THE WAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Athletics and Cross Country season is well underway and just today over 150 students from Junior and Senior Schools represented the College at the NASSA Cross Country Carnival.

It was great to see the competition and several of our students will now proceed to the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Carnival. The next levels becoming more difficult; competitors need to be in training and the best performers also really like their sport. Thanks to the teachers involved and it was great to have lots of our parents at NASSA today held at the Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park.

On Wednesday next week 19 May, we will hold our Junior School Athletics Carnival at the Campbelltown Athletics Complex. It will be a great day and parents are very welcome to attend. We will have a COVID Safe Plan in place and you check in at the various points as you arrive.

The Anglican Synod has appointed the new Archbishop of the Sydney Diocese. The Very Rev Kanishka Raffel has been the Dean of St Andrews Cathedral in Sydney, and replaces the Most Rev Dr Glenn Davies. Kanishka comes to the role with an interesting background, having been born in Britain and with a Buddhist background. We wish him well and look forward to his leadership, and his inauguration will take place next week.

Thank you to the wonderful group of parents who assisted at the recent Mother's Day Stalls and wasn't it disappointing that the Friday Breakfast was cancelled after the COVID restrictions were re-introduced. The NSW community is still having to manage uncertainty, and we all do well to understand that the uncertainty of 2020 continues to impact. It's been interesting to observe that wellbeing issues across the community are more evident. Please talk to us about the issues that

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may be impacting your family situation. Our counsellors and leaders are available for a conversation. Simply contact the College reception if required.

NAPLAN exams have been held this week for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9, and follow-up tests will occur next week for those who have been absent. We use the NAPLAN results to observe and analyse the growth and change for groups and individuals over the 2 year period. Results will be available next term.

The College maintains a strong link with the members of the Hassall Family History Group. Thomas Hassall was the oldest child of 8 to his parents Rowland and Elizabeth, and the Hassall family were one of the earliest families in the colony arriving in 1798. The Hassall Family Award is presented each year to the Year 12 student who shows excellence in the 3 areas of academic achievement, personal character and service for others. We welcomed 2 representatives of the Family group this week to talk about new initiatives. Our Year 2 students study the history of Thomas each year and even visit the Cobbity region to see his surroundings. We have included a feature of their excursion in this edition of the Way.

Thanks again for your support of the College and our programs. It's a thriving place!

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil of fade … ! Peter 1:3-4

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