From the Principal’s Desk.... 13th May 2016

Endeavour Community Health Audit

Last week, Tim Caughey, Director of Endeavour Community Relations and Marketing, delivered the results of the Health Audit the School has undertaken over the past six months. This Health Audit was conducted by Endeavour and consisted of a range of surveys and interviews. I have written a letter to each family which outlines the process used in the survey, return rates of various stakeholders, as well as the key findings and recommendations. One of the identified findings was relating to communication. As such, a specific survey regarding communication will also be coming home this week. Thank you for your patience as we look to resolve these issues together. Endeavour would be pleased to run an open night with families to provide further feedback in Term 3 this year. I would like to thank all the families who participated in the survey, with 64% return rate a fantastic result. Your honest feedback about our School was most appreciated and has given a great basis on which to make decisions moving forward.

On a personal note I have been most humbled by the written feedback about my leadership. I wish to acknowledge the joy the Lord has given me in my role and the privilege I enjoy being surrounded by staff, students and parents who have a desire to be a light in the Southern Highlands. I do not take this for granted and am reminded of David’s words in Psalm 16:6, when he says “the lines have indeed fallen in pleasant places”.

Partners in Technology

Thank you to the staff and parents who were able to attend our Partnership afternoon earlier this week. Jocelyn Brewer provided some helpful insights into Digital Nutrition™, as well as some specific ideas around managing digital content in the home; ACCM is an organisation that appraises apps and might be a useful tool for some families; ‘games for change’ is an organisation that sees the value in online gaming by suggesting games that have some educational thinking in their design; and creating a digital contract with your children (Janell Burley Hoffman). All three are worth investigating to see if they could be useful for your family.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all our Years 3,5,7 and 9 students on the successful completion of the NAPLAN assessments for 2016. It was encouraging to see students doing their best in these national assessments. Results are scheduled to be released to schools in August.

In Christian Education

Andrew Middleton
Principal
Canteen News

Canteen days are Wednesdays and Fridays with lunch orders to be submitted prior to the 9am bell on these days as follows – at the canteen for High School students and with their class teacher for Junior School students. Online Canteen is an effective way to order lunches – see https://ouronlinecanteen.com.au/ for more information.

Term 2 Volunteers

Wednesday 18th May
Terene Cask
Friday 20th May
Chris Lloyd
Wednesday 25th May
Chris Smith
Friday 27th May
Jackie Whiting

Uniform Shop News

Orders can be placed at uniformshop@shcs.nsw.edu.au. Don’t forget you have one year to transition into new uniforms to allow you to spread your costs.

NEW STOCKS OF TIES ARE
NOW AVAILABLE

New Hours

Wednesdays 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thursdays 8.30am-10.30am and 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Uniform Grace Period - Students are permitted to wear old uniform items for the transition period of 2016 only with the exception of the tartan tie which is compulsory for K-12 from Term 2, 2016 forwards.

Remember you can place orders at uniformshop@shcs.nsw.edu.au and these orders will be processed on the next Uniform Shop day.

New sport t-shirts are now in stock, if you bring your freshly laundered t-shirts to the Uniform Shop during opening hours, a direct swap will be done.

Please note any donations of unwanted items of superseded uniform in good condition should also be freshly laundered so that we can prepare the delivery to Africa. Thank you for your assistance in this matter in order for us to provide a wonderful gift.

Winter Warmth Option

Soft Shell outer jackets are now available for URGENT pre-order at $95 each. Sample sizes are available in the Office to try on and orders MUST BE placed in the Office and paid for in full by end of business Tuesday 17th May. A minimum of 50 items must be reached to place an order with delivery expected for Term 3.

The jackets are navy blue with bottle green trim and white chest logo. They will be the outer layer over sport uniform for High School and over sport and dress uniform for Junior School.

Sara de Horne
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Ella Hayward and Isabella Sonter in full ribbon-winning finery!

William Livolsi going up and over!
NetSetGo

Beginners Netball Program for 5-10 year old players. The program is designed for young players new to netball to learn the rules and skills needed to play via a series of fun activities that build their knowledge and netball skills.

All children 5-10 years of age are welcome (4 turning 5 accepted). Registrations will be held on Saturday 14th May 10am to 11am and Saturday 21st May at 9am at the Etridge Park Netball Courts. The fun commences on the 21st May for 10 weeks on Saturday mornings from 9.30-10.30am. There is a registration cost of $70 per participant. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Jane Bollom through the School Office.

Equestrian Competition

Recently, Isabella Sonter, Ella and Ben Hayward, Angus, William and Vincent Livorsi had the opportunity to represent our School at the Snowy Mountains Grammar interschool equestrian competition held in Jindabyne. Each student performed fantastically and they were a credit to our School. Great sportsmanship was shown and ribbons were won. Best achievement was Isabella and Ella winning the fancy dress parade from a field of over 80 entries as Alice in Wonderland riding the White Rabbit and the Mad Hatter riding the Cheshire Cat! Unfortunately Sunday had to be cancelled due to dangerous weather but overall a successful event was enjoyed by all.

Last Saturday, three of our students from Years 10 & 11 attended the second annual Southern Highlands Model United Nations Association event, held in the Wingecarribee Shire Council Chambers. It was a great honour to participate in such an event, opened by the Mayor and chaired by Susan Engel, Discipline Leader of Politics and International Studies at UOW. Our students had undertaken thorough research into the political context and stance of Russia, their chosen nation, and spoke with confidence and authority as they competed with peers from Oxley, Frensham, Chevalier, Moss Vale and Bowral high schools. I am also very pleased to state that for the second year running, Southern Highlands Christian School was judged the winner of the day, and as such, we will be heading to Canberra for the Nationals in August. Bravo!

Mr Steve Hilaire, Coordinator
School Community Prayer Points

Pray for the following staff members – Mrs Gabrielle Lacey in her roles as both Canteen Coordinator and Office relief. Praise God for her gentle, servant heart and her delicious cooking in Canteen! Pray also for Mrs Gay Ross in her role as Prep teacher, praise God for her as she teaches the youngest ones in our School.

Praise God for an amazing autumn day as we celebrated competition at our Whole School Athletics Carnival. Records were broken, races were won and lost! House teams were in fine voice and a wonderful day of fun was had at Eridge Park. Thank you to all those volunteers who helped to make the day run smoothly, we couldn’t do it without you!

Pray for students, staff and families as we enter the sniffly, cold season. Pray for health and healing for those already suffering. Keep warm, dry and get plenty of sleep (not at School though!).

Local Community News

Mittagong Blue Light Disco. Venue: Mittagong RSL. Date: Saturday 28th May. Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm. Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years (Parents and children under 4 free). Mittagong Blue Light Disco - Venue: Mittagong RSL. Date: Saturday 30th April. Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm. Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years. Parents and children under 4 free.

Local Church News

Highland Grace and Southlands Care are working together to serve our local Highlands Community by opening a Moss Vale outlet for the $20 Food boxes from Soul Food Co-Op. Amazing value for money. Available to those who hold a current concession or Health Care Card. Distribution and Pick Up on Thursday mornings at Southlands Care Op Shop, Willow Drive, Moss Vale, from 10am. Call 0417 011 918 for more information.

Classifieds

To advertise in the “In Touch Classifieds” simply place ad, together with payment in an envelope clearly marked with “In Touch Classifieds”, your name and contact details and hand in at the School Office. Cut off is Tuesday for your ad to appear that week. $5 for 1 issue or $8 for 2 issues. For all enquiries contact Jacqui Unwin in the School Office.

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:1