Practical Christianity: Justice and Forgiveness

Every Sunday morning, I take my granddaughter for a walk to the secret shop. We buy lollies, the newspaper, a flavoured milk and Footy Cards. We then sit on the seat and chat – mostly about life – but also about the footy cards. “Yay; yuck; yuck; yay”. Each card receives a ritual response depending on which team is represented. Last Sunday there was a rift in the space time continuum. No Footy Cards. It was a declaration that the season is over. Our shoulders slumped as we faced the horrible truth.

November is Cricket season. The ads on TV announce the oncoming clashes between nations for the Australian summer with gladiatorial vigour. Grunting, wheezing, sweat on the brow, glares, sneers; talk in the news of sledging and bouncers.

It was different for a time in 2014. November was the month that saw the tragic death of an Australian cricketer, Phil Hughes. The first Cricket test of the summer was delayed. I heard the news of his death as I was driving home. I was surprised at the depth of my own reaction. Like many, I had gotten to know more about this young man by reading the newspapers as so many willed him to live. There were three reasons why his death affected me. Firstly, it happened in a game of cricket. People are not supposed to die playing Cricket. I drove past a group of kids bowling and batting in the nets. All of them expected to return home. Secondly, 25 year olds, at the peak of their fitness and with their whole lives ahead of them do not deserve to die. It is not their time. Cricket is not a careless or reckless activity. It is just a sport. Phillip Hughes was 25 – a life ahead of him; too few years behind him. The third reason emerged during the time between Phil’s injury and his death. It was the commentary on the depth of this young man’s character. “His Cricketing achieve- ments played second fiddle to the human qualities he exhibited – Loyal to a fault, eternally optimistic, kind-hearted, a wicked sense of humour, a child-like verve for life”, Michael Clark, Australian Captain.

Two years later, there is a court case, mostly out of the headlines. Our ears are rendered deaf to it by the clamour of an unfolding summer. Phil’s parents and siblings are crying out for Justice. Caught in the grief and despair of a son; watching as the show rolls along on the big screen past the chair where Phil used to sit, the family is demanding restitution, healing, vengeance, culprits, the cause and effect of alleged signs of premeditated actions on the field or careless indifference in medical response. Theirs is a bitter fight which has taken its toll. Who can pass judgement on them? How could any caring human being not be profoundly affected by the untimely loss of a son and a brother? It is also frustrating. Apart from some extra guarding on the temples, nothing has changed – the rules are the same and the TV ads are the same. Their vexation plays out daily as the world moves on.

It is important to seek Justice. It is also important to Forgive. Without forgiveness, life will take you prisoner. Mat 6:14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive you. We all need forgiveness. Spare a thought through all this for the forgotten man, Sean Abbott, the man who bowled the fatal ball; players like Doug Bollinger who is accused of saying “I am going to kill you” out on the field (unfortunate in hindsight and not intended literally in a heated wind up). Forgiveness is not just a textbook exercise for God either. He walked that walk on Earth. There are numerous examples, none more poignant that that recorded in Luke 23 as Jesus died. Luke 23:34 There they crucified him, along with criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Cricket is a game. Sledging did not kill Phil. There is inherent risk. Players acknowledge that risk as they don the helmet and pads and walk out to the middle against their intimidators. People mourn Phil. No one is in the position to advise the family to forgive - that must come from within.

God asks us to forgive just as we ask Him for the same.
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A big thank you to our wonderful entertainers ‘Gus and Iggy’
We would also like to acknowledge the fantastic work of Mrs Karen Johnson
who coordinated the Golf Day.
News from the Information Resource Centres

Contact: Each year we offer parents the opportunity to purchase the book covering contact that we use in the library. If you would like to purchase please fill out the enclosed order form and return order and money to the College office. Orders need to be placed by Thursday, 17 November. The contact is not available to be purchased at the start of next year.

Live a life well read!

Mrs Louise Saint-John
K-12 Information Resource Coordinator
Secondary Teacher-Librarian

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Staff Professional Development Days – Thursday, 10 November and Friday, 11 November

These are pupil free days where the staff have an opportunity to undertake professional development activities. Areas include:

- Planning and Programming for 2017;
- Professional Learning – 21 Century Learning – Information Technology and Learning, Canvas;
- Critical Incident planning;
- Pastoral Care planning 2017.

It starts with respect

There have been several high profile incidents in the media in recent months around the misuse of social media, violence and attitudes towards women. One of these incidents involved a group of boys posting inappropriate comments about a female student.

While most people via traditional media and social media have expressed outrage and disgust for the students’ postings there has also been a number who’ve defended the students suggesting that we’re going overboard with the condemnation. A theme emerged in their defence along these lines: “Hey, It's tough being a boy! They’re just going through a phase! They didn’t know they were doing anything wrong! Boys after all, will be boys!”

As an ambassador for the national ‘Stop it before it starts’ campaign, which aims to reduce violence against women and children, Grose is convinced that the cycle of violence starts with disrespect.

Not all disrespectful behaviour towards women ends in violence. But all violence against women starts with disrespectful behaviour.

And disrespectful attitudes often start at home.

Sometimes without realising it we can say and do things that make children and young people think disrespectful and aggressive behaviours are acceptable. We do this when we play down or boy’s disrespectful behaviour toward a sibling; accept aggression as just part of being a boy; and even blaming girls for provoking aggression or disrespectful behaviour.

Gradually, boys and girls start to believe that disrespect is just a normal part of growing up.
Respect starts at home
As parents we have an incredible power to shape positively children’s attitudes and behaviours, including how they treat others.

Here are three ideas and attitude of respect at home:

1. Start by insisting that siblings treat each other well. Encourage both genders to resolve conflict and disputes using low power methods such as talking things through; give and take and apologising.

2. Socialise your sons. It’s easy to excuse a boy’s aggressive behaviour as part of being a boy. Yes, their physiology may mean they are more prone to handle disputes physically but that doesn’t mean we accept that. Model for your sons how to resolve disputes in a civil and civilised way.

3. Put respect on the agenda. Healthy families talk about the things that matter to them. If respect matters then you need to hold conversations around disrespectful behaviours – whether they occur in the family outside. Be willing to listen to children’s and young people’s views but also to challenge views that are questionable.

Respect is the core value of a civil society; and that’s also the core value in every healthy, functioning family I’ve ever worked with.

For more on raising respectful boys and fine young men, find out more about my new course, Raising Mighty Boys.

SOURCE: MICHAEL GROSE
1 August

2017 Young Endeavour Youth Scheme
Applications are now open for young Australians, aged from 16 to 23, to join a voyage in the national sail training ship Young Endeavour.

The voyage in Young Endeavour is a unique and exciting opportunity for youth to develop skills for life. The program is an internationally recognised development program which builds self-awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community responsibility.

Young Endeavour is operated by a professional Royal Australian Navy crew who ensures the highest standards of safety and teaches participants the skills to sail a square-rigged tall ship. No sailing experience is required.

Main round applications are open at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Successful applicants must be aged from 16 to 23 on the day of departure of their selected voyages. For further information please contact 1800 020 444 or mail@youngendeavour.gov.au.

Mr Ian Croger
Deputy Headmaster
Don’t let sibling squabbles supercharge emotions
What starts as a minor dispute quickly escalates into World War 3, where the whole family becomes involved, including you.

Of course, these fights break out at the worst times - while you’re in the midst of getting dinner, helping with homework or getting ready for work in the morning.

As the caring adult it’s your job to maintain peace and take the heat out of a difficult situation.

First, you need to stay calm. Yep, stay in control.

Staying calm while there’s chaos all around is the No. 1 task of leadership.

In fact, in any group the leader will always be the person who can remain calm in a crisis. You don’t have to have the answers, but you do need to stay calm and in control.

When you stay calm not only will your children follow, but you'll be able to more effectively manage their squabble so that it doesn’t happen again. Grose 2016

Community Service
On Saturday, 19 November the College will have its final Working Bee for 2016. This is a great opportunity for students and families to come along and be involved in some community building and also get the College ready for the end of year events. Mr Schroder and the team will have lots of jobs that students and parents can assist with, with a small contribution of time and lots of people involved going along way to making a difference.

All students who attend will receive a Community Service Merit and will also receive a point for their House group toward the Overall House Shield. It would be great to see all student leaders attend for some part of the day and I would encourage this Term’s SRC reps from Years 3-5 to come along and assist on the day.

Pastoral Care Program
In Years 9 and 10 and Years 5-8 this Term we have participated in a couple of sessions that have focused on teambuilding and interpersonal skill development. This has involved a number of group challenges, lateral thinking exercises and initiative activities. It has been great to see students across a range of age groups engaging with one another and actively solving problems and working through challenges using decision-making skills. Students have also been learning about their interaction style as a person and how they may need to adapt this to effectively work with some-thing of a different interaction style.

There are two remaining sessions for the Term that will take place in Week 6 and Week 8. Senior Chapel for Years 9-12 will also take place in Week 8.

This will be the final Senior Chapel for 2016.

Mr Liam Toland
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)
Resident of the Week
This week at the QVB Nursing Home, the ‘Resident of the Week’ is Ruth Allan. “Ruthie” – as she is known by the residents, is warm hearted, outgoing, and extremely friendly.

Ruth was born in Rockdale NSW. She has a son who comes to visit her named Steven. As a young person girl Ruth enjoyed playing sports including golf and tennis, and reading Agatha Christie books. Her first and only job was being a secretary. Her favourite movie is “Gone In The Wind”. Ruth had to take a 10 minute walk to school, and she generally liked all school subjects, but her favourite subject was sport. She liked playing with her baby dolls and pram, playing cards, and playing sport. Ever since she was a young child, Ruth went to Sunday school every Sunday and enjoyed it - her mum also played the organ at Sunday school. She also loved a baked dinner, especially if there was potato and pumpkin. Ruth’s favourite memory from her youth was that she had a very nice life growing up, and her parents were very kind and loving, they kept her safe from the war and she was very grateful for that. Ruth believes the secret to a happy marriage is kindness and love. She says that one of the advantages of growing old is that you can enjoy life and love people.

I asked Ruth if she had any life advice. She said:
“Just behave well, watch all the things you do, take the advice from your parents, and be good”.
By Chelsea Alcorn

Mr Liam Toland
Director Pastoral Care (T-12)

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME (SSTS) APPLICATION 2017

Transport for NSW have advised that any student with an expiring bus pass at the end of 2016 should apply to update their details prior to 31 December 2016. This applies to all students who are currently in Year 2 and Year 6; have changed address or school; or have approval on special circumstances. The link to update student details is https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails

After 31 December 2016 students must apply for a new pass at:

Completed forms must be printed, signed and dated and sent to the College for verification.

Thank you for your assistance and please contact me if you require any further information.

Mrs Lorna Harper
Enrolments Officer

MYTECH

Information evening
On Tuesday, 15 November at 7.00 pm we will be holding an information evening to explain the ‘MyTech’ program. The evening will be aimed primarily at those parents with students currently in Years 7 and 8 who are wishing to buy a device for their child in the near future. At the evening we will explain why we are introducing ‘MyTech’, specifications for devices, how the purchasing portal will work and what the College expectations will be around the use of devices. We will also go through some of the most frequently asked questions about ‘MyTech’.

This same information evening will be repeated next year in Term 1 closer to the launch of ‘MyTech’ in Term 3.

If you have any specific questions regarding any part of the ‘MyTech’ program or device specifications please check the ‘MyTech’ section of the College website http://mytech.wac.nsw.edu.au or feel free to email mytech@wac.nsw.edu.au

Mr Wayne Baulch
Secondary Learning Innovations Coordinator
JOHNSON STUDIO WEDNESDAYS

The Johnson Studio will continue to be available on Wednesday afternoons from 3.00 pm - 4.15 pm until the end of this Term for elective Dance and Drama students to rehearse for College performances. This is a particularly important opportunity for our HSC candidates who have commenced their major works.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Assistant Creative Arts Coordinator

VALID

VALID (Validation of Assessment 4 Learning & Individual Development) is an online Science assessment for Year 8 (and Years 6 and 10 earlier in the year, replacing ESSA). It is optional for private schools for Year 8. In 2016, Year 8 students from Wollondilly Anglican College will be doing the examination. This examination allows the College to evaluate our Science programs, although students will also receive individual reports as well. Students hopefully completed a 20 minute Sample Test during class time today. If students were away (or would like to spend extra time acquainting themselves with the Practice Test), they can go to the website http://sample.valid.nsw.edu.au, with username = sample and password = sample.

The actual VALID examination will be run on Tuesday, 8 November, Periods 1 & 2 (Week 5). Students must bring headphones/earphones. Students will receive further information closer to the sitting date through the Daily Notices.

Mr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD SUCCESS

Each year the top students in Years 10 and 11 across the country compete in the four Science Olympiad examinations - Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth & Environmental Science. These examinations are usually set at a university level to challenge these talented students. Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding achievements.

Credit: Murray Jobbins (Chemistry), David Clark (Physics & Chemistry), Jamie Bell (Chemistry),

Distinction: Murray Jobbins (Physics), William Harris (Earth & Environmental), Jamie Bell (Physics)

Mr Andrew Eaton
Science Coordinator
DIGITAL SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE... ARE YOU INTERESTED? (YEARS 10 AND 11, 2017)

The College was recently approached by a company (XCERIO) who offer training (online, self-paced) and certification in a variety of digital skills. The certifications are based on evidence of competencies achieved in Microsoft Office, Adobe and Autodesk programs.

At this stage it is envisaged that students in Years 10 and 11 in 2017 would be eligible to undertake the courses. The courses will be done separate to College work. That is to say, they will not be taught as part of the learning curriculum. The College would not be supporting the learning process, instead XCERIO materials will need to be relied upon.

What the College would consider doing is acting as an authorised examination centre and billing agency for the XCERIO. In this regard, the College is facilitating the relationship between XCERIO and students.

Certifications are available as a Microsoft Office Specialist, Microsoft Technology Specialist, Adobe Certified Associate and Autodesk Certified User. These certifications are recognised in industry and provide job ready skills for students.

Courses cost around $195.00 each. This cost includes the exam (single attempt only), practise software and a workbook.

At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest, not firm commitments. We will take this forward if there is enough interest. Please email Mr Hart (j.hart@wac.nsw.edu.au) before Friday, 11 November 2016 if you would like to participate in this opportunity.

Mr Jay Hart  
Humanities Coordinator

HOMEWORK CLUB

This week was our last week of Homework Club for 2016.

It was great to see so many students using this opportunity throughout the year.

We will be returning again in 2017.

Mrs Kristy Coutts-Smith  
Secondary Teacher
Meet The Teacher Afternoon T-5
Date: Monday, 5 December
Time: 2.00 pm - 2.30 pm

Students from T-5 will have the opportunity to meet their 2017 teachers and classmates.

New students are invited to come along. This is a very exciting day. Some students may feel a bit disappointed about not being with a particular teacher or not having a particular friend in their class. A positive response from parents usually helps deal with this. However if your child is very upset feel free to email me at j.huxtable@wac.nsw.edu.au.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Director of Teaching and Learning T-6

TRANSITION

Graduation Day
The Transition students are very excited as we move ever closer to being in Kindergarten. Some very important events will be coming up at the end of this term, so parents get out your diaries and make sure your camera batteries are charged!

Toto are graduating on Thursday, 24 November and Tembo are graduating on Friday, 25 November. Both ceremonies will commence at 1.40 pm in the Warne Auditorium. They will conclude with an afternoon tea in the Warne courtyard.

Each child will need to bring their green hat AND a College black sports hat for Graduation day. The hats play a very important part in the ceremony so please make sure you note this down. Please check that hats are clearly labelled with the current student’s name so that we do not misplace any. Please send in labelled black sports cap before the end of Week 6 (Friday, 20 November). The hats will be collected in a box ready for graduation day.

Transition are enjoying practising for their graduation, and are very excited! We hope you will be able to attend.

A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions. -- Anonymous

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Rebecca Napier
Primary Teacher

3-6 PUBLIC SPEAKING AFTERNOON

This year the Final of the 3-6 Speaking Competition will be held on Tuesday, 15 November in the Warne Auditorium. It promises to be an entertaining afternoon where students will present their prepared speeches on a variety of topics. A Stage 3 student will be performing an item as well. Parents and friends are welcome to attend this event. It will commence at 1.45 pm and will conclude at 2.25 pm. We hope to see you there.

Michael Matthews
Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning T-6
**SECONDARY COLLEGE SPORT**

**NASSA Volleyball Champions!**
Congratulations to the 7-9 Girls’ Volleyball team who went undefeated throughout last week’s Gala Day to be named NASSA Champions! In the final they defeated Thomas Hassall in a tense third set. The winning shield is now on display in the Deakin Public Reception area.
In the Boys’ draw Wollondilly again faced Thomas Hassall in the Grand Final however they proved too strong which saw us finish second overall. This is still a great achievement and shows the depth of our Volleyball teams here at Wollondilly.

**MISA**
This week we played St Patrick’s College in all Girls’ MISA sports whilst our Cricketers played Magdalene Catholic High School. In Year 7 Basketball the Girls could not build on last week’s four point victory despite a strong improvement from Lily Wenman and Monique McGuire. The Boys’ side has also shown considerable improvement as the season progresses despite their eight point loss to Mount Carmel Catholic College this week.

In Cricket our Boys’ sides faced an undefeated Magdalene Catholic High School. Both teams played well with Cameron Fenning taking 1/6 and Will Ramage finishing with 11 not out in the Year 7 team. In the 8/9 side both Matt Grima and Blake Green scored 20 not out with the bat and were forced to retire. Unfortunately for the 8/9 side this was their first loss of the season despite their strong performance with the bat.

In Oz Tag the 7-9 Girls started strong going into half time with the scores at 3-1 in favor of St Patrick’s College. Unfortunately they could not hold on in the second half with St Pat’s continuing their undefeated run so far this season.

The Girls’ Volleyball side was competitive in each set but could not win a set against a strong opposition, losing 3-0.

Next week we play John Therry Catholic High School in Oz Tag, Basketball and Volleyball. In Cricket we play Broughton Anglican College.

**Upcoming Events:**
NASSA AGM – Friday, 4 November
MISA AGM – Friday, 25 November

Mr Mark Goldsbrough
Secondary Sports Coordinator

**IPSSO AND 3-6 COLLEGE SPORT**

This week games were played at WAC against Broughton Anglican College. Congratulations to the Basketball teams and Junior Oz Tag team who convincingly won their encounters.

Next week games will be played at Macarthur Anglican School. Junior games will start at 11.55 am and Senior games will start at 12.45 pm.

The College sport swimming program continues next week. If students are unable to participate on the day, they must have a note in their diary. If they do not have a note they will be issued with uniform warnings should they not have their swimmers.

Mr Stuart Houweling
IPSSO Sports Coordinator
**Primary Sports**

**Year 6 Mixed AFL Gala Day**  
On Friday, Year 6 students went to the NASSA mixed AFL Gala Day at Broughton Anglican College. We ended up winning the first four games against Macarthur, Broughton, Georges River and Penrith. In these games it was great to see Amy Luxford and Klarisza Ricciarelli tackling all the girls from the other teams that tried to take them on. Throughout the day Joshua Croft and Benn Griffiths scored some incredible goals and Tom Rodgers was rock solid in defense. Everyone’s skills improved over the six games that were played.

The last two games were more challenging and we lost to St Luke’s Grammar School and Thomas Hassall Anglican College. Overall we finished 3rd, a great achievement. We are very proud of how we represented the College. Thanks to Mr Houweling for taking us for the day.

*Alex Jeffreys and Benn Griffiths*

**Primary Veggie Patch**  
Students from both of the Year 6 classes have been working on creating a veggie patch. We have had to water the plants, weed the garden and construct a worm farm. We have planted, lettuces, tomatoes, spring onions, cucumbers, carrots and beans. We have also tidied up the garden by putting mulch around the plants to keep the soil moist for longer. We are currently working on improving the soil quality for future gardening groups.

The plants are growing at a rapid speed and we can all tell that they will taste amazing.

We think the garden is a great way to learn more about growing plants. It also gives us an opportunity to communicate with students we don’t usually talk to. Gardening is on Tuesdays and Fridays at lunch and is only for Year 6 students.

*Jonathan Perry and Hagen Bossie*  
*Year 6 Students*

**Extra Curricular Activity**

**Little Athletics**  
Congratulations to Kaitlyn Williams and Tameka Den who competed in the South West Zone Multi Event at Campbelltown last Sunday. Kaitlyn placed first by just 18 points in a very close finish. Tameka placed a credible twelfth. Well done to both girls.

*Mr Darren Wayne*  
*Primary Sports Coordinator*
CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY HAMPERS

As the festive season approaches, the “Wollondilly Cares” Ministry is seeking to spread some joy to less fortunate families in our community. Christmas Hampers will be distributed to families who are suffering due to critical illness, personal loss or financial hardship.

They are seeking donations of Christmas Treats to supplement their store cupboard hampers and would welcome items such as Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, fruit mince pies, custard, chocolates, biscuits, lollies, Christmas bonbons - anything that would bring some Christmas cheer to a deserving family. Please note that all items should have a best before date of no earlier than the end of December 2016.

A collection box will be placed in Student Reception from Monday of next week.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support of this worthy cause.

Mrs Lorna Harper
Enrolments Officer

COMMUNITY

- **Wollondilly Cares**
  From time to time, families undergo trauma such as severe or terminal illness. There are short term support structures in place at the College to assist families during these times. Parents have kindly offered practical support such as meals for other families. Please contact Mrs Hay or Mr Shaw at the College, to assist. Confidentiality will be respected when requested.

- **Kids@Mac**
  Kids@Mac, the out-of-this-world club for kids K-4 is on again! Join us for ‘Spaced Out’, an action packed program full of games, craft, songs, arvo tea, great leaders and Bible stories. It costs $3.00/week or $20.00/term, and is on Tuesday term time from 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm at Mittagong Anglican Church (Main Street Mittagong). [www.mittang.com.au](http://www.mittang.com.au) 4871 1947.

- **Wollondilly women in business network**
  Annual event 2016 Saturday, 12 November. Tickets $70.00 each. Doors open 6.30 pm seated 7.15pm (price includes canapés on arrival and a 2 course dinner - formal dress). Guest speaker Tracey Spicer. Bargo Sports Club, 3580 Rememberance Drive, Bargo. Get your tickets [www.wwib.com.au](http://www.wwib.com.au)

- **Carols by Streetlight**
  Come All Ye Faithful and sing your Joy to the World. Carols by streetlight is a movement within Christian churches across Australia, singing the Christmas story into the heart of the community. Organise one or more groups to take the Christmas story from the seats of your church to the streets of your suburb anytime between 18 December until 24 December, anywhere around Australia. Visit [www.carolsbystreetlight.org](http://www.carolsbystreetlight.org) for more information.

Please note that this page is a service to the Community and items advertised do not necessarily carry the endorsement of the College. The College tries to be selective with what is advertised but cannot take responsibility. Please look into events advertised carefully.
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**WOLLONDILLY ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (WACC)**

Wollondilly Anglican Community Church (WACC) meets in the Clifford Warne Auditorium every Sunday at 9.00 am. Contact: Rev Kevin Flanagan 0418 281 430 or (02) 4681 8742.

We've just had ‘the race that stops the nation’. There's only seven weeks to Christmas. The shops are all displaying festive merchandise. It’s safe to say the ‘silly season’ has arrived. There will be the end of year exams, the Christmas parties, the rush to buy Christmas presents, then we'll blink ... and it will be 2017! It's enough to make some feel quite frazzled. In the midst of all the end of year activities we can remember these words, “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus”. Philippians 4:6-7
Pretend Headmasters Jack Belanszky and Joshua Xuereb (KS), “Hooray for the end of the year fast approaching.”

PRAYER POINTS

Thank God

- For Grandparents.
- For Sport and for the friendships and camaraderie that it promotes.
- For the staff we have and the staff we attract.

Ask God

- For closure for the family of Philip Hughes – and for forgiveness.
- That He will continue to persevere as we navigate through trying times in a less than perfect world.
- For His continued patience and perseverance with us.

Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity