

REDEEMER

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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF REDEEMER BAPTIST SCHOOL

It is time to say farewell to our wonderful Year 12 students. We pray for them in these weeks ahead, that they will have the determination to keep studying effectively so they can do their best in the Higher School Certificate examinations. We also pray that they will know God's path for them in life beyond school. They have been worthy leaders of our School community and we will really miss them! We look forward to our continued friendship in the years ahead. We thank our Year 12 students for years of faithful participation in the life of Redeemer Baptist School.

Years 11/12 Study Camp, Canberra

From our 'home' based at Greenhills Conference Centre in Cotter, southwest of Canberra, we made visits to many places and were involved in many activities in the nation's capital.

We were involved in programs as part of course work at the Australian War Memorial, the Australian National University, CSIRO Discovery Centre, the National Archives of Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex at Tidbinbilla, and Questacon.

We visited important national institutions such as: Government House, where we met His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove; the National Portrait Gallery; and went for a walk down Anzac Parade, spending time at a number of memorials. Our recreation times included a bicycle ride around Lake Burley Griffin, bushwalking from Greenhills to Cotter Dam, and best of all, snow play in the hills above Tidbinbilla where we enjoyed hours of tobogganing.

Now the main purpose was course work and study in preparation for the Trial HSC examinations (for Year 12) and upcoming final examinations (for Year 11). We did a great amount of focused schoolwork each day. We also had a time of Bible study and discussion each day from the Gospel of John, looking at the Good News that overshadows the bad news and the 'fake' news of our times – studies that helped us look forward to the future with hope.

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The Return to Boggabilla

Our building team, Year 10 students and many teachers and university students all went to Boggabilla to further the work on the Oasis Ministries Community Centre.

And we made amazing progress! Cladding and roofing for the two new wings of the complex; ceiling framing in the main auditorium; framing around windows and doors; insulation in the walls; lining the interior walls and painting the exterior of the new wings. Then there was the 'hidden' work on electricity, plumbing and tiling bathrooms. We also built the stage at the front of the auditorium.



We attended the local footy game on Saturday afternoon, barracking for the local team, the MacIntyre Warriors, who soundly defeated the Glen Innes team.

We stayed in two churches in Goondiwindi, just across the nearby Queensland border: the Presbyterian church hall for the boys and the Assemblies of God church for the girls. On Sunday we attended three services, taking part in each: the Presbyterian and Assemblies of God in Goondiwindi, and Oasis Ministry out in the park at Boggabilla. It was a great day!

This time, we attracted even more attention and so spent a lot more time with the local Boggabilla community. It was a real encouragement for our friends, Pastors Les and Georgie Hook – a husband-wife team committed to the welfare and evangelisation of the Boggabilla community.

Our Year 10 students learned many new skills working on the community buildings, as well as making many friends with the local children and teens who came to help.

This was indeed a wonderful outcome of our Gala Day fundraising efforts. None of it could have happened without the enthusiastic support of you, the School community, raising \$25,000 on Gala Day as well as generously donating food to help defray costs for the week away.

We want to thank all of our School families for this generous support, which also includes our ongoing educational assistance to the Barai people in Papua New Guinea, as well as students from Tennant Creek and Harts Range in the Northern Territory.



Excursions

Below is a list of the many valuable experiences our students have had the opportunity to experience OUTSIDE of the classroom this term:

- Years 7 and 8 had a big day out in the Blue Mountains, visiting Katoomba with a local indigenous guide, as well as Jenolan Caves.
- Kindergarten spent an afternoon walking the Aboriginal history trail alongside Parramatta River.
- Year 10 attended the BStreet Smart program at the Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney Olympic Park.
- Years 3 and 4 visited historical sites in Parramatta, including Elizabeth Farm Cottage and Old Government House.
- Year 11 students attended the Tertiary Awareness Market at The Hills Grammar School.
- Year 12 Physics visited Castlereagh Imaging at Westmead as part of their Medical Physics elective.



- Year 7 German gave the residents of St Hedwig Village Nursing Home at Doonside a great morning of presentations and interaction.
- Year 11 Biology spent a day at the Mount Annan Botanic Gardens participating in the Australian Biota program.
- Year 7 discovered the wonders of water treatment out at Sydney Water's Rouse Hill facility.
- Years 5 and 6 fulfilled many Geography, History and Science syllabus outcomes when they visited North Head and the Maritime Museum – especially the amazing World War II tunnels under North Head.
- Year 12 Ancient History attended a seminar day with many other schools studying the ancient cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.
- Year 10 took a day-trip to Canberra visiting the Museum of Australian Democracy, Parliament House and The Australian War Memorial.



Performances

We have had a most enjoyable Term filled with magnificent performances in music, dance and drama.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Open Day brought a lot of joy to us with their musical drama – *Good Good Father* – based on a book by Chris Tomlin and Pat Barrett.

Modules L and M (Years 1 to 4) took us to the village of Ants'hillvania following the amazing adventures of Anton. This was a gig-ant-ic Open Day perform-ants!

Senior Drama Club stunned us all with *The Duchess of Covent Garden*, their very own unique adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's classic drama, *Pygmalion*.



The HSC Music students gave their performances for interested students, parents, and friends one Saturday afternoon. This was a special pleasure, indeed! It was the standard of any musical presentation anywhere in Sydney! We all enjoyed this immensely and wish our Year 12 students well in their Music results for the HSC.

In addition to the HSC Music Performances, Katherine Allen presented a Body of Work for the HSC in Visual Arts. Her collection of works, 'Unobserved', is a study of figures in behind-the-scenes situations. Her culminating pieces are paintings in oil applied with a palette knife. They depict a chef in action, reflecting her other major interest in Hospitality.

Another Saturday afternoon, we had many students in our School of Music, plus a few others, who entertained us with what they can do so far in their musical journeys! A most enjoyable afternoon!

Musica Viva in Schools have been sending wonderful groups to our School for decades now and we have enjoyed them all – always great School occasions as well as a valuable part of our School Music program. But this term we had perhaps our best concert ever with 'Adam Hall and the Velvet Players' – a jazz quintet all the way from Perth, Western Australia – with their top quality jazz music presented with humour and loads of opportunities for participation.



Academic Milestones

Our students have been awarded for their excellence in a range of academic disciplines this Term.

- Gokulraj Kuppusamy (Year 8) was awarded a regional second place in the Lions Voice



of Youth Public Speaking Competition for Years 7 and 8 students.

- Ruth Burns (Year 9) was awarded a national second place in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards for her poem Mount Kosciuszko. Elida Aras (Year 4), Anthony Guirguis (Year 9) and Antonio Rajaratnam (Year 9) were Highly Commended for their poems.
- Krisha Batra (Year 4) was notified that she will be receiving a University of NSW Medal for her top score in the national ICAS Science test.
- Shabdha Kukunooru (Year 6) won a Bronze Award for her entry in the NSW Education Standards Authority WriteOn competition.
- Miriam Poyitt (Year 10) won a national medal for coming first in the Australian Geography Competition.
- In the ICAS (UNSW English, Mathematics, Computers and Science), Australian Mathematics and Australian Geography competitions, Redeemer students were awarded 23 High Distinctions, 68 Distinctions and 186 Credits!
- In external assessments, Years 6 and 10 completed the VALID (Science) tests. Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in online NAPLAN trials. Many students also submitted investigations to the Young Scientist Awards.

Sporting Milestones

This Term has been very successful on the sporting field.

Athletics

After our first attempt at the School athletics carnival was washed out in Term 2 we were able to have a very successful second attempt at the School carnival in early August.

SWISSA Athletics Championships (Yrs 7-12)

At the SWISSA Athletics Championships, Redeemer was the Champion School. Nine of the possible 14 age champions were Redeemer students.

ASISSA Athletics Championships (Yrs 2-6)

At the ASISSA Athletics Championships, 7 Redeemer students qualified to compete at the Primary NSW CIS Athletics Championships: Jeri Akele (relay), Isabella Burns (100m), Joshua Frost (discus), Eden Halabi (800m & relay), Sonia Khan (relay), Mowa Ohunayo (discus), Jessica Sesay (relay).

AICES Athletics Championships (Yrs 7-12)

There were 61 schools who competed at the 2017 AICES Athletics Championships. Redeemer had some outstanding success this year. Redeemer was the school of the meet – 444 points ahead of the second placed school. Gabrielle Jones (Year 12) was named athlete of the meet. 4 Redeemer students were named age champions: Jordan Ebert (14yrs boys), Andrea Burns (17yrs girls), Gabrielle Jones (18+yrs girls), Lachlan Bolton (18+yrs boys). Overall, 9 Redeemer students qualified to compete at the Secondary NSW CIS Athletics Championships: Callum Bailey (discus & relay), Lachlan Bolton (400m, 200m & relay), Joe Cho (800m), Gabrielle Jones (javelin, shot put, discus, long jump & 400m), Chris Lamboa (javelin & relay), Megan Ongley (shot put), James Poyitt (200m, shot put, long jump & relay), Junior Savaiko (javelin), Carla Zammit (triple jump).

NSW CIS Athletics Championships

At the Primary Championships, Isabella Burns won a gold medal in the 13 yrs 100m event, and at the Secondary Championships, Gabrielle Jones (18+ javelin), Callum Bailey (18+ discus) and Chris Lamboa (18+ javelin) won bronze medals and Gabrielle Jones also won a silver medal in the 18+ yrs 400m.



Boys Oztag

The junior boys were the runners-up in their competition. Edward Garth was the captain of the 2017 team. The senior boys Oztag team won the SWISSA boys Oztag Championships. It should be noted that this particular cohort has won every Oztag tournament from Year 3 to Year 12, with the exception



of Year 9. Alex Nissan was the captain of the 2017 team.

Girls Soccer

Both our girls soccer teams were grand finalists in their respective SWISSA competitions. Unfortunately, they both went down in their grand finals by a score of 1-0. Chelsey Karvon was the captain of the senior girls team. Evette Khaziran was the captain of the junior girls team.



Chapel

Term 3 Chapel has an emphasis on leadership and life commitments, with an obvious view to a challenge not only for the School, but especially for our Year 12 students.

This term we have looked at the theme, "Life is a Calling – Run With It!". Our Bible text has been Ephesians 4 which begins, "I want you to get out there and walk – better yet, run! – on the road God called you to travel".



Our special guest speakers included: Simon Savaiko, a leader of the Barai people in Papua New Guinea; Dr Paul Mikhail, a local GP who also spent a term assisting in the School last year; Rebecca Kim, a former student and recent silver medallist – Rebecca was in the womens soccer team in the World Dwarf Games in Canada. Our students were greatly inspired and challenged by each of these guest speakers.

The Bridge

The footbridge across Pennant Hills Road is well and truly under way! The project manager addressed a special whole School Assembly to explain the project. You have

no doubt noticed that something new is happening daily! This is the fulfilment of the work of many School leaders in our area, including our founding Principal, Mr Noel Cannon and Headmaster, Dr Maxwell Shaw. We look forward to its expected completion early next year – a wonderful facility ensuring the safety of your children and many children from other schools who need to cross the busy Pennant Hills Road mornings and afternoons.

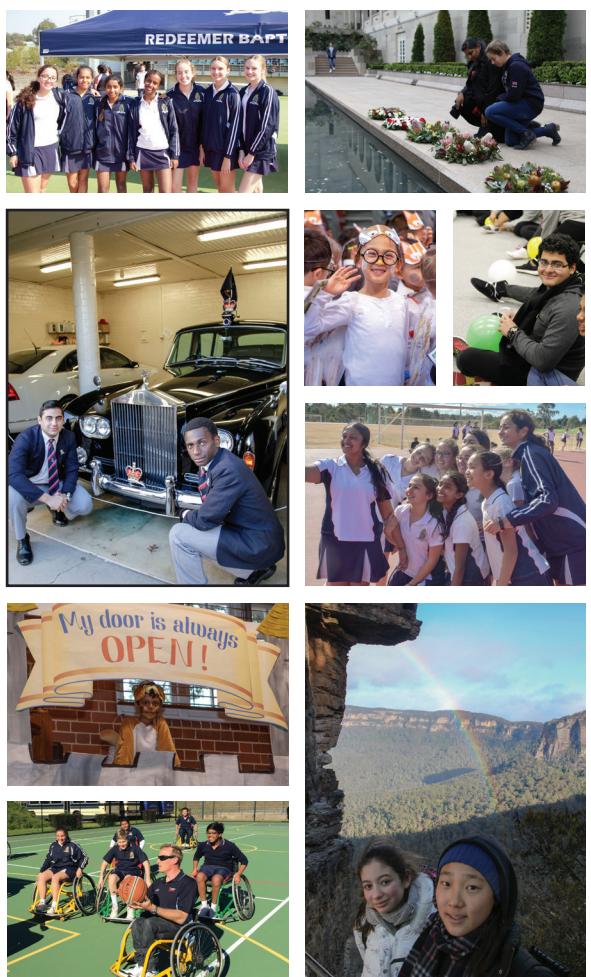
Spring Vacation

The staff and I pray you will have a worthwhile spring vacation with your children and we look forward to another busy and productive term to complete the year when we return to School on Tuesday, 10th October in summer uniform.

Yours sincerely,

J A Cannon

Principal



School Diary

Please refer to the Calendar on the School Website for other events next Term.

Week 1

- Tuesday, 10th October — Term 4 Chapel Service at 8:30am in Sargood Hall
 - All students in full summer uniform
- Thursday, 12th October — Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum

Week 2:

- Middle School revision week (Yrs 5-8)
- Monday, 16th October — HSC begins
 - Year 12 at School by 9:30am. English Paper 1, 10:20am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday, 18th October — SSO Meet the Music Concert 3 (Yr 9)
- Friday, 20th October — SWISSA Tennis Gala Day (Yrs 7-12)

Week 3:

- Prep School (Yrs 3-4) & Senior School (Yrs 9-10) revision week
- Middle School Semester 2 exams (Yrs 5-8)

Week 4:

- Semester 2 exams Prep School (Yrs 3-4) & Senior School (Yrs 9-10)
- Module 1 (Yrs 7-8) Lifesaving Awards
- Tuesday, 31st October — SSO Schools Concert (Yrs K-2)
- Thursday, 2nd November — SWISSA Basketball Cup (Yrs 7-12); SSO Meet the Music Concert (Yr 11); VALID Test (Yr 8)
- Friday, 3rd November — Module 1 Camp begins (Yrs 7-8)

Week 5:

- Module O (Yrs 5-6) Lifesaving Awards
- Friday, 10th November — Module 1 Camp returns (Yrs 7-8); Module O camp begins (Yrs 5-6)

Week 6:

- Module 4 (Yr 12) Lifesaving Awards
- Careers Week (Yr 10)
- Friday, 17th November — Module 0 Camp returns (Yrs 5-6)

Week 7:

- Module 2 (Yrs 9-10) Lifesaving Awards

Week 8:

- Tuesday, 28th November — SWISSA Cricket & Softball Gala Day (Yrs 7-12); SSO Meet the Music Concert (Yr 11)

Week 9:

- Monday, 4th December — Annual Service of Worship, 7pm at The Hub, Hillsong, Hills Campus

