

Dear Parents & Friends of Kuyper,

Thursday 25 May 2017

I had the privilege of taking the students of Years 7 and 8 on camp to Galston Gorge last week. The cooperation, enjoyment and respect shown made it a pleasure for Mr Thompson, Miss Davies, Mrs Allen and me to spend this time away with them. What a remarkable group they are!

As well as the fun, the physical challenges and the appreciation of the beauty of God's creation, the Crusaders camp leaders encouraged the students to consider the importance of faith in their lives. Hebrews 11:1 defines faith this way: *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* Students were invited to seek substance by placing their hope in the Lord.

Please enjoy the students' reports and photographs.

Yours in Christ, Jen Scanlan
Secondary Teacher

I enjoyed the camp very much! The leaders were very sweet and encouraging. My favourite bit of camp was the talks; they were very encouraging for me and have made me think about giving God 100% of my heart. I also like the group chats; they were also very encouraging because everyone had a go at talking and participating in the group's talk. My favourite bit about the group was talking about Jesus and God and also playing fun games. They were awesome! Thank you Mrs Scanlan, Mr Thompson, Miss Davis and Mrs Allen for making this a great camp. Jadine

On the Galston Gorge camp I enjoyed the BMX and Archery. On the BMX we did races and jumped the jumps and went whizzing around the corners at full speed with the wind in your hair... At Archery I enjoyed the thrill of the dart hitting the board. Some of the teachers gave it a go and they gave us tips. When I was pulling the string back I felt like Robin Hood just about to hit his enemy (even though I never got a bullseye). Keeley



My favourite thing about camp was a lot of things. Though I especially loved the messages from the leaders and how they really made the stuff they were talking about understandable. I also loved the BMX tracks and the things we did such as the slowest you can go and the closest you can ride to 90 seconds. Harlan

My favourite part was abseiling. I was really nervous at first but once I did it I found it exciting and fun. As I was going down there was a mini over-hang that I had to jump over. When I got to the bottom there were signs pointing the way up but before that I had to unclip my rope. I really enjoyed abseiling but most of all I enjoyed the whole camp including Free Time activities and making new friends as well.
Olivia W

On camp, my favourite activity was Archery. I was really fun and I learnt a lot of techniques. It was by far my favourite. I got very excited when I hit the balloon! Olivia S

My favourite part of camp was the bush hike. While walking, there were spectacular views and scenery. Although it was only a 2km walk, I still really enjoyed it. Everyone stayed together and helped each other out so it was really enjoyable. Lilly

The best bit about camp was Abseiling and the games. Abseiling was really fun; just to jump off and go down the rock. The view was beautiful. The games were fun because we got to bond as a class.
Rebecca

I had a great time at camp doing BMX riding, high ropes, Archery, Abseiling, games and eating lots of delicious food. But I have to say that my favourite part of our camp was Abseiling because we got to jump off a cliff. I wish it was higher but it was still awesome. Sure, I may have bumped into a few rocks or so but I'm fine. I had lots of fun there and I thank the teachers, Mrs Scanlan and Mr Thompson for our camp. Emily



Reminders:

Tomorrow, Friday 26 May, will be **Non Uniform Day** with a tropical theme. Students bring a gold coin donation that will go towards a gift to the people of Vanuatu when our Year 12 campers visit in July. **Hot Chocolate** will also be sold at recess for \$0.50/cup.

We only need **8 more Kuyper families** to host Japanese students from 28 July—8 August this year. See information on page 3, email admin@kuyper.nsw.edu.au or drop into the Office for an application form.

Note the change of date for the **Athletics Carnival** which will now be held **31 May** at McMahons Park, Kurrajong. Permission notes have been sent home.

If your family plans to take a **holiday longer than 5 days**, you need to apply for **Extended Leave** for your child. The form is available on our website or from the office in hard copy or via email. Remember to apply early enough for leave to be approved by the Principal.

Ridgecrest have found a men's Casio G-Shock watch in Cabin 2 following the 9/10 Dubbo Camp. If you believe it may be yours, please contact the Office.

Kuyper Association Report

Last night Kuyper's School Association met for their Annual General Meeting. It was a time to give thanks to God for His provision once again for our school. Both the President, Wayne Speirs and Treasurer, Graham Wilson reflected on God's goodness in His provision for staff, facilities and budget to enable Christian Education to expand in Kurrajong. Both encouraged us all to continue to pray for the work at Kuyper.

We are also pleased to announce that Sharon Sinfield was re-elected as a Board Member for another 3 year term. Encouragingly, the Association's new constitution that has been worked on for several years was also passed. There was much rejoicing that these things had been accomplished.

May

- Fri 26 **Non-uniform Day, gold coin**
- Fri 26 Hot Chocolate morning, 50c/cup
- Mon 29 Year 10-12 Leadership W'shop
- Mon 29 Cyber Bullying Survey Year 7 & 9
- Wed 31 Kuyper Athletics Carnival

June

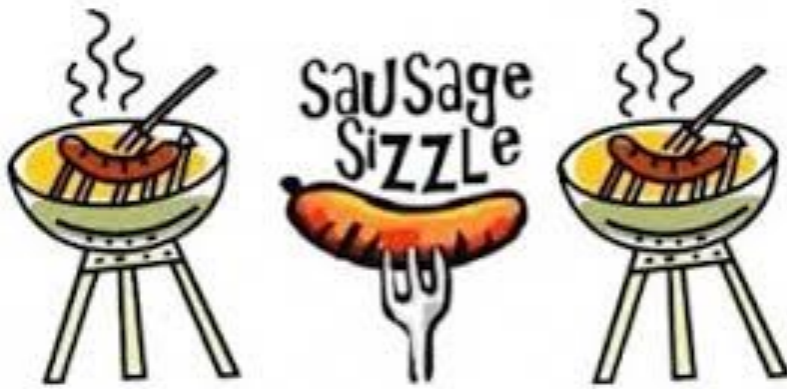
- Fri 2 State Cross Country Carnival
- Sat 3 School Tour Morning 8am—noon
- Tues 6 Recording with Colin Buchanan
- Wed 7 Year 8 Archibald Excursion
- Thurs 8 Year 11/12 Vaccinations
- Fri 9 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
- Mon 12 Long Weekend Holiday
- Wed 14 Year 11 Information Night
- Thurs 15 K—10 Reports sent home
- Wed 21 Prayer & Board Meetings 7pm
- Fri 23 Human Sound Project Yr 7-10
- Tues 27 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wed 28 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thurs 29 Year 4 Band Workshop Day
- Thurs 29 Piano Recital 7pm
- Fri 30 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
- Fri 30 Last Day Term 2

July

- Fri 14 Year 12 Vanuatu campers leave
- Mon 17 Curriculum Week begins
- Fri 21 Year 12 Vanuatu campers return
- Fri 21 Curriculum Week ends
- Mon 24 First Day Term 3
- Mon 24 HSC Drama Excursion
- Fri 28 Japanese students arrive

August

- Fri 4 Primary Zone Athletics Carnival
- Mon 7 Japanese students depart



There will be a sausage sizzle at the Kuyper Athletics Carnival at McMahons Park on Wednesday 31 May.

Sausage on a roll = \$2.50
Poppers = \$1.00
Cans (high school only) = \$1.00

Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for our beautiful natural environment and all the wonders of His creation.
- Thank Him for our Board & Association who help to keep us on track with Him.
- Pray for Year 12 Vanuatu camp preparations, both in Australia and Vanuatu. Pray we may be able to give a generous donation to their community.
- Give thanks for God's generous provision to our school.
- Give thanks for our AGM last night; for the attendance, encouragement and prayers.
- Pray for all our upcoming carnivals and sports events; for safety and enjoyment.

Japanese Student Visit 28 July – 8 August 2017

It's that time of year when we are looking for Kuyper families to host our Japanese visitors. We have 20 students, aged between 16 & 17 years who will be visiting Kuyper from 28 July to 8 August this year to improve their English skills and learn about Australia.



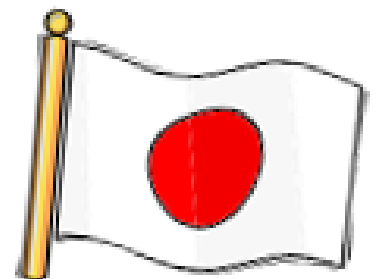
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We are looking for families to host 1 child each. You can specify whether you would prefer to host a boy or a girl. You would need to provide your student with a bed, all meals, and daily transport to and from Kuyper Christian School. They can share a room with your child/children.

For hosting, your family will be paid \$50 per night.

The students will attend school on week days and spend the weekends with you, participating in your family's activities. Kuyper hosts a group of students every year and many families keep in contact with their host students for years afterwards.

If you have any questions, contact Es Stewart in the office or email admin@kuyper.nsw.edu.au.





Kuyper Coffee

Wednesday mornings till the end of term

8:30am - 9:15am outside the School Hall

Some of our Year 12 students will be selling freshly brewed barista coffee and hot chocolate each Wednesday morning. All welcome! The coffee is locally roasted in Kurmond. The sales will raise a donation to pass on to a community in Vanuatu when students visit later this year on School Camp.



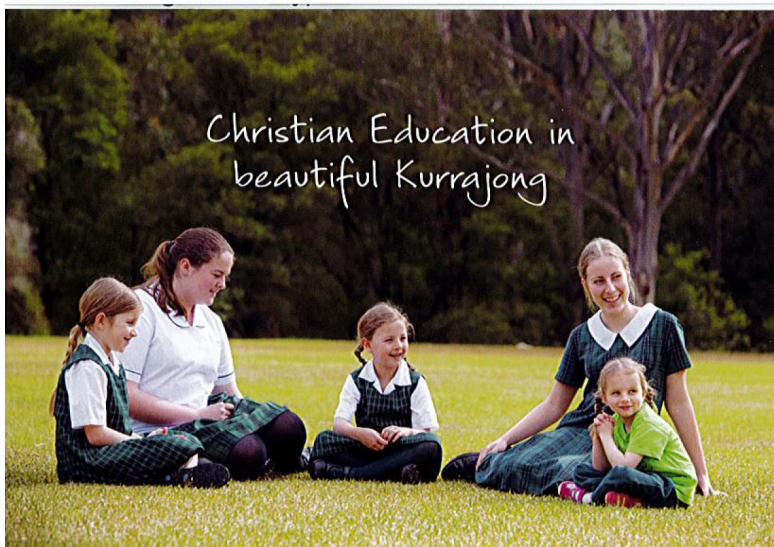
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PREP TO YEAR 12

On Saturday 3 June 2017 from 8am—12noon, we will be holding a School Tour morning for families interested in enrolling their children at Kuyper Christian School.

We will be advertising this event as much as possible and would appreciate if you would spread the word about our tour day. Personal testimony is most valuable. Please tell your friends, family, neighbours and colleagues. Some flyers have been sent home with your child today. We have plenty more to hand out or place in churches, preschools, waiting rooms etc. Your help with this would be appreciated. If you would like more flyers, please contact the School Office.

Thank you for your help and support,

Ian Shaw
Principal



Farewell to Elizabeth Gardiman

It is with sadness that we will say goodbye to Elizabeth next month as she resigns from her position as School Cleaner. Liz has served well bringing an aroma of Christ to our community in the way she has sought to faithfully serve us. Liz helped make our school beautiful each day. We say thank you and wish Liz well as she moves to the next chapter of her journey. In addition to working at Kuyper, Liz was completing a teacher's aide course via distance education. This has led to a new career. Liz will be working with the NDIS scheme serving children and families in need. Our blessings go with Liz as she moves into this challenging and needed area.



We are now advertising for Elizabeth's position, commencing next month. Please see the employment listing below and on our website.

School Cleaner

Kuyper Christian School is seeking to employ an enthusiastic School Cleaner. Interested Christian persons who regularly attend church and agree with Kuyper's ethos and beliefs are welcome to apply by completing an application form.

The successful person would be expected to work 30 hours per week (times can be negotiated). They would be responsible for making Kuyper a beautiful place by:

- Working in partnership with existing staff
- Cleaning all toilets, basins, bathrooms and wet areas
- Vacuuming all classrooms and offices
- Wiping over desks and benches
- Mopping hard surfaces
- Maintaining the cleanliness of the School Hall
- Cleaning windows and doors
- Emptying and moving all bins to meet rubbish collection times
- Dealing with other incidental cleaning issues that arise from time to time

Applications are sought before Monday 5 June 2017 to:

The Principal
Kuyper Christian School
294 Redbank Road
KURRAJONG NSW 2758

Or

admin@kuyper.nsw.edu.au