gala Day
2G Excursion to Sheargold Park

Friday 2nd December
Infants Swimming Lessons
Year 9 Excursion to Jamberoo Action Park
Year 6 Graduation 2.10pm in the hall

Saturday 3rd December
Working Bee Make up Day 2pm-5pm

Monday 5th December
Secondary Celebration Assembly 11.30am
Primary Vocal Group Mini Tour
Year 10 Graduation 7pm

Tuesday 6th December
Year 5 Excursion to Northern Bowl
Infants/Primary Celebration Assembly 2.10pm in the hall
Secondary Commendation Awards in Pastoral Care

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th December
Secondary Service activities

Wednesday 7th December
Infants Excursion to Botanic Gardens
Year 9 & 10 Roller Skating
Years 7, 8 & 11 North Wollongong Beach
Year 6 Surfing lessons (change of date)

Thursday 8th December
Last Day Students
Years 7 & 8 to Northern Bowl
Years 9 & 10 North Wollongong Beach
Year 11 Barefoot Bowling

(Please note that some of these dates are different to those in calendars sold at the end of last year. Please see the school website for updates)
Secondary Celebration Assembly

Parents are warmly invited to attend our Secondary Celebration Assembly on Monday 5th December 11.30am in the hall.

Our focus at this assembly will be on celebrating the wonderful opportunities that God has given us over the year to enjoy our learning at ICS. We will get a glimpse into just a few of the many things we have done in each subject area and will be entertained by some of our musicians. As we reflect on the learning and activities we have experienced this year, a small number of students will receive academic, service and sport awards.

Many more students will be recognised for their efforts and achievements during a special pastoral care time on Tuesday 6th December.

Infants Primary Celebration Assembly

Parents are welcome to attend the Primary Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 6th December at 2.10pm in the hall.

We will celebrate all that we have done throughout the year from all classes K-6 and recognise some excellent achievements in areas such as academic, sport and service throughout the year. Some commendation awards will also be presented.

We have enjoyed a variety of assemblies all year, and so we want to end 2016 in celebration and thanks to God. All are welcome - see you there.

Resource Centre News

Sadly there is no more borrowing for this year. We would appreciate it if all books could be returned as soon as possible. All books should be returned to the Junior Library.

Thank you!

Mrs McCudden & Mrs Spence

School Hours and Car park

A reminder to all school 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.

Excursion notes have gone electronic this term

Please note that paper excursion notes are no longer going home for any excursions. This is all done through the program Signmee. Please follow the instructions in the email and, for further help, contact Mr Robert Green (IT Manager) by contacting the school office or email cordeaux@ics.nsw.edu.au

End of Year Awards & Graduations

Friday 2nd December
Year 6 Graduation 2.10pm

Monday 5th December
Secondary Celebration Assembly 11.30am
Year 10 Graduation 7pm

Tuesday 6th December
Secondary Commendation Awards during Pastoral Care
Infants/Primary Celebration Assembly 2.30pm

End of year Excursions and Activities

Monday 5th December
Primary Vocal Group Mini Tour

Tuesday 6th December
Year 5 to Northern Bowl

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th November
Secondary Service Activities in the morning

Wednesday 7th November
Infants Excursion to Botanic Gardens
Secondary Afternoon activities:
Years 7, 8 & 11 - North Wollongong Beach
Years 9 & 10 to Roller Skating

Thursday 8th November
Secondary Afternoon Activities:
Year 11 to Figgy Bowlo for Barefoot Bowls
Years 7 & 8 to Northern Bowl
Years 9 & 10 North Wollongong Beach

Thank you to everyone who has been to a working bee this year. There is only one more working bee scheduled for this year:

Saturday 3rd December - (Make up date)
- 2pm-5pm

New Uniforms for 2017

It is recommended that if you require new uniforms for 2017, you come in for a Uniform Fitting before the end of Term 4.

We recommend this, so that the wait times over the January period are reduced, making the shopping experience more pleasant. We welcome lay-buys but you are able to take the uniforms after your fitting if you choose.

Please log onto our website or phone the shop for available times.

Thank you.

www.alintaapparel.com.au

Uniform Shop

Regular Opening Hours during term time:
Mondays 8.30 - 1.30pm and 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Wednesdays 8.30am - 11.30am
Ph: 4239 5220
e: iccordeaux@alinta.com.au

Secondhand Uniforms

Secondhand uniforms are located in the office.

A stock list is updated weekly and can be found on the Cordeaux ICS website under Enrolment - Uniforms-Preloved Uniforms.
Donations can be made to the office at anytime. EFTPOS and cash payments now accepted.

Enquiries to Sam Palmer e: sandypalms@hotmail.com Ph: 0410 559 009

K-6 School Banking

Just a couple of reminder dates for school banking. Tuesday 29th November, will be the last day for ordering reward items for 2016. So remember to put your orders in ASAP.
Tuesday 6th December, is the last school banking day for the year.

Music Lessons

Allegro Music Academy is now taking enrolments for Term 1, 2017. Private lessons during school hours are available in Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Piano, Guitar, Vocals, Trumpet and other Brass instruments.

For all enquiries please contact Annette Collins on 0425 346 833
Illawarra Christian Education is a member of Christian Education National, educating students from Prep to Year 12 at two campuses:

**Illawarra Christian School, Cordeaux Campus at Cordeaux Heights & Illawarra Christian School, Tongarra Campus at Calderwood**

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

**School Office Administration Assistant x 2**

- 2 part time roles available (one at each campus)
- 19 - 28 hours per week during school term time
- Experience in administration in a fast paced environment essential
- Social media and Adobe Indesign experience desirable
- Role description available online

**Applications close: 11th December 2016**

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**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.**
- 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.

Applications may be submitted either:

- **in hard copy to:**
  - The Operations Manager
  - Illawarra Christian School Business Centre
  - PO Box 80, Albion Park 2527 NSW

- or **electronically to:**
  - ellerman.beth@ics.nsw.edu.au

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**For further enquireys please contact:**

**Beth Ellerman (Operations Manager)**

email: ellerman.beth@ics.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.*