

The William TELL

SECONDARY BOYS' NEWS



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FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY BOYS

In the past week, I have come across examples of teachers who have made a difference in students' lives. On last week's *Insight* program on SBS called "*A Teacher changed my life*" there were teachers who have been an inspiration to students who were otherwise disengaged or troubled. These teachers gave the students a chance by affirming their self-worth as individuals and persevering with them despite challenging circumstances and backgrounds. If you would like to watch it, the link can be found here:

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/insight/tvepisode/teacher-changed-my-life>

Another, quite different, example comes from India. At Byrapura Lower Primary School teacher, Mr Suresh B Chalageri, walks eight kilometers up a mountain while carrying stationery, books and grains along with him. It is because of this man that the school is still operating. There are approximately 60 students with three other teachers. One of his jobs is to keep the school alive:

"It is my responsibility to ensure the number doesn't dip. The school has three teachers but I am running the show - juggling the roles of headmaster, teacher, cleaner and plumber," he said.

Mr Chalageri appears to be the school leader who epitomizes humility by doing the dirty jobs as well as being the figurehead. Although we have some ex-tradesmen on staff who could do a bit of plumbing and teaching, you would struggle to find me unblocking a sink!

I am privileged to work with, and learn from, wonderful staff. I have no doubt that some of our teachers are inspirations for students (and colleagues). Like Mr Chalageri and those teachers featured on SBS *Insight*, I am sure a lot of our staff are intrinsically motivated to care for and inspire our students. I have personally observed our teachers dedicate themselves to the service of the students whether it be in the classroom, at after-school help, coaching sport, preparing cattle, chaperoning an expedition or organising the Jazz band. Improving our classroom practice and expertise is essential, but I believe it is also our role to be life mentors as well as academic educators. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to influence young minds and lives here at Calrossy Anglican School.

Lee Watanabe Crockett

On Tuesday 7 March all the secondary students heard from Lee Watanabe Crockett who is a visiting speaker, author, designer and inspirational thinker. In the session titled “Growing Global Digital Citizens”, the students explored the nature of the digital world into which they will enter, with the emphasis on developing a range of skills to prepare them for that. Lee also highlighted our school’s approach in facilitating this type of thinking.

Secondary Resource Centre Opening

On Monday 13 March the Secondary Resource Centre, was officially opened by Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Deputy Prime Minister. Also in attendance were Helen Tickle, Deputy Mayor Tamworth Regional Council and David Lamb, Chairman of Calrossy Anglican School Board as well as various professionals involved in the project. Mr Joyce spoke of the importance of choice in education and the Federal Government’s willingness to invest in projects that make that choice possible. This project was jointly funded by the Australian Government under the Capital Grants Program and the Calrossy Anglican School community and it was a fitting event to formally recognise its completion.

Lions Youth of the Year

On Saturday 4 March Matthew Scott competed in and won the Tamworth Regional Lions Youth of the Year award. This is a rigorous competition which involves academic achievement as well as leadership, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship. He will now go on to compete in the District Final in Coffs Harbour on Saturday 25 March.

Secondary Boys VIP Evening

This event will be held on Tuesday 28 March at the Secondary Resource Centre. This evening will give Year 6 boys who are currently at the school and their parents an opportunity to meet some of the Secondary Boys’ staff and get a feel for the Secondary Boys’ campus. If there are boys who are in Year 6 at another school with brothers in our Secondary School they are also welcome to attend. To RSVP please contact Sarah Chaffey at William Cowper Campus Reception by Friday 24 March.

Simpson House International Evening

Last night I was invited by Maria Buster to Simpson House for “International Night” where the boys cooked some traditional food from various countries and talked about their heritage. The ancestry and culture of boys and staff at Simpson House include Irish, Spanish, Croatian, Thai, Chinese, American, Swedish, Scottish, Fijian, Indian, Welsh and English. This is a reflection of the growing diversity of Simpson House and the school and a lovely way to promote inclusiveness.

Year 7 Camp

Next week Year 7 will go to Coffs Harbour for their annual surfing expedition. This year the Principal, Mr Smith, will be attending and showing off his surfing skills.

This is always an ideal time for the Year 7 boys to grow together in learning (for most) a new skill and also to reflect on God's creation a little more deeply.

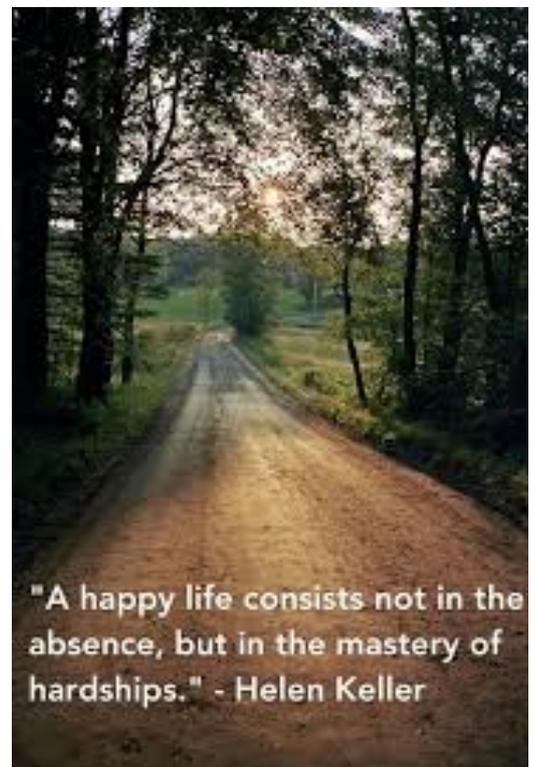
Hugh Howey
Acting Head of Secondary Boys

CURRICULUM MATTERS

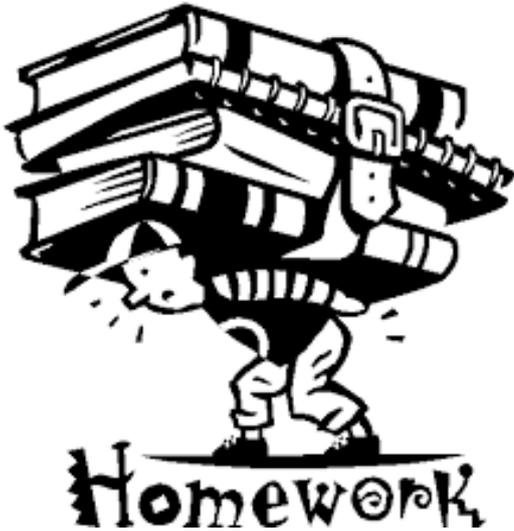
On assembly I have been urging the boys to reflect on their past performance as a means of considering what they need to work on in the future and how they can develop their learning now. To do this they have been asked to re-read their report from last year – taking note of what teachers have said, reflecting on the effort grades and setting achievable goals in each subject. For students in Years 10 to 12 they have been given a wall planner to facilitate this process – parents are urged to help boys organise information onto their planner. This should incorporate not only when assessments are due but also work schedules, sport and/or music commitments. It is imperative to visually represent the demands on time so that you are able to plan and take control of what is happening.

I have also been discussing some of the ideas of Michael McQueen who has written advice for students leaving school. One of the ideas that I have emphasised is the view that “Mastery however lies on the other side of hardship. It is in the challenges that your capacity is increased, your character will be forged and your resilience is strengthened.” Boys have been urged to see the value of hardship rather than something to shy away from. Furthermore, McQueen emphasises the importance of attitude – this is why we have spent so much time on developing the effort grades because we want to give not only feedback on student academic performance but also on how they got there. People value someone who is “hard working, teachable, reliable and just plain-old polite.”

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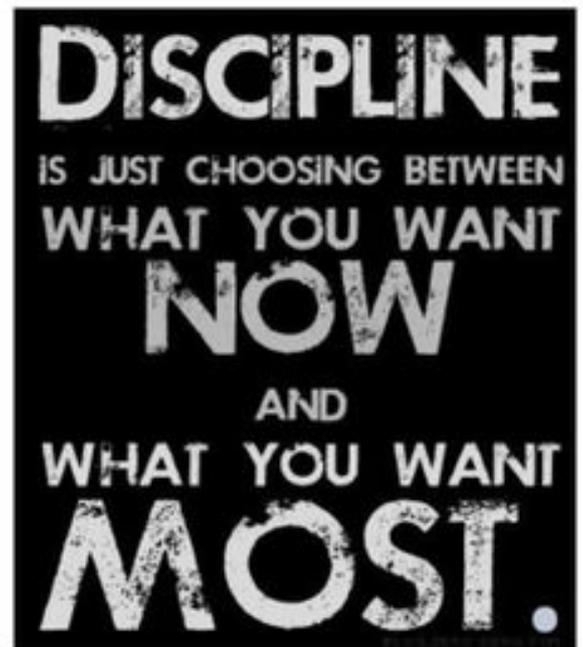
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Last weekend there was an interesting article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* about ‘a new evidenced based program ... showing what works in NSW classrooms’. One of the sections that caught my attention was about homework. Gratifyingly the research supports the approach we have adopted in the secondary school. Homework can add an extra “five ... months progress” to a student’s learning. To be effective homework needs to be an “integral part of learning, rather than an add-on.” That is, the task must be challenging the student to think and deepen their understanding rather than simply take up time with a mindless activity.

Also, the research indicates that between one and two hours a day is the optimum amount of homework for a student which is what we recommend for students in Years 7 to 10. For me the greatest benefit is developing that capacity to make yourself complete a task when you would prefer to be doing something else – the capacity to delay gratification is a hallmark of people who are successful in life.

Teachers continue to have an intensive focus on having the boys use their homework diary as a record of what needs to be completed at home. Teachers have also endeavoured to inform parents through the diary of any concerns in this area. Could I ask parents to sign their son’s diary and put a comment regarding how he has been approaching homework from your perspective at home: that is, does he seem to be working regularly, does he seem to have enough, too much, too little, does he seem to be organised and coping with the demands. This will give the mentor teachers some feedback as to how your son is managing and overall how homework is being approached which we can discuss as a whole staff.



Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend the stage nights. If you missed and would like further information about the presentations, you can go to the school website and view a recording and powerpoints from the evenings.

Mick Larkin
Curriculum Coordinator

HRIS Hockey

Calrossy Anglican School entered an open team in the HRIS Carnival on Tuesday 7 March.

During the pool the team were undefeated playing Bishop Tyrell Anglican College (4 – 0), and St Phillips Christian College Cessnock (9-0).

Advancing to the semi-final Calrossy Anglican School played St Philips Christian College, Newcastle winning 2 – 0.

The Grand Final was a contest between Newcastle Grammar School and Calrossy Anglican School. In a hard fought and tight game Newcastle Grammar School were eventual winners 2 – 0.

A number of players were chosen in the HRIS Open Hockey team. Congratulations to:

Jeremy Blakely, Jack Hamilton, Matthew Scott, and Jack Watson. The HRIS team will contest the AICES Championships and CIS trials on Wednesday 17 May in Newcastle.

Thank you to Mr Ian Scott who coached the Calrossy Anglican School team and congratulations on his appointment as coach the HRIS Open Hockey team.

Secondary Sporting Schools – Pilot project

Sporting Schools is a national initiative available to all Australian schools.

Calrossy Anglican School is one of 80 Secondary schools Australia wide to be included in a pilot program to identify and address barriers to sports participation for youth. Calrossy Anglican School is partnered with Rugby Union to deliver the program during Term 1 and 2 to our Year 7 and 8 students.

The aim of the program is to engage more children in more sport based activities within schools and help them foster a lifelong interest in sport, gain a healthier mind and body, have fun and learn sport activities and games in a safe environment.

Calrossy Anglican School Secondary have been invited to participate in the Youth Pilot Program and will be hosting NSW Rugby in Terms 1 and 2 during sports lessons and after school as part of this program. Mr Garry Walsh, North West Regional Development Officer will be delivering the course to our students.

Mark Gallienne
Director of Sport

CALROSSY ANGLICAN SCHOOL**Uniform Shop****School Holiday Trading Hours**

The Uniform Shop

will be **OPEN**

Term I

Monday	8.00am - 4.30pm
Wednesday	12.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday	8.00am - 4.30pm

Additional hours for winter changeover**April 2017**

Monday 3 April	8.00am - 4.30pm
Tuesday 4 April	12.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 5 April	12.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 6 April	12.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 7 April	8.00am - 4.30pm (Last day Term I)

School Holiday trading hours

Tuesday 18 April	10.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday 19 April	10.00am - 3.00pm
Thursday 20 April	10.00am - 3.00pm
Friday 21 April	10.00am - 3.00pm
Monday 24 April	8.00am - 4.30pm
Tuesday 25 April	CLOSED (Anzac Day)

Term II

Wednesday 26 April	8.00am - 4.30pm (1 st day term)
Thursday 27 April	8.00am - 4.30pm
Friday 28 April	8.00am - 4.30pm
Monday 1 May	8.00am - 4.30pm
Tuesday 2 May	12.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 3 May	12.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 4 May	12.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 5 May	8.00am - 4.30pm

Normal hours resume for the rest of Term II from Monday 8 May

Monday	8.00am - 4.30pm
Wednesday	12.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday	8.00am - 4.30pm

Calrossy Anglican School Uniform Shop

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Anglicare Northern Inland (ANI) is a ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale. Among other services, it provides an amazing set of well-being courses. We would like our school community to be aware of this education program as part of our welfare program.

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Oxley Vale Anglican Community Church

Sundays 8:00am, 10:00am

Oxley Vale Public School

Manilla Rd

TAMWORTH 6761 2042 ovacc@internode.on.net

St John's East Tamworth

Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am

102 Carthage Street

TAMWORTH 6766 2170 stjohnstamworth@bigpond.com

St Paul's West Tamworth

Sundays 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

18 Church Street WEST TAMWORTH

6765 8227 stpaulstamworth@internode.on.net

www.stpaulstamworth.org.au

St Peter's South Tamworth

Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Cnr Kathleen & Vera Streets

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St Luke's Loomberah

Sundays 9:00am

Duri-Dungowan Road, Loomberah