Term 4 is a busy time for the whole school community. It is a term that has many events and is also a time for planning the upcoming year.

Our students are at various stages of their courses. Year 11 are starting their HSC course work which the school launched, with the "Maximising Our Opportunities" student and parent evening. This information night was well attended by families. I would like to thank staff for their contributions on the evening in helping students and parents navigate the challenges of the HSC year successfully. Years 7-10 are currently sitting end of year examinations through this fortnight. So we wish them well as they demonstrate what they have learned and can do.

Primary had a wonderful day hosting families in our Mega Day event. Parents and grandparents had the chance to check out the classrooms, enjoy multicultural activities, get a family photo and see what was on offer at the very popular book fair. The success of this event was a result of the hard work of a team of people and it was so encouraging to see the huge number of parents joining us, to see firsthand what their children have been involved in at school.

Topping off last Friday was the exciting opportunity to have a visit from Mr Tim Costello. Mr Costello is the CEO of World Vision Australia and he visited William Carey to say thank you for the long relationship we have had with World Vision and the significant funds that we have raised over the years both through the 40 Hour Famine and then with the Maphutseng Project. Mr Costello spoke at a Year 5-11 assembly to remind our students of the positive impact they are having in Maphutseng. He also encouraged them to remember that living in Australia places them in a materially blessed situation, and this provides them with the opportunity to be generous to others.

Primary have run a number of fun and beneficial fund raising events over the past term and now it is High School’s turn. I would like to encourage all High School students to take up the challenge and raise sponsorship either using the booklets they have been given, or online, for our upcoming Maphutseng Obstacle Challenge Day on 18th November.

This Friday is the Year 3-6 Dance. At the same time CCS will be hosting a parents meeting. I will be attending and share a little about some of the results from the school community survey and the new staff who are joining the school in 2017. It would be great to meet with you at this time to discuss our school’s future.

Keith McMullen
Principal

Mega Day was a great success!
Prayerful support for specific Year 11 students
Two students in Year 11 are quite unwell at the moment. Please join together as a school community and prayerfully and practically support these two young men. One student who has a very complex illness that includes rheumatism, arthritis, and other disorders of the joints, muscles, ligaments and bones confining him to a wheel chair. The other student has been diagnosed with cancer. Both students are frequently absent from school and need to regularly attend hospital either as a patient or outpatient for monitoring and / or regular tests. Year 11 are grieving for their unwell friends and expressing their heartfelt compassion by becoming involved in visitation programs and writing letters of support to encourage their mates and help them to remain connected. They have also organised a variety of fund raising and support activities as an action of comradery and support. The first of these activities involves five of our male Year 11 students supporting their friend, who is undergoing chemotherapy, by publically shaving their heads as an act of solidarity and support for their unwell friend.

Staff changes in the welfare team
As the end of year approaches it can be a time for some teachers to look to “greener pastures” outside of William Carey for employment opportunities for the following year. As the Deputy in charge of Wellbeing, this is a time I dread as the fear of losing some of our most gifted and committed Pastoral Care team can sometimes become a reality. Reasons for leaving us can range from, taking up a new professional opportunity or challenge, recognising the convenience of working much closer to home, sometimes promotion opportunities are offered or it may simply be a change in family situation. Mr Jean Maurice Younes will be leaving us in 2017 to take up a promotion position at another school and Mr Matt Bingham has accepted a position at a new school much closer to his home so he can better support his family, including his beautiful new daughter, born earlier this year. Both of these men have served the school with a selfless devotion, getting alongside the young men in their care, offering support in their academic, social and spiritual development. Their ministry in this area has been exemplary and they will be sadly missed. There is no surprise when I remind you, however, that God is good and continues to provide for the students in our school. I would like to announce that Mr David Hall will be replacing Mr Bingham as the year adviser of Year 9 in 2017, and Mr Dan Ellerman (re-joining the team) will be replacing Mr Younes as the year adviser of Year 10 for next year. I can also announce the year advisers for Year 7 for next year. Mrs Sally Rawson and Mr Neil Robinson will be heading up the team in this position. Both of these staff are experienced and very gifted Year Advisers and if your child is joining the high school next year in Year 7 they will be truly blessed by being under the care and ministry of these two members of staff. I am very excited with the appointments of all these staff and absolutely confident that as we attempt great things for God in the pastoral work at William Carey, that God will bless both the shepherds and the sheep in this place.

Examinations
Please pray for our Year 12 students as they continue with the HSC examinations. The exams have progressed very well so far with little to no issues and/or concerns. Illness and misadventure applications have been minimal and our students with disability provisions have been able to be well catered for due to the generosity of our parent and community volunteers. Even the Primary School’s Mega Day did not disrupt the examination process. The high school would like to express a huge thank you to the Primary staff for their diligence and commitment in ensuring our HSC cohort were appropriately supported on this day when the school was inundated with hundreds of enthusiastic parents and grandparents visiting our school during the day. It was a great day for the school and caused no disruption to the organisation of the HSC.

Years 7 and 10 started their examinations in Week 3 and Years 8 and 9 will sit their yearly examinations during Week 4.

In His service,
Brad Milburn.
Deputy Principal Welfare.
(On behalf of the High School Deputies)
MEGA Day

I am not sure I can describe MEGA Day any other way than to say it was MEGA! Thank you to the organising team, who spent weeks getting everything ready and to the team on the day, who made sure it all worked. Mrs Heard’s last hurrah perhaps? It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun. For morning tea we served somewhere in the vicinity of 600 people, with a similar number staying for lunch as well. Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the day and for your supportive comments afterwards. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please let us know.

Sport

As mentioned last Newsletter, Lachlan H (200m) and Jamison J (Shot Put) both competed at the recent PSSA Athletics Carnival. Both boys performed well and we are very proud of their efforts.

Splash and Dash was also held recently. We had a team of 23 students who attended from Primary and they had a great time. It is a challenging event, with a 200 m swim and 2 km run, but our students were up to the task. The team placed an admirable 11th out of the 31 schools that competed.

2017

We are currently very busy working on plans for 2017. We are considering staffing, classing, rooming and the many other things that need to be organised before the year ends. As always, we would greatly appreciate your prayers, as we seek to make all arrangements to the best of our ability.

Car Lines

The safety of all children at William Carey is an extremely high priority for us. Car lines is a location where this can be challenging, so we need your help to ensure things run smoothly. If you are arranging for someone other than yourself or grandma/

Upcoming Events

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“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10
The SLC would like to warmly welcome everyone back for the start of the final term of the year! We hope that everyone has had a peaceful and relaxing holiday. This term is quite occupied with events, exams, and especially the HSC. This can be a very stressful time for the Year 12 students and their support networks as they invest lots of effort in their final set of exams. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they work to their maximum potential to achieve the best results. Years 7 to 10 have their yearly exams this week and next week (week 3 and 4) which can be stressful for them. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

Year 11 had an information showcase night on the 17th of October called "Maximising Our Opportunities". This was a great night for all to learn more about what’s in store for Year 12 and different resources they can use to help them achieve the best that they can. Year 11 PDHPE students had their camp last week. This action-packed camp was filled with activities such as mountain biking and bushwalking in the Blue Mountains, and enjoying their time in the water at Cable Wake Park. All the students who went had a fantastic time getting active, experiencing great activities, and overall having fun.

The new SLC for 2017 would like to say a massive thank you to the 2016 council for their continuous efforts and commitment to our school over the past year. We really appreciate your time and servant hearted nature that you modelled to the younger years so that they could look up to such humble leaders. Thank you from the whole school community. The new council for 2017 is already underway and discussing heaps of new ideas to benefit our school and students. We’re all very excited for what lies ahead in this coming year.

The 2017 council have been assigned year groups for next year which they will mentor, working together with their year advisers to think of great activities and opportunities for the students. The pairings are: Year 12: Elizabeth Ross and Lucas Mushahwar, Year 11: Daniella Puntillo and Jonathan Kostakis, Year 10: Jessica Milward and William Tamburri, Year 9: Abbey Hyde and Josiah Younes, Year 8: Meryn Platt and Kyle Broadribb, Year 7: Leticia Monteiro and William Burge, Year 6: Halanie Joudo and Keegan McMullen.

Psalm 40:4 is a verse that reminds us that we can have confidence when we place our trust in God. ‘Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.’ This verse reminds us of the great hope we as Christians can hold onto, that if we trust in the Lord and reject the sinfulness of the world, we are blessed through his grace. This is such a great joy and encouragement, especially for the Year 12s at the moment, but also for everyone else.

For God’s glory,
Lucas Mushahwar and Elizabeth Ross
Important health notice

A student in our school community is currently receiving treatment which results in a lowered immune system, which means the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. Although the student has a chronic illness, it is important that the student be able to participate actively in the day to day school program. A major concern is that if this student develops measles, chickenpox or influenza, the student may become seriously ill. We seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have measles or chicken pox, we would ask that you please:
1. Do not send your child to school.
2. Notify the Senior School Nurse as soon as possible:
   email: clinic@wccs.nsw.edu.au
   phone: 9608 2277

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe for all students, and especially for our students with special health needs.

Mrs Anna Huynh,
Senior School Nurse
UNIFORM SHOP

Blazer Fitting Days

Year 7 (2017)  Thursday, 9th February, 2017

Both commence at 9:00 am.

Opening Hours

The last trading day for this year will be Wednesday 7th December.

The Uniform Shop will then open on the following dates in 2017:

- Mon 23rd Jan  8:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Tues 24th Jan  8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Wed 25th Jan  8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Thurs 26th Jan  CLOSED
- Fri 27th Jan  8:00 am - 3:30 pm

After these dates, the Uniform Shop will return to the usual opening hours of Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Anxiety and Depression in Children and Adolescents

This seminar for parents and carers will be presented by Learning Links at WCCS on Tuesday, 1st November from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Topics Included:
- Identifying depression and/or anxiety
- Strategies to support children with depression and/or anxiety

A focus on what parents can do to support their children
High School Advanced Learning
Open Night

Thursday 3rd November
From 6:30pm to 8:00pm

An evening to showcase to parents the exciting opportunities that have been occurring this year for advanced learners at William Carey and also what is in store for 2017.

Come along to celebrate the achievements of these students and to gain a taste for what will be available for your child in 2017.

The invitation is open to anyone who is interested in learning about the advanced learning opportunities available next year for high school students. Tea and coffee will be served from 6:15 so feel free to drop in early for an informal chat.
Creative Arts Open Night

Monday 14th November
from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Sausage Sizzle from 6:00 pm

Showcasing Years 7 to 11 Creative Arts work in our subject areas of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music, Entertainment Industry and Photographic and Digital Media. Come along and be entertained by live performances and view displays of art and photography.

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2016

Open to students in Year 5 through to 11

You have a maximum time limit of 5 min and the topic can be anything of your choosing. A selection of work will be shown at our High School Creative Arts Open Night on November 14th and a winner will be announced!

Entry is by digital submission via Google Classroom. You need the code to enter - the code is available from Primary and High School student offices and the Creative Arts staffroom window.

Entry conditions are on the Google Classroom page. Any questions, please e-mail Miss Fenton fentone@wccs.nsw.edu.au

Submit your short film, created within the last 12 months, By Monday Week 5 Term 4 2016 (7/11/16)
COME AND MAKE YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE!

Please come and join us in the school hall on Saturday, 19th November from 3pm-5.30pm to make your own gingerbread house and enjoy a short Christmas message. The houses make a great gift, centrepiece, or special family treat and are lots of fun to make!

You have the choice of making a traditional gingerbread, chocolate gingerbread or gluten free house.

The cost for each traditional or chocolate gingerbread house is $35. This includes your house, icing, a board, wrapping and plenty of lollies to decorate your house.

There is also a gluten free traditional gingerbread house available at a cost of $25 per house. This includes your house, icing, a board and wrapping. Please note that you need to provide your own lollies to decorate a gluten free house.

If you would like to fill the inside of your house with additional chocolates / lollies you may choose to bring these along.

Come dressed all things Christmas for your chance to win a prize!

To place your order, please complete the form below and return to the Uniform Shop. The final date to place orders and finalise payment is Monday, 7th November.
If you would prefer to pay for your house by instalment, this can be arranged at the Uniform Shop with a $15 deposit.

Feel free to invite your family and friends along, but due to space, we would ask that there be a maximum of three people per house.

For any further enquiries please contact Caroline Young or Jo Barden 0416357017.

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**Are you looking for something fun to do on a week night?**

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- Juniors: boys 8-12yrs
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BB is an international Christian organisation that has been running in Australia for over 125 years.

The Boys’ Brigade Liverpool Company meets at William Carey Christian School on Bumbera St Prestons on Wednesday nights starting at 7.00pm

**For more information contact**

- Hamilton Smith - 0437903177
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