It is most pleasing indeed to affirm our School community for the enthusiastic manner in which the special **Mufti Day** last Friday brought everyone together to raise awareness and money for the ongoing health challenges caused by various cancers: Primary utilised ‘Crazy Hats’ to think about brain cancer; and Secondary organised a unique ‘Pink Mo’ event to help with the battle against breast and prostate cancers. Despite extremely high temperatures, the students and staff used activities during the day to promote understanding. Particular mention is made of Mr Sam Napper who, along with his Year 12 PD/H/PE class, initiated the inaugural Secondary event. Also, we commend our Student Forums for their active support.

The dramatic change in weather from extreme heat to much milder conditions greatly assisted to the very successful **RJ Bike Challenge** last Saturday morning when over 80 students and their families participated in various activities: K-2 children had a fun time on a grassed area at Nurragingy Reserve, with assistance from staff, parents and Secondary student helpers; Years 3-6 children had a fabulous House event by riding through all the trails searching for ‘hidden treasure’ along the way; and a mixture of Primary and Secondary students, together with staff and parents rode in groups along the M7 Bike Path. We came together for a huge Morning Tea organised by the P and F Association to finish this excellent event. We pay tribute to parent and student helpers and to the many staff who made it all possible, particularly the organisers: Primary – Mr Lachlan Cowling; and Secondary – Mr David Hyde.

It’s hard to believe that this is the **final RJ Review** for 2015, with our end of year events to occur over the next fortnight. Please note that **Student Reports** will be distributed at the conclusion of our Presentation Nights, along with a family copy of this year’s **Footprints** magazine featuring many of the 2015 highlights, a tremendous RJ publication for which we thank the staff, capably co-ordinated by Mrs Jenny Clay. A comprehensive **General Information Letter**, including essential details for next year, will be placed on the School’s website on Friday afternoon 4 December.

Our **Presentation Nights** are important celebratory occasions for us as a School community. We anticipate the attendance of all RJ students.

In each RJ Review we’ve focussed on different messages from God’s Word. The chosen Bible verse below expresses the significance of Christian teaching: “We will reveal deep truths to young people; we will tell the next generation the praise worthy deeds of the Lord, His power and the wonders He has done.”

(Psalm 78:4)

May we enjoy an excellent conclusion to the year. I encourage everyone to consider the true meaning of the upcoming Christmas season and to find ways of celebrating the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. May each RJ family have a refreshing and safe vacation.

**Best wishes**

Paul Cockrem
School
RULES, OK!

BLACKTOWN SISTER CITIES’ CONFERENCE

From 9 to 11 November, two Year 10 students, Nicole Moreno and Mikaela Dane, represented our School at the Blacktown Sister Cities’ Youth Conference where they were able to meet students from four other countries.

They spent a day with Jessica Watson, who sailed solo around the world when she was their age. This proved especially inspirational to both girls.

11 November will never quite be the same again for Mikaela and Nicole, who were able to experience a Remembrance Day Service with the famed author and ex-Wallaby rugby player, Peter Fitzsimons, who inspired them not to glorify war, but to remember those who had fought and died to give us a future.

2016 will see these girls play a role in the Service activities around the School, using their newfound knowledge and enthusiasm.

HOUSE POINTS

The cut-off date has come and gone for students to hand in Tokens to be counted for this year’s Overall Points Competition.

The final points were scored on Saturday 20 November, when the very popular RJ Bike Challenge took place. The final positions for the Bike Challenge were as follows:

1. Noah’s Sharks
2. David’s Rams
3. Daniel’s Lions
4. Isaiah’s Eagles

Time will tell what effect those points have had on the overall points competition, when the winning House is announced at Presentation Night.

Cyber
MATTERS

One of the biggest areas of concern for parents (and, it must be said, apprehension for teachers) when a school embarks on a One-to-one or BYOD program, is how do I know that my child is learning and not on social media sites all the time in class.

This is a valid concern and we are busy investing in a product called LanSchool. There are many uses for LanSchool. LanSchool helps in monitoring students’ access as well as making communication between the student and the teacher meaningful.

Click on the following link to read all about LanSchool http://www.stone-ware.com/system/spud_media/61/original/ls78datasheet.pdf?1441051408

A few examples of what LanSchool can do are highlighted here:

MONITORING:

• LanSchool can Monitor applications and keystrokes on student computers
• LanSchool can do Thumbnail Monitoring, view up to 3000 high color thumbnails at the same time, arrange thumbnails to represent a classroom
• LanSchool can display allowed websites to students

ENRICHING:

• LanSchool can randomly select a student to answer a question
• LanSchool facilitates classroom management in a BYOD environment and can show Teacher Screen to students
• LanSchool enables members of the class to co-browse the Internet, student browsers follow the teacher
• LanSchool can broadcast the teacher’s audio to student computers
• LanSchool can allow a student to broadcast their screen to the other students
• LanSchool can ask the students “yes/no”, multiple choice, short answer or essay questions (secure blue book), collect results in real-time and show them to students
• LanSchool can monitor battery monitoring alerts on low and critical battery states
• LanSchool can send a text message to all or selected students via Student Question/Chat and students can send a question to the teacher.

Michael O’Hare
Deputy Principal
It may have poured a few hours before the Year 12 Formal, but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of students, teachers, family members and friends at the Colebee Centre on Thursday 12 November. The rain eased off and everyone was able to make their grand entrance, with an array of fancy cars containing our distinguished guests.

There is plenty of shelter at Colebee and consequently we were still able to have our traditional group photo, even with a few students running late. Over 115 people joined together for the dinner, but the crowd at the beginning of the evening overflowed around the lake and lots of photos became the order of the day.

Celebrations like this reflect our culture and the sense of belonging that people have for the community at RJ. For some parents, this was their last child finishing formal education, but the connections that have been built will linger much longer. For others, this was the first family member to finish Year 12, with a few more to follow. That transition from one generation to the next, in such a positive way, is so important to us.

 Passing on the baton successfully involves looking ahead and reaching behind. Both runners must be in tune with one another. I was reading a blog today which said, “It is not enough to run the race. We also pass our mission to the next generation. We must hand off the baton, at the right time, and must do it well.” What is the RJ Mission statement? To be a “dynamic, caring Christian educational community, founded on the Lordship of Jesus Christ, to foster learning excellence.” We ask our staff to catch the vision, and we share it boldly with our students as well.

Mr Rowe has organised a great range of activities for our Year 10 students as part of the Service Week program – it has expanded so much from when we first began. The students have responded very enthusiastically to the different options and a number of teachers have given time over and beyond what would normally be expected to make this week a worthwhile event.

Coming to the end of another year is always time for reflection. So many things have taken place, especially those events from the beginning of the year, that it seems like it was another time ages ago. I hope that you are looking forward to great refreshment through this holiday time – I know some have cruises planned or other family adventures, and some will just be "hanging around the house". Apart from all the texts for Advanced and Extension 1 English, I’ve also read a few other good books this year – Laurinda by Alice Pung (a Vietnamese girl growing up in suburban Melbourne in the ’70s) and Red Shirts by John Scalzi (if you like science fiction/fantasy and all things Star Trek, you’ll enjoy this book). I’ll catch up on a few more over Christmas.

My prayer for you is that you know and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas – that it is not just empty baubles that glitter and shatter when dropped, but that your life is filled with the joy of knowing Christ; that you capture the vision of the shepherds who went to see for themselves what had happened and returned, "glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told". (Luke 2:20) Have a safe and blessed holiday!

Jenny Clay
Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary
Year 9
ENGLISH

Last Thursday, Year 9’s were treated to a special presentation by a passionate Science Fiction enthusiastic and author, in the form of our wonderful Science teacher, Mr Johnathan Hughes. He outlined the difference between Hard Science Fiction and Soft Science Fiction, using humour and engaging video clips from a range of the most popular Sci-Fi films and TV shows. It featured, Doctor Who, Star Wars and Star Trek. He highlighted the ways in which Science Fiction has changed over time to reflect the current cultural and political events of the time period in which they were created. Mr Hughes successfully showed that Science Fiction gives us a lens through which we can appreciate the wonder of the universe, and grapple with theological and ethical concerns around science and God.

Thank you Mr Hughes for sharing your passion and insight into what makes a good Sci-Fi story!

Secondary English Faculty
Stage 4 Co-ordinator

Write4Fun
WRITING COMPETITION

Micah Graham in Year 8 submitted a short story for the Write4Fun Writing Competition that was promoted at RJ this year. It was entitled ‘Fatherless’ and was a short story on the theme of war. Although he didn’t win the major prize, his story was one of the finalists in the competition. His story has been selected for inclusion in a published book of short stories entitled Read Write Repeat 2015.

He is congratulated for his efforts and his writing talent!

Annette Sicard
Secondary English Teacher

ATTENTION

The transition from white socks with thin light blue stripes to ones with navy stripes is happening this year due to manufacturer difficulties. From 2016 only white socks with navy stripes will be permitted.

NEW OPAL CARD FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The School has just been informed in regard to the new Opal Card for student travel from the beginning of 2016. The process is quite different to the previous application process.

Most students who already have a travel pass in 2015 will automatically be issued an Opal Card at the beginning of 2016. These will be distributed at School at the beginning of the year.

- Students moving from Year 2 to Year 3 and Year 6 to Year 7 will need to reapply.
- Students who have changed address will also need to reapply.
- All new students will need to apply.

The application is completed online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. Parents then print out the completed application and return it to the school for verification and submission.

Please disregard any other application forms you have received, whether you have submitted it or not, and complete the online process.

Printed Application Forms are due to the School by 27 November 2015. If the application is submitted after this date there may be a delay in your child receiving their card next year.
RJ Presentation Nights

PRIMAR Y
2 December 6:30pm

SECONDARY
3 December 7:00pm

At the conclusion of each of the Presentation Nights students are issued with their Semester 2 Reports. If any student is unable to attend their appropriate Presentation Night parents are asked to write to the Principal seeking exemption for their child’s attendance with an explanation as to why they are unable to attend. Absent students will not receive their Reports until the commencement of the 2016 school year.

SEE YOU THERE!

2015 PRESENTATION NIGHTS
Primary - Wednesday 2 December at 6:30pm
Secondary - Thursday 3 December at 7:00pm

Attendance of all students is required. Inability to attend must be notified in writing by Wednesday 25 November 2015. Email: absences@rjas.nsw.edu.au
Operation Christmas Child this year has been another wonderful example of how our students and their families are willing to care for, and share with those who are less fortunate than themselves. I would just like to say thank you to the Stage 4 students, their families and Home Group teachers for their support of Samaritan’s Purse and Operation Christmas Child. We are expecting to send over 110 filled shoeboxes with donations of over $310, which will help greatly with the costs of delivering the boxes overseas.

This is a fantastic effort on the part of everyone involved. A special thank you to students in other Years who, despite this being a Stage 4 initiative, generously supplied items and donations. Also, thank you to our Service Learning Captains Kaitlyn Patel and Carmela Paje for their enthusiasm and leadership in this project.

Stewart Rowe
Stage 4 Co-ordinator

Each year, students in Year 10 participate in Service Week, where they volunteer and serve others in various locations and activities. This year, Service Week has just started and will run till Thursday. At RJ, we are very keen to encourage the students to be involved in activities that meet the needs of other people, to go beyond what they would normally, to do something for someone else with no thought of reward for themselves. We know that Jesus served us and God has blessed us with so much. This is an opportunity to be a blessing to others. There are a variety of different opportunities for the students to serve others, both at School and also in the local community.

The week has started very well with much positive feedback from the students and the supervisors at the various venues we are visiting. Thank you to the Year 10 students who are a great group of young people for their efforts over the week. Thank you also to the teachers who are giving up their time to accompany the students. A special thank you to Mr Cohen, Mr Harrison, Mrs Thompson and Miss Johnston who have spent time preparing for the Textiles and Woodwork groups.

Stewart Rowe
Service Learning Co-ordinator
Matters of PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

At the end of each year, I think we all ask the same question – Where did another year go? Having had a lovely Long Service Leave break in Term 3 this year has whizzed by just that little bit quicker. 2015 presented many wonderful in-class and out of School experiences for Primary students. Next Wednesday 2 December we acknowledge the achievements of some students at Primary Presentation Night. The achievements of other students have been celebrated throughout the year through Merit, Class and Principal Awards, performances at Primary Assemblies, Peripatetic and Band Concerts, Sport Gala Days and Carnivals, and through the Wakakirri Story Dance Competition. As the year quickly draws to a close, I send my best wishes to all families for a safe and spirit-filled Christmas. To the small number of students and families leaving RJ at the end of the year, I pray that you will look back fondly on your time at RJ and experience God’s love and grace as you continue your family’s journey.

ASSEMBLY
1S presented a wonderful Assembly item in Week 6, teaching us the important message that Jesus alone is ‘the way, the truth and the life’. Last week, the Primary Staff presented the message that Jesus is the vine, we are the branches – we need to stay close to Jesus if we are to develop the fruits of the Spirit. The students thoroughly enjoyed seeing their teachers present on the stage. It has been a great year in Assembly. We have learnt so many valuable truths about God and His Son through the fantastic items that have been presented.

CHRISTMAS MUFTI-DAY – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Primary students may wear Christmas coloured mufti (red, green and white) on Thursday 3 December. Students must have closed shoes and clothing suitable for School (i.e. no strappy tops, very short shorts or inappropriate images/writing on t-shirts). They are not permitted to have any spray paint in their hair.

EXCURSIONS
Last week, Year 4 students had a great time learning more about being an author at the Sydney Writer’s Festival and Year 5 students engaged in some great scientific learning during their excursion to the Powerhouse Museum. This Thursday 26 November Year 3 students are heading to Mt Annan Botanical Gardens to learn more about how environmental waste can be recycled as part of their learning in Science.

FAMILY BIKE CHALLENGE
It was great to see so many families involved in the Family Bike Challenge on Saturday. We were thankful for the cooler weather and the fun time we had at Nurragingy Reserve. K-2 students enjoyed a range of fun bike games and activities. Their little legs were quite exhausted by the end of the morning. Years 3-6 students enjoyed searching for clues in the bush around the Reserve. Some students and their parents even headed out to the M7 bike path. The P&F provided a fantastic morning tea which was enjoyed by all after such a busy morning of cycling.

K-2 HOME READERS
All Home Readers should now be returned. If your child has not yet returned their book, please do so as a matter of urgency.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS
Last week we welcomed the 2016 Kindergarten students and their families to the RJ community. For many families, 2016 is the year that their eldest child commences School. This is both an exciting and scary time as parents realise their babies have grown up so quickly. The children were absolutely delightful and settled so quickly into their new environment. For the first time we had tears, not because they had to come to School, but because they didn’t want to leave. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day such a success, particularly to the parent volunteers from the P&F who assisted with the sale of Uniform items.

MARSDEN PARK ORIENTATION DAY
Marsden Park Orientation Day will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 25 November (9:00-11:00am). We look forward to meeting our new 2016 Pre-Kindergarten children and their families and welcoming them to the RJ community.

MATHLETICS 2015
This year I introduced two new Mathletics Awards during Primary Assembly to encourage students to work hard on developing their mathematical skills during both classroom Mathletics sessions and as part of their home studies. Student participation in Mathletics has consequently increased significantly. At our last Assembly I acknowledge the highest achieving classes and students throughout 2015. The highest achieving classes were: 4J (3rd), 4R (2nd) and 3R (1st). 1R were the highest achieving Year 1 class (each class having only 20 students). The 3
highest achieving students were: Michlene Tannous (3rd), Benjamin Laluan (2nd) and Sonali Singh (1st). Well done to these classes and individual students. Students will have access to Mathletics throughout the Christmas break so are encouraged to continue to revise their learning in Mathematics.

NEPAL NEW CREATION CHILDREN’S HOME SPONSORSHIP
Please continue to pray for the people of Nepal and for our sponsor children. To ensure we have enough money to continue to support the children over the Christmas break, RJ students have been encouraged to bring in a gold coin donation (or more) next week for their sponsor child. The class (K-1 and 2-6) that raises the most money next week will receive a lollypop reward.

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA
The Parent Helper Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 26 November from 10:45-11:30am in the Canteen forecourt. We look forward to saying thank you to all our Primary helpers on this occasion.

PRIMARY BAND PROGRAM END OF YEAR CONCERT
The Primary Band Program End of Year Concert will be held next Monday 30 November from 1:45-3:10pm in the hall. This will be a great opportunity for our students to perform for their families and showcase their musical achievements this year.

PRIMARY PRESENTATION NIGHT – DAY ATTIRE
In order for School Uniforms to be cleaned and organised for Presentation Night, Primary students may wear their Sports Uniform on Wednesday 2 December.

PRIMARY PRESENTATION NIGHT
Primary Presentation Night will be held next Wednesday 2 December in the School Hall commencing at 6:30pm. This is a fantastic evening which celebrates the achievements of Primary students throughout the 2015 School year in a variety of areas, including performance, sporting, Christian character and diligence to learning. Student attendance is compulsory at Presentation Night so please mark this important date in your calendar. Performers and award winners should arrive at 6:00pm. Students wear their Summer Uniform. Shoes should be neatly polished and hair styled in a neat School appropriate style. Student Reports will be presented at the conclusion of the evening. Student Work Sample Folders will be sent home on Tuesday 1 December with students. There will be performances by RJ SingStars, Combined Band, Guitar Ensemble, Year 6 Singers and the Wakakirri dance group.

SCHOOL BANKING
This Thursday 26 November is the last day of School Banking for 2015. Thank you Mrs Torchia and Mrs Graham who have completed the banking for our students throughout the year.

STUDENT FORUM
Thank you to the Years 4-6 students (Amber Bell – 4R, Daniel Gauci – 4J, Harmony Millard – 5R, Juan Fado – 5J, Emma Knowles – 6R, Ryan Martin – 6J) with the assistance of the Primary Captains, Vice-Captains and School Vice-Captains who represented Primary this year in Student Forum. It has been great working with the students, seeing them grow as School Leaders and hearing the many ideas suggested by classes.

SCHOOL UNIFORM 2016
Parents are reminded to take the opportunity over the holiday break to review and replace any missing Uniform items or items their child has outgrown. All students will require a School hat for Term 1. Sport shoes must be joggers (not basketball shoes) and below the ankle. They must not be black or florescent in colour. Laces must not be florescent. Please ensure all Uniform items are clearly labeled.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
This Friday we formally acknowledge the achievement of our Year 6 students in completing their Primary years of schooling at their Year 6 Graduation Assembly. The Year 6 students have modeled excellent behaviour throughout the year. They have been wonderful buddies to our Kindergarten children and have enjoyed planning and conducting games with them this term. The Year 6 Leaders have been excellent role models in the School and I thank them for their service throughout the year. We wish our Year 6 students all the best as they commence their Secondary years.

Narelle Taylor
Head of Primary
Year 5

SCIENCE EXCURSION

On 19 November at 8:45am sharp … or there about, Year 5 excitedly hopped on a beautifully air-conditioned bus and went off to the Power House Museum. When we arrived, we were met by our guide, Jeremiah who told us about all the amazing exhibitions that the Museum held. We were taken to a room to do computer coding where we got to make these little power boards, which we had in front of us, light up like beautiful Christmas lights. After about an hour of coding, all of Year 5 had an amazing time meeting and getting to interact with Baxter the robot.

We then ate lunch and took some memorable class photos. As we still had an hour before our bus pick-up, we followed our teachers into the Mars expedition room and played a fun game with a dancing robot. We were then taken to a large room with many replicas of trains, planes and space shuttles. We also got to experiment with many other cool science equipment.

After such a busy day, our bus ride back to School was very relaxing and surprisingly quiet.

Juan, Lara and Reuben
Year 5 Students

Sydney Writers Festival Of

SCIENCE EXCURSION

On Tuesday 17 November, Year 4 students travelled to Blacktown’s Max Webber Library to attend the Sydney Writers Festival of Moving Stories. Author, Jacqueline Harvey and illustrator/author, Felicity Gardner gave very interesting talks about their writing and drawing processes. Our RJ students listened attentively and were able to ask some interesting questions. There was opportunity given to purchase books and have them personally signed by the authors.

Kerrie Peterson
Primary Librarian
Well what a busy last few weeks for the P&F! We had our final meeting for the year last Tuesday night. The Kindergarten Orientation then followed where the P&F served morning tea and sold a lot of Uniform items. I also had the opportunity to speak to the Kindergarten 2016 parents about the P&F and to welcome them to our School. We then organised and served the morning tea at the Bike Challenge. This all couldn’t have been done without the support of many parents to whom I send my thanks. Thank you Leanne, Collette, Vikki, Kim, Emma, Samantha, Emma, Claudia, Sehr, Marlin, Steve, Chris and Alena. I would like to thank Anna Poucher for once again baking up a storm for the Bike Challenge and the Izzard family for their donation of fruit for the Bike Challenge morning tea. The P&F will finish by handing out the purchased cards and calendars from the Primary Fundraiser. The Uniform Shop will cease trading for 2015 tomorrow, Wednesday 25 November.

Please note that as some parents had difficulty locating the RJAS Parents and Friends Facebook page, we have made it a closed group. When searching for it, you should be able to be easily added. Please note only current RJ parents will be able to be added and please make sure you read the rules the page has.

This year will end my 5 years as P&F President. I have increasing work, family and church commitments so will let someone else take over the reins from next year. I have loved being in this role. The support so many of you have given me over the years and the help offered has been appreciated. I have enjoyed getting to know so many parents from varying years. Thank you to all those who have encouraged me along the way and have lead on the Executive with me over the years. There are a number of Executive stepping down next year due to work commitments and other reasons and I ask parents to consider taking on a role in the P&F, to enable it to continue to be a way of communicating what the parent community needs and feels, as well as supporting the School as it educates our children. The AGM will be held in February 2016.

May you have a wonderful holiday and rest with your children, making amazing memories. My prayer is that this Christmas you will stop and think about that baby Jesus born to become the Saviour you need. That God would rather send his son into the world to die for you than to be without you. May your Christmas be Christ centred.

Tanya White
P&F Association President
Prayer Points

- Praise – and thanks for God’s hand in providing new staff for 2016
- Praise – for Student Leaders who demonstrate their faith as they lead others.
- Prayer – that the many preparations for Presentation Nights will go smoothly
- Prayer – for God to continue to make our new Marsden Park Campus known to families coming to this area.
Meet the Staff

**STEPHANE GHALI (OPERATIONS MANAGER)**

**What is your favourite food?**
I particularly enjoy spicy food like Thai curries.

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**
I love being outside and do a lot of running.

**When and why did you come to work at this School?**
I joined RJAS late November because I felt this was God’s next chapter for me.

**What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?**
I will enjoy the variety of the role and being part of the Christian community.

**Describe a wonderful experience you’ve had which you’ll never forget.**
A highlight was celebrating a birthday with some special friends in Prague.

**Why did you become a Christian?**
I became a Christian in my early years because I believe in God, Jesus and Holy Spirit and have grown in my love and understanding over many years.

**What is your favourite Bible verse?**
Luke 15:20. “So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

**What is something you want to achieve?**
I hope to be a positive Christian witness to everyone I come in contact with.

**If you could meet any person in the world at the moment who would it be?**
Hugh Jackman. Whilst he is an amazing Australian actor, I’m impressed by his commitment to his family in a difficult industry.

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Meet the Staff

**NATHANIEL RUSHTON (FACILITIES MANAGER)**

**What is your favourite food?**
Vietnamese Roll with Pork or Chicken and plenty of Chilli.

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**
I have a passion for Football (the round ball game). I am director of coaching of the Gladesville Sharks Football Club and Competition Manager of the North West Sydney Women’s Football Association. In the 2015 season I coached 5 teams and played in one.

**When and why did you come to work at this School?**
I started here 6 November 2015, wanting to work in a job surrounded by God’s people.

**What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?**
I like to help others achieve their goals.

**Describe a wonderful experience you’ve had which you’ll never forget.**
This year the over 30s women’s football team that I coach got to, what was for all but 2 of them, their first Grand Final. They won on penalties 2-2 (3-2). Some are still wearing their winner’s medals. I’ll never forget their joy as the keeper saved the 5th penalty.

**Why did you become a Christian?**
It’s a rational response to what Jesus did on the Cross for me.

**What is your favourite Bible verse?**
Romans 12:1 (NKJV) “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

**What is something you want to achieve?**
To lead my Over 35s football team to the double (Championship and Premiership) in the same year.

**If you could meet any person in the world at the moment who would it be?**
Richard Dawkins – I would love to debate him on Creation vs Evolution or Christianity vs Atheism.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT OAKHURST ANGLICAN

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER
7pm: Carols & drama for all the family.

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER
7pm: Christmas for all the family.

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER
Christmas Eve Traditional Communion service at 9.00pm

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER
9.00am family service to celebrate the birth of Jesus

Richard Johnson ANGLICAN SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Principal: Mr Paul Cockrem
Deputy Principal: Mr Michael O’Hare
Assistant Principal /Head Of Secondary: Mrs Jenny Clay
Head Of Primary: Mrs Narelle Taylor
Director of Secondary Welfare: Mr Stuart McCormack
Director of Service Learning/Special Events: Mr Stewart Rowe
Primary Co-ordinators (Yrs K-6): Mrs Karen McLeod & Mr Michael Reed
Stage 4 Co-ordinators (Yrs 7-8): Mr Stewart Rowe & Mrs Kerrie Lyons
Stage 5 Co-ordinators (Yrs 9-10): Mrs Jennie Bucco & Mr Luke Taylor
Stage 6 Co-ordinators (Yrs 11-12): Mr Stuart McCormack & Mrs Anna Robertson
Learning Support Co-ordinator (K-6): Mrs Jennifer Jackson
Learning Support Co-ordinator (7-12): Mrs Kerrie Lyons

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P&F Association: PandF@rjas.nsw.edu.au
Oakhurst Anglican Church

Would like to invite you to join us at one of our Services, or at one of our regular groups during the week.

SERVICE TIMES:
8.15am  Traditional Service
10.00am  Family Service
1.00pm  Dinka (Sudanese) Service
6.00pm  Service: Church @ 6

OTHER REGULAR GROUPS:
Play’n’Grow (Mums & Bubs playgroup)  Monday 9.30-11.30am
C4K (Kindy to Year 5 kids)   Mondays 6-7.30pm
Junior Youth Group (Years 6-9)   Fridays 7-8.30pm
ESL (English Lessons)    Thursdays 9-11am

Oakhurst Anglican Church Op Shop is open Monday to Friday 9am - 2pm, drop in for a browse and a chat, the staff are always happy to meet new people! Ph: 9675 6200

For Further Information: Minister Neil Ellis 0433 252 268
Located at 95 Hyatts Road, Oakhurst (at the back of the car park)

Sisterhood

Gingerbread House Night

When: Saturday 5th December
Where: Oakhurst Anglican Church
Time: 7pm
Cost: $25.00
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