



### Mottos

<b>Primary</b>	Prospero says that harder than giving presents away Is giving attention to others all day.
<b>Years 7-9</b>	Listen more and talk less.
<b>Years 10-12</b>	"Anger manages everything badly." – <i>Stadius</i>

### From the Headmaster

While we beat off the assault of materialism on Christmas at our local shopping centres, it is heartening to know that there are plenty of reminders of the true meaning of Christmas beginning to emerge. In my street the amount of Christmas lights is amazing. Amongst it all however, one neighbour placed a star on his roof and a nativity scene. Help the kids remember that less is more and giving is the real receiving. A great idea is to get them to build a nativity scene, or read the passages of the bible that pertain to the preparations of the Holy Family for Jesus' arrival.

Last week we put our flag at half-mast to honour the life of Philip Hughes who was tragically killed in a cricket game at the SCG last week. It was nice to see the expressions of support that came from so many places, the 'put out your bats' idea and many others. But the best was the many Australians that said they would pray for him and his family. We must make sure we teach our kids to be souls of prayer.

### **This Thursday we celebrate the End of Primary Thanksgiving Celebration.**

The end of Primary is a significant milestone. Secondary will now bring new challenges in the classroom, but **the biggest challenge will be on the inside**. If we take every opportunity to be honest and generous we thrive; if we cut corners, or if we say one thing but do another, we fall far short of our potential. Worse, if we develop habits of insincerity and selfishness, we put our faith and future loving relationships at great risk.

What a wonderful celebration on Sunday as **Liam Buchanan of Year 8 was received into the Catholic Church**. Some of his class mates were there to celebrate with him and his family. It is great to see that our faith and friendship are truly values that we hold dear at Wollemi.

Year 10 have returned from work experience and the glowing references and job offers speak for themselves. The boys carried themselves very well and obviously made a lasting impression. They go out with Year 11 this week for a few days community service at Sunnyfield and Foodbank.

**You will notice in the newsletter our annual hamper appeal via St Vincent de Paul**. Please support this initiative and allow your boys to share in the exercise. The Holy Father reflected on the profundity of charitable acts earlier this year when he explained, **the Body and Blood of Christ means sharing our bread with the hungry, taking care of the sick, the elderly, those who can't give us anything in return... !"**

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I am greatly looking forward to next **Tuesday evening's Concert Night**. Much preparation is going into this and it will be thoroughly enjoyable as much for those on stage as for the audience. I am asking the boys to be very mindful of concert etiquette: we don't talk during performances we stay in our seats, all mobile phones off, etc. Also, I have reminded our boys that the prize winners represent the efforts of all in sport and at their books. We honour them through our attention, our care in our own presentation, and our applause. Because the aim of applause is to show genuine appreciation, we do not draw attention to ourselves when we applaud, therefore we don't whistle or call out.



Photo from Liam Buchanan's Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion

## VOLLEYBALL FINAL



Congratulations to Wyuna Sharks who won the lunchtime volleyball competition today.

## 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.

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## TEAM OF THE WEEK

YEAR	AWARD
Three	Condors
Four	Panthers
Five	Wolverines
Six	Barracudas

## CHAPEL ROSTER

Week 10 — Week commencing 8 December	
Flowers	Magda Piotrowski
Linen	Bless Aguilar
Cleaning	Nicole Bartolo

## UKELELE

Experienced uke players only this Thursday at lunchtime.

Thank you.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open during the holidays as follows:

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 make use of these times for blazer fittings if you need to purchase a new blazer for next year.

Please check your son's blazer early in the new year. We have several pre-loved blazers available for sale now. Pre-loved blazers cannot be reserved or held, but are sold on a 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 are now 7 roller bags for sale.

We are in need of two volunteers. If you can spare a bit of time to help out in the uniform shop, please contact Rocel Quinn on 0438 251 987.

## MIRABOOKA

If you have a son going into Years 7, 8 or 9 next year and are looking for him to get out of the house and do something active and fun over the summer, you may wish to consider sending him to the Summer Camp at Wyee (Central Coast) on 15 - 19 January run by Mirrabooka Study Centre.

Wollemi boys who have attended these camps over the years have all said they had a great time and learnt a lot about working as a team. If you'd be interested to send your son(s) to the camp or to simply know more about it, please go to this link <https://sites.google.com/site/mbkcamp2015/home>

## LOST PROPERTY

All items of school uniform that were in the lost property in the admin have now been laundered and moved to the uniform shop. There are various small woolen v-necks, sports sloppy joes and even a small blazer.

Please check your son's wardrobe and check if he has any of these uniform items missing before the end of the term. There are several items with the initials HH and AH and we cannot identify who they belong to. If items are not collected by the end of term, they will be placed in the second hand uniform pool for resale. For your convenience the uniform shop is open on every Friday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.00pm.

## STATIONERY LISTS

By now you will have received stationery lists for 2015. Primary students **ONLY** will have the option of purchasing these packs. Secondary students are required to purchase their own stationery next year. Further copies can be collected from the office.

**BASKETBALL CLUB NEWS****Friday 5 December**

u16m1: Court 1 5PM vs Phantoms NEP  
u18m1: Court 1 8PM vs Knights NEP  
u18m2 Warriors: Court 5 8PM vs Gold Giants GP  
u18m2 Wizards: BYE

**Saturday 6 December**

u12m3: Court 3 11:50AM vs Taipans CPSM  
u14m3: Court 3 02:30PM VS Razorbacks RBC  
u16m2: Court 3 4:30PM VS Cobras SC

**Note to Basketball Parents:**

Wollemi Basketball Club requests your help. Please complete survey sheet regarding different suggestions/approach on how to run the Club. Your Manager will hand them out either on training or during games. There are only 4 questions and your prompt response will be much appreciated.

Managers please collect survey sheets from the Wollemi office and return to the Office or to Cate (on Fridays at the stadium) or myself on (Saturdays at the stadium) by next week before the holidays. Many Thanks and a Happy Christmas!

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**VINNIES HAMPER**

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.

**CAREERS MATTERS**

I am delighted to report that Work Experience 2014 went very well. I phoned almost all the employers to have a chat about our Year 10 boys. Many key statements were repeated by the employers:

- \* Dedicated
- \* Keen team player
- \* Excellent work ethic
- \* Showed initiative
- \* We love him
- \* We want to give him a job.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tuesday 2—Friday 5 December	Year 10 Senior Preparation at Foodbank/Sunnyfield Community Service
Wednesday 3 December	Year 7 2015 Orientation and Tree Tops
Thursday 4 December	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Monday 8 December	Year 10 RYDA Course
Tuesday 9 December	Presentation Night at Joan Sutherland
Tuesday 9 December	Last day of school
Wednesday 28 January 2015	First day of Term 1 2015