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Southern Highlands Christian School

CHALKBOARD

5th November 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Last Monday I had the pleasure of going to Canberra with our Year 10 students on a History Excursion. It was a beautiful day and our students were very well behaved. Throughout the day we went to the National Museum, Parliament House, Old Parliament House and the War Memorial. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to look at events that have changed Australia's history.

We looked at the arrival of migrants to Australia over the last 200 years, our Parliamentary system and the events of the dismissal of the Whitlam Government and the Australians who have risked their lives to serve their country in wars and peacekeeping operations since 1900.

Walking through Old Parliament House and standing on the steps out the front, we were retracing history. We were actually in the place where dramatic events that have shaped Australia had taken place. At the war memorial we saw memorabilia from the different conflicts and spent a lot of time considering Australia's involvement in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. When we considered the exploits of Aussie and Kiwi diggers at the Battle of Long Tan we saw how a small platoon of men held off 2000 Viet Con for six hours. 18 Australians lost their lives in the torrential rain in that forest whilst 245 enemy bodies were found after the conflict. Bravery, courage, strength and self sacrifice were all apparent as we remembered the mighty deeds of these men.

All of these events were interesting but I was challenged to think about the event in history that changed all of mankind forever. The greatest event in all of history occurred when God himself entered history in the form of his son, Jesus. Jesus changed everything because through his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead, we have been given the opportunity to have eternal life through faith in him.

Incredibly, the God who made all things and is sovereign over all things humbled himself and came as a helpless baby in the poorest of conditions. He lived the perfect life that we cannot live – never sinning and yet coming across all the struggles and temptations that we do. Finally Jesus was prepared to suffer excruciating pain and finally died upon the cross. Why? Because he loves us.

Jesus encapsulated the bravery, courage, strength and self sacrifice of the ANZAC spirit but took it so much further. He had never done anything wrong. He had put aside all of his power and status. He suffered and died. Then he defeated death.

The freedom to live our way of life was won by the ANZACs. The freedom to have eternal life was won by Jesus. The important lessons of the past are always there for us to learn from. We must never forget them and we must be thankful for the sacrifices that have been made for us. With Remembrance Day coming up, take the time this week to remember what has been done for you.

The Southern Highlands Foundation Philanthropy Awards were held last Saturday night. For the first time schools were recognised for their work in our local community. Our school was one of two schools singled out and highly commended. This was in recognition and appreciation of our encouragement of leadership in community activities.

Quite a number of Junior School students did well in the in ICAS (University of NSW) Competitions this year. Numerous students received credits with the following receiving distinctions:-

English - Ysobel H, Genevieve W, Alexander B, Elise T, Isobel M, Jake P, Joshua Q.

Writing - Sharyn B, Sophia P, Brianna P, Elise T, Isobel M.

Spelling - Stella L, Celena Y, Isobel M, Jake P.

Mathematics - Stella L, Harry N.

Science - William D, Jake P.

Congratulations to all of our students who did their best in these competitions.

In Secondary, a number of students also received special awards recently. The Australian Defence Force hand out the Long Tan Awards for Leadership and Teamwork. The following students were recipients of these:- Year 12 **Todd D**, Year 11 **Lauren G** and Year 10 **Annabelle P**. Additionally, the Reuben F. Scarf Award for consistent application and effort was awarded to **Christopher F** of Year 11. Congratulations to all of these students.

Please note that in order to even up the length of terms next year, the mid year holidays will commence a week earlier and finish a week earlier. Term Two will finish on Friday 25th June and Term 3 will start on Monday 19th July. This means that the second and third week of the mid year break will align with Public School holidays. Staff will be having their professional development activities and the senior seminar week in the first week of the break. Please take note of these dates if you are seeking to book mid-year holidays in 2010.

Have a blessed week,

Don Taylor
Principal

Canteen News Roster Term 4 2009

Monday 9th November

Julie Steedman, Fairlie Bekker, Juliann McDonald

Wednesday 11th November

Darne Blaik, Nikki Alekna

Monday 16th November

Annette Van Til, Elizabeth Chieu, Beattie Cook

Wednesday 18th November

Caroline Howe, Jenny Shroff,
Jackie Whiting-Beasley

Thanks, Tammy.

Please Note – Canteen will not be operating for the last week of term four – NO LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THE 2ND OF DECEMBER.

Uniform Shop News

Tuesday 10.30am – 1.30pm and 2.30 – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30 – 11.30am

Consignment News – If you wish to have uniform items on consignment, please clearly mark them with your name and the amount you wish to sell for before leaving them with the Uniform Shop.

Please Remember – If you need uniform items and are unable to come to the Uniform Shop, you can place your order and pay in the School Office and your order will be completed and sent home with your child on the next available Uniform Shop day.

Thanks, Marion

Scholastic Book Fair

Last day Friday.

Books can be purchased:

Before school - Parents with children

Lunchtime (12.40 – 1.30pm) - Parents and/or Children

After school - Parents with children



Netball Planning Meeting for 2010

Any interested parents who have ideas and would like to participate in the organization of Netball for SHCS teams playing in the Saturday Competition at Eridge Park are asked to attend a planning meeting next Tuesday 10th November in the music room at 3.15 pm. Agenda items to discuss will be the formation of a committee for 2010 and the possibility of a new team uniform. If you are unable to attend but have some ideas or are willing to assist, please contact Mrs Gardner at school.

Thank you!

Latest Asthma Friendly Schools Newsletter

The latest Asthma Friendly Schools newsletter is now available online at

http://asthmafriendlyschools.org.au/home/latest_news/

You will find lots of interesting articles and information on ways to help your child live with asthma and things that may assist you as a parent.

It has been realized that the date on the calendar section of the Chalkboard for the Thanksgiving Service is incorrect. Please note that the correct date for the Thanksgiving Service is Wednesday the 9th of December. The first day of holidays is the 10th of December.

Please accept our apologies for this error.

Prep and Kindergarten Orientation

Don't forget Prep and Kindy Orientation Tuesday 10th November. This commences at 9am and finishes at 12 noon. Parents are welcome to join us in the Library at 9.15 to find out a bit more about procedures in place in our School. We are looking forward to a wonderful day showing the children a little bit more about what to expect when they come to 'big school'. See you there!

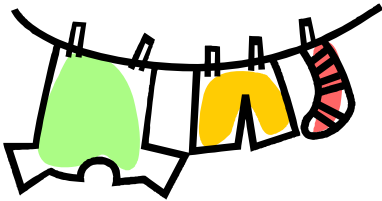
Scholastic Book Club

All orders to be returned to the School Office by the 13th November, 2009. No orders will be accepted after this date.

Please note – **parents** please complete the order form to try to avoid misunderstanding and therefore missed orders, and please ensure that the correct money is included with the order as **no change** is able to be given if paying by cash. Thank you.

Last Chance!

Please note that there is still a large quantity of lost property items in the High School lost property shelving. Students and parents have until Tuesday 10th November to check if any of it belongs to you! At the end of period 5 on this day, it will be taken to the Clothing Pool.



Special Sunblock Offer

Sunscreen is now available to purchase either through your child's class or directly through the School Office.

50ml roll-on tube of SPF30+ sunblock is \$5.00.

100ml tube of After Sun gel is \$6.00.

Keep your children sunsafe this summer and help the School raise funds.

Thank you for your support.



Position vacant within CEN Head Office

Expressions of interest are invited from committed Christians with experience in management accounting for a position with Christian Education National as a contracted part time Senior Finance Officer. If you would like to know more details or are interested in this position, please see <http://www.cen.edu.au/Job.aspx?id=ffbc758c-d8b9-4a04-bc99-fb73d7a25d05> or by phone to Ken Dickens on 9671 3311 or email to ken@cen.edu.au.

Junior School University of NSW Competition Results

	Distinction	Credit
English	Ysobel H Genevieve W Alexander B Elise T Isobel M Jake P Joshua Q	Brett A David A Jessica F Amy H Chloe M Sharyn B Sophia P Felicity B Erin H Joshua J Matt B Louise C
Writing	Sharyn B Sophia P Brianna P Elise T Isobel M	Jessica F Ysobel H Stella L Casey L-J Celena Y Isabel B Samantha C
Spelling	Stella L Celena Y Isobel M Jake P	Tyler E Harry C Jackson G Genevieve W Elise T Natalie B Anna O Joshua Q
Mathematics	Stella L Harry N	David A Jessica F Amy H Sharni S Sharyn B Isaac M Harry C Celena Y Felicity B Alexander B Joshua J Glenn T William D Joel M
Science	William D Jake P	Zachary H Amy H Sharyn B Harry C Jackson G Casey L-J Sarah M Joshua J James K Amy K Sabine E Caitlin McM Katherine McN Isobel M Joshua Q Chloe W-B

SHCS Diary

Mark these dates on your Calendar or cut them out and place on your fridge.

November

- 5th – 6th Yr 3 Fitzroy Falls Camp
- 10th Prep and Kindergarten Orientation
- 13th Yr 12 Formal
- 14-15th Rescheduled Duke of Edinburgh Bronze hike
- 19th Junior School "Pancake Brekky"
- 30th Yr 10 Celebration Dinner

December

- 1st Yr 8 Bike for Bibles
- 3rd Yr 6 Dinner
- 8th Last Day Term 4
- 9th Thanksgiving Service

January

- 28th Prep and Yrs 1-12 first day of School
- 29th Kindergarten first day of School



Church



- ❖ **KIDS PLUS** is back on Thursdays 4-5.30pm at Mittagong Anglican Church. For kids from K-4, lots of fun, food, craft, games, Bible stories etc. Cost: \$20 term (discount!) or \$3.50 per child per day. All welcome! **For more info:** Marge Mills Ph 4872 2739
- ❖ **Mini Muzos – music appreciation program** for 0 – 5 yr olds is back on Tuesdays! Come along and enjoy music, movement, craft and morning tea. **Where** – The Salvation Army, 10 Bundaroo St, Bowral. **When** – Every Tuesday during term. **Time** – 10 – 11.30am. **Cost** – gold coin donation, morning tea provided. Contact Captain Patricia Day on 4861 3912 or Amanda Holley on 0403 090 386 for more information.
- ❖ **Fresh Hope Drop-In** – if you are aged 12-18 and would like somewhere to hang out on a Friday afternoons from 4-7pm, why not try the Fresh Hope Drop-In. Sponsored by Bowral Church of Christ, there will be hot drinks, Wifi, internet access and much more as well as discovering more about the one called Jesus. Contact Tamara Crowther on 0412 962 144 if you would like more info.
- ❖ **IGNITE Youth Group** – join us every second Friday in the Southern Highlands Christian School hall commencing Friday 23rd at 7.00pm – 9pm for an evening of fun, fellowship and learning about Jesus! Phone Sam King for more details on 0403 908 484 or check out the website <http://igniteyouthgroup.wordpress.com>. This is a ministry of Bowral Baptist Church.
- ❖ **St Jude's Anglican Church FETE and Family Day on Saturday 14th November** at 34 Bendooley Street – Bowral. There will be a White Elephant stall, books, plants, quality hand crafts, gift stalls, children's activities such as face painting, Jumping Castle (weather permitting) and hands-on-craft, not to mention the baked goodies and preserves (wonderful for Christmas presents). Come and join us for a fun day with the family.

Prayer, Praise & Thanks

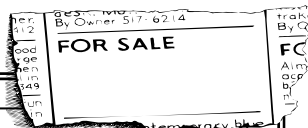
- Pray for our staff person of the week, Mrs Ann Boyan. Pray for her as Kindergarten teacher and praise God for her gentle spirit and love for her students.
- Continue to pray for our Yr 12 students as they sit their various HSC papers. Also pray for them as they seek God's will for their future direction.
- Pray for this last term that is short but very busy! Pray for strength for students, teachers and parents to finish well!
- Pray for safety for our volunteer fire fighters as the summer season gets underway. There are a number of parents involved in this volunteer service so know that we are thinking of you during this season which is shaping up to be very warm.

Community



- **Mittagong Swim Club** meets at the beautiful Mittagong Swimming Pool on Friday nights from 6pm. Events range from 12 metre kickboard and freestyle through to 25, 50 and 100 metre events in all strokes. Swimmers compete against themselves to improve their times over the season. The cost is \$25 per swimmer or \$70 per family. Racing commences on Friday 23rd October and swimmers can register on the night. Training Squads & Learn-to-Swim programs are open to non-members but are discounted to members. Contact: Steve Dunn 0402 029 336 or e-mail cornerstone6@bigpond.com for information.
- **Bowral Swim Club** – are you interested in improving your swim style? Getting fit? Having fun with your friends? Would you like to do better at your swimming carnival? Maybe you are a 'serious' swimmer who would like the opportunity to compete at district level? Whatever your interest, you are welcome to join us at Bowral Pool on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays commencing Monday 9th November. Please contact Jim Allman on 4862 1198 for more information.
- **Cycling is a fun and healthy sport** that the whole family can enjoy together. The Southern Highland Cycling Club Summer racing programme is about to commence. There are lots of different events catering for road bikes, off road events suitable for BMX and mountain bikes and velodrome track racing. Girls and boys can ride from under 9's with junior racing focused on participation rather than strict competition. For more information check out the 'getting started' page on the cycling clubs website www.southernhighlandsccl.com.au or contact Darren Lockett on 0447 649 713.

CHALKBOARD CLASSIFIEDS



For Sale

- * 1 Sleigh cot, converts to first bed, Baltic pine finish. Perfect for 0-3yrs, sturdy frame, good condition.
 - * 1 Pine bookshelf
 - * 1 Port-a-cot
 - * 1 Garden Mulcher
- Phone Belinda on 4872 4923 for more information.

Vast Interior brand dining table for sale. Comes with two bench type seats plus two chairs. Very solid and in excellent condition. Seats 8-10 - \$450. A photo is available in the School Office if you would like to view. Please contact Julia on 0414793741 for further information.

To advertise in "Chalkboard Classifieds" simply place ad, together with payment in an envelope clearly marked with "Chalkboard Classifieds", your name and contact details and place in the box in the School Office. Cut off is Monday for your ad to appear that week.. \$5 – 1 week, \$8 – 2 weeks. For all enquiries contact Carol on 0434 902 474 or at advertising@shcs.nsw.edu.au or contact the School Office.