

## A NEW COMMANDMENT EXPERIENCED



The world is full of sad stories. As I was contemplating the topic to use as the motivation for this article my mind raced to various tragedies that have recently occurred and continue to occur. However, this article ended up being framed, not by a major world event, but by three far more minor events; the like of which I am certain occur daily in our community. These three events then helped anchor me in our motto and made for a great start to the day.

In our staff devotions we have been thinking about God's love for us. A focus has been Jesus's "new commandment" to "love one another as I have loved you". When reflecting on this verse we often focus on how we are to love another but forget about the second part of the command - "as I have loved you". I was recently reminded that, in fact, our ability to love others is a direct reflection of our appreciation and realisation of God's love for us. The extent to which we experience God's love for us, shown dramatically and graphically in the life and death of Jesus, determines our ability to show God's love for others. Understanding this was a revelation for me! In other words, to be able to love one another as I (God) have loved you, I need to appreciate just how much I (God) has loved you (me!).

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*

*John 13:34*

This morning however, I found myself on the receiving end of God's love from three different people. As I was entering the LRC one of our students shook my hand, gave me a huge smile and asked me "how was your holiday" - I felt cared for! A member of staff passed a compliment to me and we had a laugh - I felt special! Another member of staff took the time to see me and tell me how much they enjoyed my company - I felt loved!

Each of these people, by their words and actions, were communicating and helping me to experience God's love. It was interesting to note the impact this had on me. I felt much more ready to "tackle the day". As a direct result of God's love being shown to me I felt a real "strength of purpose" about what God would have me do for the day. I found it fascinating that people simply doing what Jesus said - loving one another - could have such a strong impact in me on this day. I was on the receiving end of Jesus's new commandment - and I was blessed.

So I encourage you; think about God's love for you, and then love one another. In showing such strength of purpose you will not only be obeying Jesus's command, but you will also be a blessing to others. In a world where there can be so much negative news, loving others will make a positive difference and point them to Jesus.

Mr Graeme Phillips  
Deputy Principal

# Around The College

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN THE ELC



We have the whole College to ourselves ...

When the rest of the students are on holidays the children in the Early Learning Centre go exploring to see where the other children have fun. During the recent holidays the children enjoyed an exciting program which took them around the grounds and off campus.

One of the most exciting things that happened in the ELC were some major changes to the playground. Our whole playground was out of action and the sandpit was totally removed and rebuilt. Sometimes it was enough fun just to watch the diggers and the trucks. During this time we found another sand pit on the oval and the basketball courts provided heaps of fun as well as quite a

challenge: we are not quite tall enough to get the ball in the hoops. Close by we found some cactii and we took a large seed back to our room and cut it open; it was all sticky and white.

In the first week we had Mini Chef Day and made hamburgers. We used fresh ingredients and also made chocolate crackles. On Science Day we made a volcano erupt and played with bright pink goop.

In the second week we had Winter Wonderland Day and made snowflakes and our very own 'Olaf'. Dress ups are always fun too. We went on an excursion to the Powerhouse Discovery Centre at Castle Hill with the Vacation Care children. We enjoyed a puppet show with 'Nellie' and also had fun looking at the old cars, buses, trams, and planes. Out the front of the Centre was the Wiggles' Big Red Car and a huge climbing frame.



The final activity for the day was craft where the older Vacation Care children helped the ELC children make a bird and a 'telescope' to see some star formations. It was lovely watching the older children patiently teach what to colour, cut, and glue.

We look forward to another great term in our new playground. Thank you to Mr Griffiths and all his team for their hard work.

Ms Linsey Moir  
Director of ELC/OSHC

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**FRIDAY MORNINGS**  
(during the school term)  
**FROM 8-10 am**



**Hot Chocolate  
Tea  
Espresso or Double Shot  
Flat White or Long Black  
Cappuccino or  
Café Latte**

**GOLD COIN  
DONATION PLEASE**

**In the kitchen (C11)  
near the quadrangle**

# Around The College

## STAGE 3 JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA



On Thursday, 26 June Stage 3 participated in Antarctica Day as a culmination of an integrated unit over the term on Antarctica. Students came dressed for the occasion in their warm winter woolies. The day commenced with students displaying their Zoo Enclosure projects as part of the Big City Zoo design competition for Antarctic animals. It was great to see how creative the students were with the presentation of their design. There were opportunities for them to share information about their enclosure design and to vote for designs within various categories.

Congratulations to the winners in each category:

- Most Realistic - Taylah E
- Most Creative - Matteo B
- Best Presented - Kaitlyn F
- People's Choice - Jakob S
- Runner up in 3 categories - Sanna A

After recess students participated in an incursion called 'Journey to Antarctica' with Chris Olsen, an adventurer who has been to Antarctica three times. Chris shared his experiences and equipment with students, allowing them to handle items such as rocks, snow shoes, and petrified wood from Mawson's Hut. The most popular item though was an actual chunk of ice from Antarctica. Several students even got to dress up in his specialised snow gear! The grand finale of the incursion was a demonstration of how to use an ice pick using a large block of solid ice. Holly L, Sarah M, William H, and Ben G enjoyed assisting in this demonstration.



We finished the day by watching Happy Feet 2 and a number of students spent some time explaining their enclosure designs to Chris Olsen. It was a terrific way to finish our Antarctica unit! Thank you to Mrs Blikslager, Mrs Frost, Mrs Farquhar, and Mrs Davies for helping out on the day. Thank you also to all Stage 3 parents for your patience and help throughout the term as the enclosure design project was completed at home!

Mrs Rachel Li and Mrs Carol Gray  
Stage 3 Teachers

# Around The College

## STAGE 5 HISTORY ELECTIVE EXCURSION



The Stage 5 History Elective class spent their last day of Term 2 exploring the history of crime and punishment in Sydney, with their visit to the Hyde Park Barracks Museum and the Justice and Police Museum. Students had the opportunity to explore the use of primary, archaeological, written, and film sources in

real-life historical crimes and their consequences in Sydney from the beginning of white settlement in 1788 through to current day. In addition, students dramatically re-enacted the trial of the famous Pyjama Girl Murderer!

Mr Owen Laffin  
Stage 5 History Teacher



## CRAZY HAIR DAY

The final day of Term 2 was a huge one for our students! Across the College students took part in Crazy Hair Day, supporting research in Cystic Fibrosis. Crazy Hair Day has become quite a tradition and this time round we have raised over \$1,000 for this important cause! The day also saw a BBQ hosted by our Senior students, raising money and awareness for Destiny Rescue, an organisation dedicated to rescuing children from human trafficking in Cambodia and neighbouring countries. As Stage 6's chosen charitable organisation they were proud to have raised over \$700! Live@Norwest again saw our talented Secondary students audition and take to the stage with dance and music. The day was capped off by a Secondary Years House Challenge Box Car Rally that saw Bradman come in as overall champions. A great way to end a wonderful term!

Mrs Geraldine Paynter  
Head of Secondary Years

## PARENT PARTICIPATION WORKSHOP

The next Parent Participation Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, 29 July at 9:30am. The workshop will be run by our Principal, Mr Ian Maynard and will conclude no later than 10:30am.

Attending the Parent Participation Workshop is the first step in becoming a College approved volunteer, allowing you to complete your Parent Participation hours.

Please email [volunteer@nwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:volunteer@nwcc.nsw.edu.au) if you would like to register your attendance at the workshop.

# Around The College

## CALLING ALL BUDDING ARTISTS

It is that time of year again... Time for all of our young budding artists to pull out their pencils, pastels, paint brushes, and paper and start designing our 2014 Christmas Card as well as the 2015 Birthday Card!

Entries need to be submitted to the College office no later than Friday, 5 September 2014 (Week 7). The winning designers will be announced in the last week of Term 3 and will have the honour of their name being printed on the back of each card.

So what are you waiting for? Unlock the creative genius inside!

## SPORT TRAINING SCHEDULE 2014

A training schedule for Semester 2 is now available to view on the NWCC Parent tile on the College website. Alternatively, please [click here](#) to view the schedule.

A poster for 'Soirée 2014' featuring a purple and blue watercolor background. The text is white and black. The Norwest Christian College logo is in the bottom left corner. A vertical credit line on the right edge reads 'Invitation artwork by Taryn Carroll, Year 12'.

**Soirée 2014**  
A showcase of Stage 5 and 6  
Creative & Performing Arts student works

Tuesday 12 August  
College Performance Space  
7pm - 9pm

*Canapes & mocktails from 6:30pm  
Evening cocktail attire to be worn  
Tickets are available via College website  
\$10 per person*

Minimum age 16 years.  
Students aged 14-15 years are welcome with an accompanying adult.

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Invitation artwork by Taryn Carroll, Year 12

## KISS AND DROP ZONE

A friendly reminder that there is a designated Kiss and Drop zone for the safe arrival of students in the morning.

Please only use the main carpark to park your car and walk your children to their classrooms. Stopping in the middle of the road presents a significant safety issue for all children.

Please note all parking is rear to kerb.

# Around The College

## MUSIC PROGRAM

This year the Music Department is thrilled to provide new opportunities for students to participate in the College's Music Program and in specialised music instruction. We have some new, professional peripatetic staff who specialise in a diverse range of instruments and are ready to inspire and develop students creative skills. Instruments include Trumpet, Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar, Drums, Voice, Violin, Cello and more!

Why choose music?

- Music increases academic performance across the board
- Music improves students' listening skills and helps them concentrate longer
- Music enhances leadership and social skills
- Music glorifies God!

Please email [music@nwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@nwcc.nsw.edu.au) if you have any enquiries about starting music tuition at the College.

Mr Greg Page  
Music Teacher

## CANTEEN

Week 2 specials:

Thursday: Napolitana Ravioli - \$3.50

Friday: Cup of Potato & Leek Soup with Bacon - \$2.00

## BUILDING HEALTHY HABITS

Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:

- Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.
- Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.
- Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.

# What's On!



We hope that you all have enjoyed a wonderful holiday. Why not think ahead for the next holidays and buy an Entertainment Book?

The 2014-15 Entertainment Books are now available! Support our P&F fundraiser by purchasing your copy online via following the link. Available in hard copy or by digital membership on your phone! Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with family and friends. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2154d41>

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Term Time

Monday - 8:15am to 11:15am

Thursday - 1:15pm to 3:30pm

## TERM DATES 2014

### Term 3

Monday 21 July - Friday 19 September

### Term 4

Wednesday 8 October - Tuesday 9 December

**Early Learning Centre, Vacation Care and College Office - Closed**

Monday 22 December 2014 - Friday 9 January 2015

## TERM 3

### Term 3 Week 2B

28 July - 1 August	Trial HSC
29 July	ICAS English Competition
29 July	Parent Participation Workshop
29 July	Primary Netball and Soccer Gala Day
29 - 30 July	ELC and Primary SPMS
31 July	Year 11 Incursion
31 July	Stage 5 Excursion

### Term 3 Week 3A

4 August	Primary Assembly (2:20pm)
4 August	Captains Luchon - Riverstone-Schofields RSL
4 August	Year 11 Biology Excursion
5 August	Are you ready for High School?
6 August	Secondary Zone Athletics Carnival
6 August	Stage 2 Excursion
7 August	Primary Zone Athletics Carnival

### Term 3 Week 4B

11 August	Stage 4 and Stage 5 Final Exam Week
12 August	ICAS Mathematics Competition
12 August	Soiree
13 August	Primary Incursion: Sean W Smith

### Term 3 Week 5A

17 - 22 August	Year 10 Ski Camp
18 August	Primary Assembly (2:20pm)
18 - 22 August	Book Week and Science Week
18 August	Focused Trial HSC
18 August	P&F Meeting
19 August	Stage 1 Excursion
19 August	Preparation for Kindergarten Information Evening
20 August	Stage 4 Science Excursion
20 August	Transitioning into the Real World
21 August	Driver Safety Education - bstreetsmart
21 August	Primary State Athletics
22 August	Premier's Reading Challenge finishesA

### Term 3 Week 6B

26 August	ELC - Meet n Greet Afternoon Tea
26 August	Stage 3 Sapphire Excursion
27 August	Secondary State Athletics Carnival
27 August	Stage 3 Opal Excursion
28 August	Open Day