



### Mottos

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| <b>Primary</b>     | "Quiet achiever" is Horatio's name;<br>Excellent homework is his golden aim.   |
| <b>Years 7-9</b>   | If I don't know I ask, if I do know I help someone else.   |
| <b>Years 10-12</b> | "With his mouth was he full of 'Yea'<br>But his heart was set on 'Nay'."<br><i>- (Ancient Babylonian Transcript)</i> |

#### From The Headmaster

Well it has been a busy past week. I recently moved house and have been slowly moving out of boxes. One thing about moving is that it makes one realise how many things we accumulate over time. We tend to accumulate 'things', things that we don't really need but we convince ourselves that 'we'll use it one day'. So we hire a bin, or we take a trip to the tip, or Vinnies or the Salvos. Sometimes this is a good reminder that only one thing is necessary.

We had Year 10 exams last week and this week is the time for the 5 – 9 exams. For the next two weeks Year 10 will be away on work experience and then back for a Year 11 preparation week and community service.

Bishop Fisher's Installation Mass last week was a wonderful experience. The Cathedral had standing room only. He said many fine things. He has been a great friend to us here at Wollemi: visiting us twice and having many supportive words for our parents and students. One statement that he made that we can reflect upon and take into this time of year is, "**I pledge to give my all in service to the people of Sydney.**" Service to others must be a corner-stone for our active faith.

Last week we sent to you, via email, the link to the **2014 Wollemi College Parent Feedback form**. I would appreciate your responses as constructive feedback is crucial for everyone. It is a little like voting, to make a change we have to vote for it. So, if there is something on your mind, an idea, a positive comment, a negative comment, a word of thanks, please fill in the form and let us know. Those of you that would prefer a paper copy can obtain one from the front office.

I have had many discussions recently with dads about **mobile phones and technology**. I am not anti-technology and I want our men to have the internal convictions and virtues to be able to manage and make the most of the technology available, but we cannot be naïve. We must realise that if we give our sons an iPhone or smart phone we are opening them up to a world of pornography, consumerism and graphic violence. There are many studies that reveal the links between viewing sexualised material and depression. We, as parents, need to ask ourselves the question, 'Does my 14, 15, 16 or even 17 year old have the wisdom and prudence to navigate this social, moral and emotional minefield?' Disturbingly, I know of much younger children who have their own iPhones. A great resource that can help us help our kids is the following site <http://www1.k9webprotection.com/>. It may provide parents with the tools that can help manage internet use.

Camille Wiggins' mother has not been well recently. Things have worsened over the weekend. Please keep Camille's mother and her family in your prayers .

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAPLAINS

We are in the final weeks of the 2014 school year, and, as parents will be aware, students have been working their way through exams and final assessments. Another year and another benchmark is reached in the life of each one. Of course, this is especially true for our 2014 graduating class who recently sat demanding HSC exams. Our prayers are with them as they await results and begin to look at the options open to them. An exam result of this kind, much as it can be worth in the short term, does not really seal anyone's fate when there is the desire and will to achieve something worthwhile.

Our Year 6s also will be receiving some special attention as they complete their primary stage of education and move on to Year 7 and secondary schooling. We all can congratulate them and encourage them to look forward to what lies ahead.

School years are certainly important in many ways. In these years parents and teachers are sharing the responsibility of giving guidance, support, example and appropriate knowledge to the young so that not only will they become competent to join the workforce and support themselves, but they will be persons who are well adjusted within their families and the wider communities, making a real contribution to the lives of others. This means being able to develop meaningful and positive relationships with others – strong family ties, sincere friendships, work relationships, courtship and marriage, forming, in turn, a stable and happy family. It also can mean involvement in the political community or, for Catholic Christians, commitment to a specific vocation in the Church – priesthood, religious life or the lay apostolate.

We all should be trying our best to see that our students have a healthy interest in others. They should feel encouraged and challenged by us to overcome excessive self-centredness, apathy, a lack of social engagement, or an unawareness of the needs of others. In addition, we want them to have an outlook on life full of hope in its value.

A great obstacle to this can be the inappropriate use of modern technology. Too often students can end up wasting great amounts of time on computers, tablets, smart phones, or mega-sized entertainment units. We adults can be complicit in this with our own less than pro-active habits and attachment to the same devices. It results in not spending enough time with one's children in family activities, conversation, eating meals together, getting exercise, good socializing or hospitality, etc.

At school, procedures exist to help students avoid visiting harmful websites or social networks. Most often the problem arises at home with computers lacking any sort of filters or smart phones and ipods being accessed in a student's bedroom in the late evening hours. The addictive nature of viewing pornographic images, which unfortunately abound, can do great harm to a young person's psyche. Adults fare little better. Without becoming paranoid, one must realize this is a tremendous scourge affecting many people who fail to recognize or admit to the detrimental effects taking place on their personality, outlook and even behaviour. Parents do well to discuss prudent strategies to defend their children, and even themselves. We all should work together to counter this unfortunate culture.

## YEAR 3 AND 4 FAMILY CAMP

Year 3 is joining in on the Year 4 camping trip to Kangaroo Valley!!

The camp will take place from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 at Glenmack Caravan Park Kangaroo Valley ( <http://www.glenmack.com.au/> ). There is plenty to do including swimming in the river and bushwalks and for the more adventurous there are kayaks available for hire.

The park has cabins for hire and a tent camping ground. Prices for the camping ground will be \$12 per adult and \$8 per child(over 4) per night. We will be camping, and camping cannot be booked, however we have camped there on a number of occasions and have not had any problems pitching a tent. If you would prefer to stay in a cabin you can check the **off peak** prices on the site (<http://www.glenmack.com.au/tariffs.htm> ). The cabins can also be booked if you wish.

The Park has communal bathroom facilities and BBQ's and a playground which are available for use.

Hope to see you there, bring marshmallows and games.

RSVP Camille Wiggins 0408618245

Jo Tabone 0414061478

**TEAM OF THE WEEK**

| YEAR  | AWARD              |
|-------|--------------------|
| Three | Condors            |
| Four  | Cougars            |
| Five  | Terror Brotherhood |
| Six   | Barras             |

**CHAPEL ROSTER**

|                                      |                    |
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| Week 8 — Week commencing 24 November |                    |
| <b>Flowers</b>                       | Gina Amaya         |
| <b>Linen</b>                         | Rose Santiago      |
| <b>Cleaning</b>                      | Paulina Trivarelli |

**UKELELE**

Experienced uke players this Thursday at lunchtime.

Thank you.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

There will be 4 dates available for those who need to purchase a new blazer next year

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - Friday 10-12 am
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Tuesday 10-11 am
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Wed 8:15-8:45 am
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 3:30-4:00 pm

Please check your son’s blazer early in the new year. We have several pre-loved blazers available for sale now. Pre-loved blazer cannot be reserve or hold, it is first come first served basis. Blazers cannot be exchanged or returned. Please check sizes at the uniform shop.

Order of school bags are being taken. There’s now 7 roller bags for sale.

**TRANSPORT**

If your son is catching public transport in 2015 please collect a transport application form from the office. If your son already has a pass you do not need another one. If your son is entering Year 3 or Year 7, regardless of whether he has a pass or not, it is compulsory to re-apply. Applications for new bus/train passes need to be lodged before the end of the term.

**YEAR 9 FATHER & SON POOL PARTY**

Come along to the **Year 9 Father and Son** end of year bbq/pool party.

- When: Saturday, 29 November 2014
- Time: 1.00pm-5.00pm
- Where: 1114 Mamre Road, Mt Vernon
- RSVP: Finka Lovrencic on 0408 412 274  
Helena Blazic on 0411 149 147

Please bring your towels and swimmers.

Hope to see you all there!!

**MATHS CORNER**

This week’s question is for year 9:

Identify the pattern for this series - 2, 4, 10, 28, 82, 244, 730...

The first year 9 boy to email me at [michaelseecy@wollemi.nsw.edu.au](mailto:michaelseecy@wollemi.nsw.edu.au) after 4:30 today will receive 5 points for his team.

Parents please encourage the boys to try this out!

**BASKETBALL CLUB NEWS**

**FRIDAY 21 November**

U16m1: Court 2 5:00PM vs Purple Ballerz GP  
 U18m1: Court 2 8:45PM vs Jokers NEP  
 U18m2 Warriors: BYE  
 U18m2 Wizards: Court 6 7:15PM vs Raiders RBC

**SATURDAY 22 November**

U12m3: Court 4 11:50AM vs Gold Sparks GP  
 U14m3: Court4 01:50PM vs Purple Pride GP  
 U16m3: Court3 4:30PM vs Joey Juggernauts

\*2nd instalment for court fees are now overdue. Please pay by this weekend.

Managers please hand in collected court fees to Cate Berryman (Fridays at the stadium) or in the box at the Wollemi Office.

Please always refer to the Wollemi Pine newsletter for any basketball information or news.

Any queries or suggestions please contact Camille Wiggins [0408618245](tel:0408618245).

**Coaching Clinic**

**Sunday 23rd November**

Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre  
 2;30pm-5pm

Special Guest: John Hargraves  
 Illawarra Hawks

Representatives Coach

He has won Numerous Country and State Championships, NSW Country

State Coach: Current Back to Back Gold medalist

Cost: \$5 per person

ALL COACHES WELCOME

To register please contact Curtis Sardi by 19th Nov on [sardi0523gmail.com](mailto:sardi0523gmail.com)

**PLANES FOR TACLOBAN**

The Year 9/10 Tech class has been working very hard on toy airplanes for a small village in

Tacloban, Philippines.

The college is very proud of the work our boys have produced and will be displaying the planes on Friday afternoon out the front of the

school. Please support the boys by coming and having a look at the projects.



**ST VINNIES HAMPERS**

Please donate to this worthwhile cause. Each room has a basket, below is a list of suitable items.

- tinned ham/salmon/tuna/fish
- cans of vegetables
- plum pudding/ Christmas cake
- Fruit tins/- Jelly packets/Custards
- Bottles of soft drink
- Tin/packets of biscuits and cookies
- Christmas goodies like nuts, lollies, pretzels, chocolates.
- Tea / coffee / hot chocolate

Thank you for your generosity.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| Monday 17 November—Friday 28 November    | Year 10 Work Experience |
| Tuesday 18 November                      | Year 12 Formal          |
| Thursday 20 November                     | Year 2 Orientation      |
| Thursday 20 November—Tuesday 25 November | Years 5-9 Yearly Exams  |

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